# Terms of reference

# The MED-Amin Strategic Resource Persons

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**The MED-Amin Network** was launched in 2014 at the request of the 13 Ministers of Agriculture of the CIHEAM member countries. Its objective is to facilitate the sharing of information on food markets in the Mediterranean in order to improve market transparency and help prevent crises.

Over the years, the MED-Amin Network has built trust among partners and fostered a shared understanding of the cereals market (common wheat, durum wheat, barley, maize, and rice). Hosted by **CIHEAM Montpellier**, the MED-Amin Secretariat works closely with national Focal Points and international organizations (JRC[1], FAO, AMIS[2], IGC[3], etc.) to produce and disseminate information and tools, and to strengthen capacities across the region. These activities notably include early harvest forecast bulletins, policy briefs, and training sessions on cereal balance sheets.

Since 2020, **MED-Amin Strategic Resource Persons (SRPs)** have been appointed in each member country to reinforce the network's political dimension—particularly its alignment with national priorities—and to ensure regular high-level dialogue among member countries. Complementing the more technical role of Focal Points, **SRPs** missions are:

- Bring in-depth knowledge of the agricultural administration and sector stakeholders (particularly in cereals) of their country;
- Identify and communicate national needs in market monitoring, analysis, and food security;
- Provide strategic vision and insight into key challenges;
- Contribute to the governance and strategic direction of the MED-Amin Network;
- Make the link between MED-Amin (Secretariat and national Focal Points), CIHEAM delegates, and national policymakers and decision-makers;
- Hold a decision-making authority and have the ability to influence policy and budgetary choices.

[1] *Joint Research Centre of the European Commission*
[2] *Agricultural Market Information System*
[3] *International Grains Council*

Through the engagement of **SRPs**, MED-Amin continues to strengthen and expands its services, better addressing member countries' priorities agricultural market monitoring and analysis. This is why a key initial responsibility of each **SRP** is to clearly define the needs of the country they represent.