6th Meeting of MED-Amin, the Mediterranean Cereal Market Information Network

Experts meet in Meknes on the 22 and 23 of January 2019

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The 6th Meeting of MED-Amin, the Mediterranean Cereal Market Information Network, took place at the Agropole of Meknes, on the 22 and 23 of January at the invitation of the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural development, Water and Forests.

Launched in 2014 by the Ministers of Agriculture of the 13 Member States of the CIHEAM and coordinated by the CIHEAM, the network brings together around fifty participants from the 13 CIHEAM countries.

Supported by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission and the Agriculture Market Information System Secretariat (AMIS) based at the FAO, these experts continue their work compiling market data on wheat, barley, maize and rice and cereal balance sheets, as well as the experimentation of a Mediterranean system of early crop estimation. In Meknes, these experts also established the road map for 2019.

For the first time, this sixth meeting was partly open to the private sector with the participation of representatives of professionals from Morocco, Algeria, Egypt and France.

Two roundtables allowed the participants to exchange on the interest of dialogue and reinforced cooperation between the private and public sector in favour of greater transparency of the cereal markets at the service of regional and global food security.

The first round table revealed the importance of dialogue between all the actors of the markets in order to improve the quality and especially the availability of data making it possible to anticipate the evolution of the grain markets in the short and medium term.

Devoted to the wheat sector, the second round table considered the evolutions, trends, and prospects of this essential market for Mediterranean food security.

The next meeting of MED-Amin will take place in Spain. The country is taking the rotating presidency of the network.

MED-Amin is one of the actions of the CAPMED 2025, the Strategic Action Plan of the CIHEAM.

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

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As a key player in multilateral cooperation in the fields of agriculture, food, fisheries and rural territories, its missions revolve around four main objectives:

Protection of the planet by combating waste in all its forms including waste of knowledge and know-how;

Food and nutrition security by boosting sustainable agriculture and food;

Inclusive development by investing in new generations and fragile territories;

Prevention of crises and resilience of territories.

The CIHEAM Action Plan for the Mediterranean 2025 (CAPMED 2025) that falls within the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the United Nations is based on these four lines. The CIHEAM carries out its missions through the tools of specialised training, network research, cooperation, technical assistance but also political dialogue and partnerships.

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