# Connecting different research clusters with the aim to develop more accurate breeding

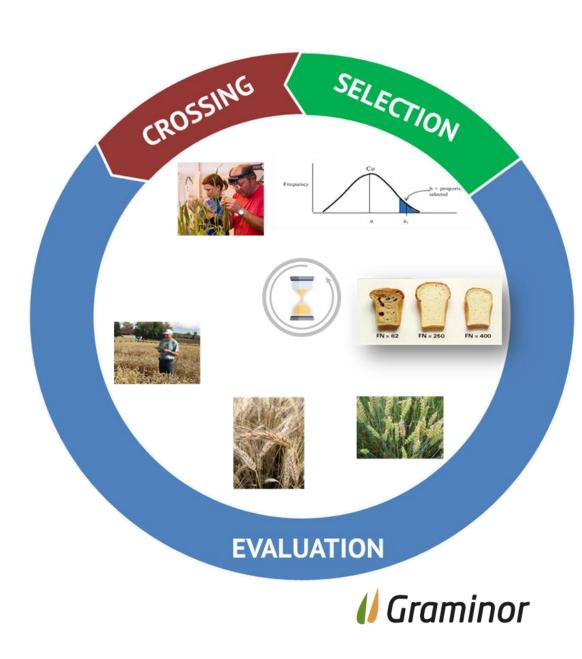
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# Plant breeding

- Plant breeding is one of the most sustainable way to improve food security
- ✓ Breeding main steps are (pre-breeding) crossings, evaluation and selection
- ✓ It takes between 10-20 years to produce a new improve cultivar.
- Challenges: genome complexity, multitrait, G x E
- Plant breeders all the time seek for methods that can increase their selection efficiency and accuracy at low cost



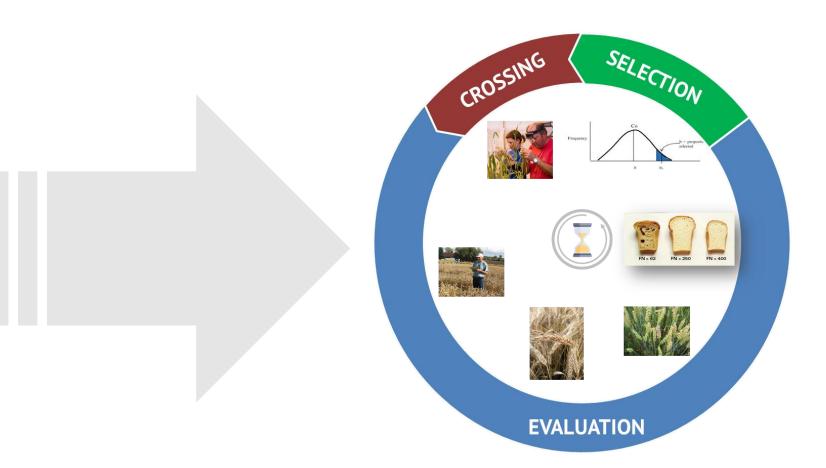
## **Enable HTP technologies**











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# Clusters

Nordic Pre-breeding Public Private Partnership







#### Nordic Public Private Partnership for Pre-breeding (PPP)

- ✓ Nordic collaboration between practical plant breeding and plant breeding research since 2012.
- ✓ Funded by the Nordic countries and plant breeding entities (50/50), and the secretariat is placed at NordGen.
- ✓ PPP aims to:
  - strengthen plant breeding in the Nordic countries
  - promote sustainable use of genetic resources in the Nordic region
  - introduction of new traits in commercial breeding
  - development of efficient tools and methods
  - Network (pre-competitive collaboration)



















































#### Nordic pre-breeding PPP: 4 phases 2012 – 2023...



PPP\_Barley



- Strong network
- Developed breeding methods and tools; e.g., MAS, GS, phenomic....
- New breeding material; e.g., MAGIC



PPP\_Strawberry



PPP\_Wheat 2021-2023...

PPP\_Potato 2021-2023...













Navigating Climate Risk





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Develop solutions for managing climate risk on time horizons from 10 days to 10 years (and more) into the future







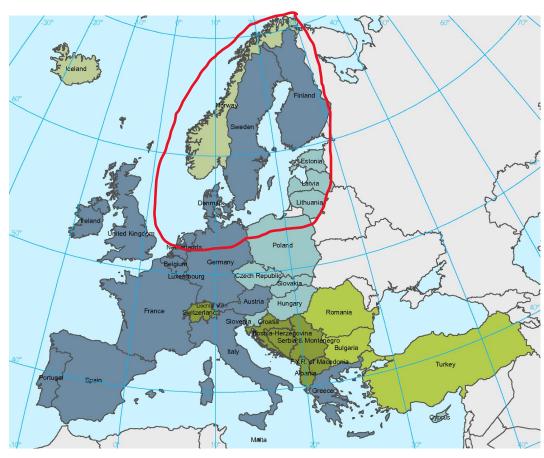






### Breeding, environment and market







Climate Future: Breeding goals

- Short, medium and long-term climate prediction
- Prediction of variety performance (+offspring) in different environments (short-medium-long terms) – based on current and historical information.
- Identify current locations that represent future medium- and long-term climate
- Potential new crops for Nordic market







# Thank you!

