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WHAT ABOUT ARIMNet2?
ARIMNet2 [2014-2017] is an ERA-NET project involving 24 partners (funding agencies and research organisations) from 15 Mediterranean countries which share values, priorities and objectives. It continues and deepens the work done in ARIMNet [ERA-NET, 2008-2013].

ARIMNet2 partners joined forces to boost the coordination of agricultural research so as to enhance the sustainability of agricultural practices, the contribution of food systems to food security and socioeconomic development, and the conservation of natural resources across the Mediterranean region.

OUR APPROACH

WP1: Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (ISRA)
Key agricultural research and innovation priorities for the EU and Mediterranean countries

WP2: Joint calls to fund transnational research
Funding transnational multidisciplinary projects

WP3: Monitoring, follow-up and impact assessment of calls, joint activities and funded research projects
Monitoring and evaluation of ARIMNet2 activities/outcomes

WP4: Joint activities for collaborative research and capacity-building
Researcher training, mobility, networking; sharing of knowledge/infrastructure

WP5: From research to innovation
Reflection on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS): clusters between firms & academia, extension services, innovation potential of research projects...

WP6: Outreach & communication
Dissemination, awareness-raising, lobbying...

WP7: Coordination & management

WHAT WE DO

ARIMNet2 identifies common scientific priorities, supports transnational collaborative research projects through co-funded joint calls, and implements joint training and networking activities for researchers.

OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

• An Integrated Strategic Research Agenda (ISRA) identifying Mediterranean challenges and priorities in the field of agriculture and innovation, framing ARIMNet2 activities and guiding policy-making.

31 projects funded (> 15 M€) dealing with the promotion of sustainable agriculture for sustainable development, enhancement of food value chains and valorisation of local products, and sustainable management of landscapes and natural resources. The 2017 call dedicated to young researchers will fund new projects.

• A Young Researchers Seminar [29 May-3 June 2016, Montpellier]
28 young scientists from 13 Mediterranean countries were trained to develop innovation-driven research projects by engaging end-users.

• An international conference on Mediterranean Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) [12-13 October 2016, Antalya]
75 experts (researchers, farmers, agribusiness entrepreneurs, funders, NGOs, etc.) from 16 countries brainstormed and proposed ways to improve Mediterranean AKIS.

After almost 10 years of a fruitful cooperation, ARIMNet/ARIMNet2 partners have learnt to work effectively together and have developed mutual trust and a strong commitment to continue their joint activities in a long-term perspective to meet current and future challenges.