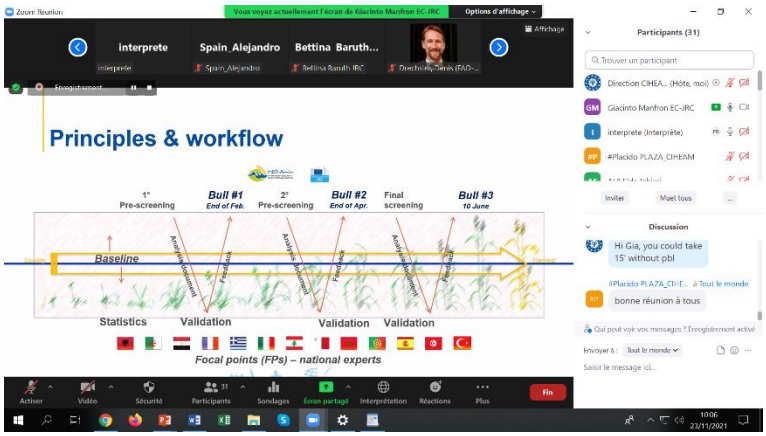
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8th Meeting of MED-Amin, the Mediterranean Agricultural Market Information Network

Experts meet online to discuss on the situation related to high international prices and potential of an early warning system for the Mediterranean on the 23 of November 2021

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Launched in 2014 by the Ministers of Agriculture of the 13 Mediterranean Member States of the CIHEAM and coordinated by CIHEAM Montpellier, MED-Amin brings together around sixty experts and policy makers involved in market monitoring.

In the context of a global pandemic crisis, experts reminded the vulnerability of the region particularly dependent on international cereal markets and primarily affected by climate change. At the end of this year, a surge in international prices of the main agricultural commodities is shaking the national agricultural markets, coupled with an increase in the price of energy, which weighs on the price of intermediate consumption. Participants confirmed that the situation is critical, in particular in the most dependent countries on imports for their supplies, whereas on a global perspective, the situation of grains market is not that alarming: it is not comparable to the food crisis periods of 2008 and 2011.

First, this confirms the important role of mechanisms such as MED-Amin, or others with a broader scope (e.g. AMIS), to document and contribute to alerting as early as possible on food supply chain shocks. Secondly, it underlines the need, clearly identified in the new MED-Amin Action Plan 2021-2023, to provide the Mediterranean with an early warning system based on a wider set of data than the observation of prices or crop conditions. Finally, experts shed light on the need to invest on new challenges already enlightened last year: alternative grains (e.g. pulses) and market differentiation on quality criteria (e.g. health, environment).

Thanks to the motivated participation from all the national focal points and partners, of which the Joint Research Center of the European Commission (JRC), the International Grain Council (IGC) and Agriculture Market Information System Secretariat (AMIS), we are engaged on the right track to address priority issues together.

More about the MED-Amin Network: www.med-amin.org

MED-Amin is a CIHEAM network contributing to the CAPMED 2025, the Strategic Action Plan of CIHEAM.

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