



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING / JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN THE PARTNERS OF THE

EUROPEAN RESEARCH ALLIANCE “TOWARDS A CHEMICAL PESTICIDE-FREE AGRICULTURE”

Dated 23 February 2020, the Partners are:

1. Aarhus University (DK)
2. Agricultural Academy (BG)
3. Agricultural University of Athens (GR)
4. Agroscope (CH)
5. Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna (IT)
6. Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (FR)
7. Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (IT)
8. Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (HU)
9. Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement - INRAE (FR)
10. Instytut Biotechnologii Przemysłu Rolno-Spożywczego - IBPRS (PL)
11. Julius Kühn-Institut - JKI (DE)
12. Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LV)
13. Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research - ZALF (DE)
14. National Agriculture Research and Innovation Centre - NAIK (HU)
15. Natural Resources Institute Finland - Luke (FI)
16. Rzeszow University of Technology (PL)
17. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (IT)
18. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences - SLU (SE)
19. Szent István University (HU)
20. Teagasc - Agriculture and Food Development Authority (IE)
21. Universitatea de Științe Agricole și Medicină Veterinară - USAMV - Bucarest (RO)
22. University of Life Sciences in Lublin (PL)
23. Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy (LI)
24. Wageningen University & Research (NL)
25. Zagreb University, Faculty of Agriculture (HR)

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ARTICLE I – Aim of the Memorandum of Understanding / Joint Declaration of Intent

- This Memorandum of Understanding / Joint Declaration of Intent (MoU) establishes a **collaborative relationship between the Partners**, which shall be conducted in a coordinated manner as the European Research Alliance “Towards a Chemical Pesticide-Free Agriculture”. It establishes the responsibilities of the Partners and adherence to the general principles for their cooperation.
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ARTICLE II – Objectives of the European Research Alliance “Towards a Chemical Pesticide-Free Agriculture”

- The purpose of the Research Alliance is to help develop a sustainable European agri-food system free of chemical pesticides.
- To achieve this, the Partners will work together and with other relevant actors to develop a transdisciplinary research and innovation agenda that is **aligned with the ‘European Green Deal’** priorities to deliver an environment-friendly, sustainable, fair, just and competitive agri-food sector across the whole value chain.
- At the forefront of agricultural, technological, natural, socio-economic and regulatory sciences, we will establish and promote the prioritization of research needs and knowledge exchange, from basic to applied research. This research and innovation agenda will serve as a basis to facilitate discussions within the European Union and global agricultural community to establish high impact, tangible research and innovation projects on this topic.
- Partners will also foster collaborations within their countries and at EU level to develop plans and proposals for future research programmes and for policy support, so that they will **improve the sustainability and competitiveness of the sector, especially in regards to integrated management systems**. Partners will thus raise awareness of the importance of the issue and the need for a strong research and innovation paradigm shift supported by dedicated funding.



ARTICLE III – **Activities of the European Research Alliance “Towards a Chemical Pesticide-Free Agriculture”**

The Partners of the European Research Alliance “Towards a Chemical Pesticide-Free Agriculture” will conduct various collaborative activities on the related topics, which may include one or more of the following:

I. Mobility

- Actively support the exchange of researchers, engineers and specialists.

II. Research

- Enhance research co-operation through establishment of multi-lateral research projects, and by reinforcing cooperation at institutional level;
- Coordinate and share information related to funding opportunities and proposal calls from the European Commission;
Jointly participate in international research or training programmes;
- Organize joint seminars, workshops and conferences with complementary themes and goals;
- Implement actions to promote the topic and to foster its relevance in national, trans-national or EU calls;
- Promote the alignment between national and European agenda.
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III. Others

- Write position papers related to the topics of the Alliance;
- Conduct any other type of cooperation as agreed upon between the Parties.

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- Ökade möjligheter till samarbeten, nätverksbyggande.
- Bättre möjligheter för EU finansiering av forskning
- Formuleringen ”pesticidfritt lantbruk” olycklig!
- Kemiska bekämpningsmedel skall ej uteslutas!
- Alternativen måste vara ekonomiskt hållbara!
- Detta är än så länge ett ”papper”, start fördröjd av corona
- Utgångspunkter är EU direktiv och Sveriges NAP för 2019-2022: ...”hållbara (uthålliga) odlingsystem, vilket bl.a. inkluderar alternativa metoder och tekniker, **ska** utvecklas och tillämpas i ökad omfattning för att **minska beroendet** av kemiska växtskyddsmedel”.
- Här behövs kunskapsutveckling!!