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Second Meeting of the Mediterranean Agricultural Market Information Network in Izmir (Turkey)

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Launched in early 2014 at the request of the Ministers of Agriculture of the 13 Member States of the CIHEAM, the Mediterranean Agricultural Market Information Network (MED-Amin) held a meeting in Izmir on the 6 and 7 November 2014 upon the invitation of the Turkish Authorities.

Bringing together the focal points of the 13 Mediterranean Member States, this second meeting was an opportunity to further develop this regional multilateral initiative. MED-Amin aims at promoting cooperation and experience sharing between national agricultural market information systems. During this first phase of the initiative, the information group focuses its efforts on cereals (wheat, corn, barley and rice).

Over the past months, the network members have on this basis developed and exchanged methodological questionnaires and statistical tables focused on soft and durum wheat. The discussions in Izmir have allowed the identification of a number of points of convergence between the national data construction processes for wheat statistics in terms of production, uses and trade. However, it remains certain that there are methodological differences between the 13 Mediterranean States whose cereal realities are quite different and whose statistical analysis vary widely. This is precisely the aim of MED-Amin, i.e. to contribute to the progress of regional dialogue on these national market information systems in order to share tools and knowledge tailored to the needs of each State.

During the meeting in Izmir, it was decided to launch in 2015 a work on commodities balance sheets built on past data that will be gathered through questionnaires for wheat, corn, barley and rice. Analysis and an issue brief will be elaborated, that will constitute a first communication effort directed both at the Member States decision-making authorities and at the regional and international organisations partnering with CIHEAM.

Coordinated by CIHEAM, MED-Amin collaborates with the Secretariat of AMIS (Agricultural Market Information System), a multilateral initiative based in Rome, the FAO and the European Commission, whose representatives have contributed to the success of the Izmir meeting.

Turkey currently chairs the network. The next meeting will be held in 2015 in Milan under the presidency and upon the invitation of Italy, a founding member of CIHEAM, which organizes from May to October 2015 the Universal Exhibition in Milan entitled “Feeding the planet. Energy for life”.







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