

### **1. What is IFVCNS?**

- A public, non-profit, non-educational and research organisation with more than a seven decades long tradition
- Rooted in breeding numerous field and vegetable crops such as small grains, maize, sunflower, rapeseed, sugar beet, sorghum, soybean and other grain legumes, lucerne and other forage legumes, sorghum, vegetable and medicine plants
- Also skilled in agronomy, agro-ecology, biotechnology, biodiversity, seed production and organic farming of those field and vegetable crops
- Coordinator and participant of numerous national, bilateral and international research projects in different topics related to agriculture
- Dominant in the agricultural economy of the West Balkans and the South East Europe
- Widely present in the advisory service and providing the farmers with updated knowledge on the field and vegetable crops cultivation

### **2. How IFVCNS may contribute to your consortium?**

- By carrying out a flexible and complex network of diverse field trials
- By performing the highest quality phenotyping, with emphasis on yield and other economically important characteristics and various forms of abiotic and biotic stress
- By assessing the quality of the products of field and vegetable crops
- By doing genotyping along with the application of numerous molecular tools
- By providing you with thousands of accessions of all the important field and vegetable crops preserved and maintained within its genetic collection
- By sharing its accumulated knowledge and decade-long experience in the field and vegetable crops science with you and other partners
- By acting as a solid and capable link between basic science and applied research, between the decision-makers and end-users and between the European Research Core countries and the Third Countries
- By developing a research networks within specific crop groups
- By being a reliable partner from one of the EU Convergence Regions and thus giving you opportunity to contribute to the development of the enlarged European Research Area

### **3. What IFVCNS sees as its main benefits?**

- Enhancing its research capacities and abilities with emphasis on the education of young researchers
- Improving its most important areas of expertise
- Increasing its general visibility before the scientific audience in Europe and the world