



4PRIMA Project

**Meeting for the alignment of R&I in water & food systems in the Med region:
synergies with EU and international donors and programmes**

CIHEAM Bari, 12th December 2016

Concept Note

About 4PRIMA

4PRIMA is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded by the EU H2020 Programme, aimed at creating the bases and support for long-term, well structured and integrated partnership for research and innovation on **food systems and water resources**, between countries of both shores of the **Mediterranean** basin, being these themes also a relevant key in the main frame of migration 4PRIMA aims at achieving this main objective through the following specific objectives: **1)** Contributing to alignment research and innovation programs on food systems and water use in the Euro-Mediterranean Area; **2)** Ensuring awareness raising and stakeholder involvement; **3)** Ensuring an appropriate development and uptake of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) on the food and water themes in the Euro-Med Area; **4)** Unlocking innovation on water management and food security of the Mediterranean private and public actors; **5)** Ensuring sustainable support to PRIMA Initiative by adequate structure and robust implementation plan.

Scope of the meeting

WP3 of 4PRIMA is focused on the alignment of R&I innovation programming at the national, EU and international level in order to provide recommendations for the harmonisation of different initiatives through joint programming. To this end, the partners involved in the WP have developed a mapping of relevant national, EU and international actors and programmes. With a particular focus on the international and EU dimension, the aim of the meeting is to identify, compare and create synergies between 4PRIMA member countries R&I programming in food and water systems and programmes/initiatives promoted by regional, EU and international donors in the Mediterranean region. The results of the meeting will be gathered in a report.

Participants

The meeting is addressed to donors and programme managers which are more active in the Euro-Mediterranean region such as: EU (DG DEVCO, DG RTD, DG NEAR, JPIs), FAO, ICARDA, UfM, UNDP, Arab Water Forum, World Bank, etc...).

Tentative Agenda

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| 9.00-9.30 | Registration |
| 9.30-9.45 | Welcome and Scope of the meeting <i>C. Lacirignola - CIHEAM Secretary General</i> <i>A. Riccaboni - 4PRIMA Co-ordinator</i> |
| 9.45-10.00 | Tour de table |
| 10.00-10.45 | Session 1: 4PRIMA analyses for the alignment of national, EU and international R&I programmes in water and food systems <i>This session aims at giving an overview on the results of 4PRIMA project preliminary analyses on the possible alignment and synergies among national, EU and international programmes and initiatives in line with PRIMA objectives</i> <i>(CIHEAM Bari, FCT Portugal, RPF Cyprus)</i> |
| 10.45 | Coffee break |
| 11.00-13.00 | Session 2: Presentations of invited donors, programme managers, agencies and international organizations <i>Invited speakers shortly introduce the activities of their organizations in the Euro-Mediterranean region with a focus on PRIMA thematic scope highlighting areas for potential cooperation, synergies and joint activities</i> |
| 13.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.30-16.30 | Discussion on means and instruments for future synergies |
| 16.30-17.00 | Coffee break |
| 17.00 | Wrap-up and conclusions |