



## **9th MED-Amin Meeting**

**22-23 November 2022**

### ***Provisional Agenda***

The invasion of Ukraine has driven up already high global agricultural commodity prices. The consequences of expected disruptions in the delivery of Ukrainian grains and oilseeds are under scrutiny and speculations, with impacts already factual in many countries. High input prices (incl. feed compounds, fertilizers) cast a serious shadow on future production, and thus add to already vivid concerns with global food security associated with record highs in food prices (grains-based products, vegetable oils...). The conflict in the Black Sea region highlights interdependences between food systems, energy markets, global peace and food security for all, as well as their fragility in many countries. The Mediterranean region is one of the most vulnerable to these shocks, and requires robust instruments and arenas to appreciate the crises consequences on grain and derived products markets. And all this, against the backdrop of climate change, which is putting further pressure on food security.

Those global events also put high in the agenda the debate on alternative agricultural policies, regulation tools and cooperation mechanisms.

MED-Amin network, in its upcoming plenary session, offers the opportunity to experts and decision-makers around the Basin to debate those current issues, affecting Mediterranean food systems and food security, and open a ground for joint solutions. In particular, the current crisis puts in perspective the necessary momentum of the MED-Amin regional initiative.

In this context, the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of MED-Amin annual meeting will gather decision-makers of the CIHEAM Mediterranean countries and relevant international organizations as well as representatives of key operators of the grains market, to discuss relevant issues and leads for a strengthened MED-Amin Early Warning System, share updates on cereal markets and market forecasts, present MED-Amin 2021-2022 activities, and discuss upcoming planning.

#### **Venue:**

CIHEAM Zaragoza  
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**Audience:** MED-Amin Focal Points, International organization observers and partners of MED-Amin, Mediterranean countries' decision-makers, and Spanish grain value chain representatives.

**Format:** All the sessions will be available on hybrid format: on site and online (Zoom), with simultaneous interpreting in French/English/Spanish.

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## 22 November 2022 <sup>1</sup>

8:45 Registration of the participants

9:15 **Opening speeches [15']:**

MAPA (tbc)

CIHEAM General Secretary (tbc)

CIHEAM Zaragoza

9:45-10:30 **Session 1: Cereal market outlooks [45']**

- International markets outlook: FAO-EST, AMIS & International Grain Council – IGC
- Outlook from the European Union: European Commission, DG AGRI
- Outlook from MED-Amin countries

Discussion

10:30-11:30 **Session 2: Cereal Cropping in the Mediterranean Basin and Climate Change from a Food Security Perspective [1h]**

11:30: Coffee break [20']

11:50-13:20 **Session 3: Expert roundtable on Impacts of the Conflict in the Black Sea region in the Mediterranean countries [1h30]**

*The roundtable of 5 panellists will share their appreciation of the actual consequences on grain and derived products (oil) markets and the Mediterranean region's economies and communities. The discussion will help identify gaps and bottlenecks that call for a political*

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<sup>1</sup> All time are indicated in Madrid time (CET)

action (link to next session). MED-Amin Strategic Resource Persons / Focal Points will also be invited to present the current situation, potential concerns and emerging solutions in their respective countries.

**13:20 Lunch (in situ)**

**14:30-16:45 Session 4 (high-level panel):** Preparing and/or implementing contingency strategies to mitigate food insecurity/vulnerability and alleviate the effects of current and future crises<sup>2</sup>: Which national tools and mechanisms towards a strengthened Mediterranean information systems and cooperation? [2h15]

*The session proposes, in the form of a round table, to bring an institutional and strategic light on the needs (current and anticipated) of Mediterranean countries in terms of information to prepare, monitor and operationalize food crisis management and contingency strategies. This will contribute to the political awareness/attention to the network action and its partners. It should open leads for agreements on strengthened cooperation and call for a strengthened early warning system in the Mediterranean region.*

**17:00 Conclusions of the day**

**17:30 Press conference**

**18:00 Cultural visit in Zaragoza at the Palacio of Aljaferia**

**20:00 Official dinner on invitation of the Spanish Authorities (in Zaragoza)**

## **23 November 2022 <sup>1</sup>**

**9:00-10:00 Session 5: MED-Amin Action Plan 2021-2023 implementation [1h]**

- MED-Amin Action Plan implementation, CIHEAM Montpellier
- 2022's MED-Amin Forecasting exercise: CIHEAM Montpellier, JRC, Unit D.5 Food Security
- Others yield forecast initiatives and market information systems among Member countries and beyond

**10:00-11:30 Session 6: Early Warning System (EWS-Med) developments [1h30]**

- First results of the EWS-Med initiative and Experts group
- Which information to feed contingency plans?
- Warning signals and actors involved in the crisis management in situation of food insecurity: case studies in Lebanon and Tunisia

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<sup>2</sup> See, for example [EU Food security and food supply contingency plan](#).

- Discussion: next steps of EWS-Med developments; funding Early Warning and crisis anticipation capacities, etc.

**11:30** *Coffee break [15']*

**11:45-12:45** Session 7: MED-Amin perspectives [1h]

- Consolidating the network governance (presidency of the network)
- 2022-2023 MED-Amin priorities
- 10th Meeting in 2023

**12:45** Closing

**13:00** *Lunch before departure*

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