

## UPCOMING EVENT

### ARIMNet2 International Conference on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) in the Mediterranean (12-13 October 2016, Antalya, Turkey)

This two-day international conference will boost the interaction, discussion and creative thinking among a wide range of stakeholders from across the Mediterranean region, concerned by the development and implementation of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS). The participation (by invitation only) of over 100 people is expected, including farmers and farming organisations, public and private agricultural extension and technology transfer services, agro-industries, researchers, academics, policy-makers, members of the SCAR AKIS CWG, Mediterranean STI cooperation projects, R&I funding bodies, international organisations, local authorities and NGOs.

#### The conference will address three major topics:

- 1) Governance of research and innovation in agriculture.
- 2) Interactions between academics, farmers and their organisations, and agribusinesses.
- 3) Valorisation of research in agriculture and interactive innovation models.

#### The conference will propose:

- Keynote speeches on knowledge-based innovation for addressing global challenges.
- Examples of good practices for fostering innovation, based on the lessons learnt from ARIMNet and ARIMNet2 projects.
- Parallel workshops on issues related to:
  1. **Platform / cluster between firms and academia:** Interest in developing platforms for innovation / clusters between the academia and industry.
  2. **Extension services and interactive innovation models:** How to improve the efficiency of agricultural extension services by enhancing their interaction with research institutions and other knowledge centres (e.g. creating operational groups gathering farmers, advisors, researchers, etc.).
  3. **Innovation potential of the projects:** How to better valorise research results and how to predict, evaluate and increase the innovation potential of a research project? (e.g. defining criteria to evaluate the innovation potential of a project: involvement of end-users, dissemination conferences, etc.).
- Presentation and panel discussion on the outcomes of the workshops.

#### Through this multi-stakeholder regional conference, we aim at:

- Encouraging the exchange of opinions and mutual learning.
- Formulating evidence-based good practices in agricultural innovation processes and policies.
- Fostering exchange and networking between Euro-Mediterranean actors on AKIS.
- Providing an opportunity for networking between innovation actors from the Mediterranean countries.

#### This conference will contribute to:

- Improved mutual understanding of the perceptions, roles and success factors of agricultural innovation policies in the Mediterranean region.
- Scenarios for enhancing the outcomes of Mediterranean Agricultural Research & Innovation partnerships through joint activities translating R&I outputs into technologies, services and goods for addressing global societal challenges.
- Recommendations on Mediterranean Research and Innovation cooperation partnerships to inform the ongoing regional policy dialogue.

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