



CORE Organic Cofund Outreach Seminar

CIHEAM Bari

30 January 2019

European Research Area Network on Organic food and farming systems

CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

For the consideration of non-EU Mediterranean countries and Brazil

Background

CORE Organic is the acronym for "Coordination of European Transnational Research in Organic Food and Farming Systems". CORE Organic aims to improve the knowledge basis and innovation capacity necessary for supporting further development of the organic sector as a way to respond to significant societal challenges in European agriculture and food systems. CORE Organic, as an ERA-NET action, started in 2004 and already launched five transnational calls. In December 2016, the new CORE Organic Cofund consortium, including 26 partners from 19 countries/regions¹, launched the new call supporting the European transnational research in organic food and farming. In total 12 projects have been selected for funding, among following four thematic areas: ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems; eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level; appropriate and robust livestock systems; organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence².

New way forward

Currently, the CORE Organic Cofund network targets at enlarging the geographical scope and establishing a broader and more efficient joint pool of translational research that supports sustainable growth of the organic food and farming sector. In the context of the envisaged next call, which launch is planned for early 2019, new international potential funding partners from the non-EU countries, mainly Mediterranean countries and Brazil, are sought to join the call with their funding availability on topics of common interest³.

¹ <https://www.era-learn.eu/network-information/networks/core-organic-cofund>

² <http://projects.au.dk/coreorganiccofund/research-projects/>

³ The call will not overlap or duplicate ongoing initiatives like for example PRIMA, FACCE JPI and others.



Why an international joint activity

The CORE Organic partners are working to increase innovation potential, knowledge accessibility, alignment of national research and international outreach in support of the ERA-NET's objectives. Therefore, the next call constitutes an opportunity for non-EU countries to join and support the research and innovation in the organic as well as sustainable food sectors, which are considered to be a critical development pathway towards more sustainable agriculture and food production.

Topics to be addressed

For the upcoming call, CORE Organic will join SUSFOOD2 (another ERA-Net Cofund initiative) in order to enlarge synergies also beyond most traditional topics in organic food and agriculture. For the purpose, a joint exploratory workshop was held in Brussels on 6-7 June 2018 in order to discuss possible topics of common interest and step forwards for launching a joint call in 2019. The meeting in January will then trigger, on a variable geometry, opportunities for joint programming in both organic agriculture as well as sustainable food production.

In view of the meeting foreseen at CIHEAM Bari (Italy) on 30 January 2019 and to timely integrate countries possible engagement in the call, all non-EU countries were kindly invited to suggest topics of interest in organic agriculture and/or sustainable food production based on document (Public report) that have been sent to them. In particular, knowing their current engagement in PRIMA topics (water and food but not organic agriculture), non-EU (Mediterranean countries and Brazil) countries are expected to express their primary interest in organic agriculture topics. CORE Organic would then be able to consider the interest of the non-EU countries that will be correspondingly discussed during the meeting in January.

AGENDA

Timing	Subject	Speaker
30 January 2019		
9.00-9.20	WELCOME	Maurizio Raeli (Director of CIHEAM Bari) Jakob Sehested (Director of ICROFS) Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (European Commission, DG Research and Innovation)
9.20-9.40	Presentation of participants	
9.40-9.50	Meeting prospect	Presentation: Claudio Bogliotti (CIHEAM Bari)
9.50-10.10	Keynote speech: The future of research and innovation along Horizon Europe	Hans-Jörg Lutzeyer (European Commission, DG Research and Innovation)
10.10-10.55	Focusing on research status and priorities in organic agriculture in the Mediterranean region and Brazil	Moderator: Ivana Cavoski (CIHEAM Bari) Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pauline Eid (Head of the Technical Organic Committee, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samia Maamer (Director General of the Organic Agriculture Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia) • João Roberto Correia (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation, Embrapa, Brazil)
10.55-11.25	Overview of the previous and next calls; and stocktaking of research seminar held on 29 January	Presentations: Ivana Trkulja (ICROFS) Bram Moeskops (TP Organics)
11.25-11.55	Coffee and tea networking break	
11.55-12.15	Overview of topics already identified for discussion by the EU funding agencies and matching with non-EU country expectations / Introduction to the round table	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivana Trkulja (ICROFS) • Elena Capolino (MIPAAFT)
12.15-13.15	Roundtable with all participants for discussion on topics of common interest and possibilities for collaboration	Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serenella Puliga (MIPAAFT) • Abdelouahid Ezzarfi (Ministry for Higher Education, Scientific. Research and Training, Morocco)
13.15-15.15	Lunch networking	
15.15-16.30	Continue Roundtable	Moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claudio Bogliotti (CIHEAM Bari) • Mohamed El-Shinawi (Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt)
16.30-17.00	Wrap-up and suggestions for the 2019 joint call and future international partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivana Trkulja (ICROFS), • Elise Noujeim (National Council for Scientific Research, Lebanon) • Abdel-Majid Benamara (General Director of Scientific Research, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia)