



DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL Agri-Med RESEARCH SYSTEM

(Programmes and capacity)



GREECE

Funding scheme

Funding Organizations	Funding area	Budget € year 2008
Ministry of Rural Development and Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ R&D projects in agriculture and environment ■ R&D centers 	
The Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High Education area in agriculture and environment 	
The Ministry of Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ R&D Centers in environment 	
TOTAL		

Research capacity

Research Institutions considered in the report	Agri-med area annual budget (full cost in €)	Human resources in Agri-med area (total N. scientists)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Forest Research Institute, Thessaloniki NAGREF http://www.fri.gr 	882.000	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fisheries Research Institute, Kavala, NAGREF http://www.inale.gr 		5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Plant Protection Institute of Volos, NAGREF http://www.nagref.gr 	200.000	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Veterinary Research Institute Thessaloniki, NAGREF http://www.vri.gr 	20.000	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Plant Protection Institute of Thessaloniki, 	224.000	3



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NAGREF http://www.nagref.gr		
■ Institute of Soil Mapping and Classification, Larissa, NAGREF http://www.nagref.gr	53.200	13
■ Centre for Research and Technology-Thessaly (CERETETH), Volos http://www.cereteth.gr	0	10
■ Center for Research and Technology-Hellas / Institute of Agrobiotechnology (CERTH/INA), Thessaloniki, http://www.certh.gr ; www.ina.certh.gr	0	10
■ Benaki Phytopathological Institute, Kifissia, www.bpi@gr	1.500.000	20
■ University of Thessaly, Department of Agriculture, Ichthyology and Aquatic Environment of Thessaly, Volos	40.000	8
TOTAL	2.919.200	87

The agri_Med research structure in the country

The Agricultural Research in Greece is carried out mainly by three Ministries:

- a. The Ministry of Rural Development and Food
- b. The Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs
- c. The Ministry of Development

a. The Ministry of Rural Development and Food has the responsibility for agricultural policy in Greece. The research is being carried out by National Agricultural Research Foundation (NAGREF) and the Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI) as well as in collaboration with Universities. In NAGREF belong 53 Institutes and Stations. The research carried out is related to crop production, crop protection, animal production, fisheries, forestry, food technology, etc.

b. The Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs is supervising the various agricultural oriented schools and departments. These institutions are conducting either independent or in collaboration, basic and applied research on national or international level.

c. In the Ministry of Development belongs the General Secretariat for Research and Technology (G.S.R.T.), which supervises research in 16 research and technological bodies. The GSRT coordinates research projects funded by European Union. The main institutions of G.S.R.T. where agricultural research is carried out are the Centre of Research and Technology Hellas, Institute of Agrobiotechnology



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(CERETETH), the Hellenic Center of Marine Research, Institute of Aquaculture and the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH/INA), Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

Other Institutions involved in agricultural research in Greece are the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, the Greek Biotope/Wetland Centre (The Goulandris Natural History Museum) and the Food Industrial Research and Technological Development Company (ETAT S.A.).

The State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) is the main body providing grants for postgraduate and postdoctoral research studies. For foreigners the announcement of the scholarships is open at the period January-February every year (www.iky.gr). For Greek citizens, there are some other organizations giving grants too (Onasis, Latsis, Bodosakis and others).

Priorities

- Fruits production and protection
- Fishery & aquaculture
- Water & Soil management
- Vegetables & Ornamental (production, protection greenhouses)
- Animal production

Main research thematic area/programmes

- Fruits production and protection
- Fishery & aquaculture
- Water & Soil management
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- Animal production

Future perspectives in the Agri-Med research

The government recently has announced the development of a new research system which will be oriented according to the new demands of the market and the protection of the environment.

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