

Title of Partnership

Agris Mundus Alliance

Masters Course running the Partnership

Agris Mundus - Sustainable Development in Agriculture Masters Course

Duration : 3 years

Summary description

European supply in education and training for sustainable agricultural development relies on knowledge and professional experiences that are, for a large part of them, built and exerted in the third countries, specially in the tropical and subtropical areas.

Therefore, on the basis of the long standing cooperation experience of its members with recognised Southern Universities in this topic, the Agris mundus European master Course has selected a limited number of training and research institutions with which it will develop specially strengthened partnerships. This partnership with institutions able to play a role at the regional dimension all over the world, covers a wide range of agroecosystems. The policy dimension is also foreseen, from family based subsistence farming to commercial agriculture.

The objective of this partnership is to develop a worldwide network of training institutions which exchange knowledge, methodologies and skills in order to achieve higher levels of quality in training for sustainable development and associated research:

- > International comparisons and understanding by the students of the worldwide dimension of agricultural development;
- > Enforcement of thematic focal points of excellence of the network;
- > Capacity to exchange staff and students for developing new topics for training and research;
- > Joint research and expertise.

The partnership is defined for 3 years between the 6 following European institutions (Agris mundus consortium):

- the Wageningen University and Research Centre in the Netherlands,
 - the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) in Denmark,
 - the University of Cork in Ireland,
 - the University of Catania in Italy,
 - the Polytechnic University of Madrid in Spain
 - the Centre National d'Etudes Agronomiques des Régions Chaudes (Cnearc) of Agropolis, Montpellier, France
- and the 8 following institutions:

- University of Chapingo in Mexico;
- Universidad Centroamericana in Nicaragua;
- Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II in Morocco ;
- University of Sanaa in Yemen;
- Groupe des Ecoles EIER/ETSHER in Burkina Faso
- University of Lampung in Indonesia;
- Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia
- Yunan Agricultural University in China

The partnership provides a general framework for European students and teachers exchanges between Agris mundus consortium members and partners.

Agris mundus Masters course and each institution of the network offer modules or courses which can be attended by students from any other partner (provided they have the necessary academic level to follow the

course). Successful attendance to such an accredited module gives the student right to a defined number of ECTS and can replace standard modules of the training in which he/she is registered.

The master thesis of the Agris mundus master course can also be carried out jointly with one of the 8 third country partner institutions and one Agris mundus member institution. Joint master thesis research by "pairs" of students (one from Agris mundus and one from the host country) is also encouraged.

European teachers' support to the development of such network-wide recognised modules contributes to reinforce partner institutions, to extend research topics and activities, and to promote widely concepts for sustainable agricultural development.

20 grants of 3 months length are offered each year to all the European students of Agris mundus master course.

9 European scholars will spend in total 9 months/work per year with the 8 third countries institutions to teach and support the enforcement of new curricula/training and to be involved into research activities.

Beneficiary

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European Partners

- 1) Wageningen Universiteit en Research Centrum (NL)
- 2) Den Kgl. Veterinær- og Landbohøjskole (DK)
- 3) University College Cork (IE)
- 4) Università degli Studi di Catania (IT)
- 5) Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (ES)

Third-Country Partner Institutions

- 1) Universidad Autonoma Chapingo (Mexico)
- 2) Universidad Centro Americana (Nicaragua)
- 3) Groupe des Ecoles EIER-ETSHER: Institut Inter-Etats d'Enseignement Supérieur et de Recherche de l'Eau, l'Energie, l'Environnement et les Infrastructures (Burkina Faso)
- 4) Royal University of Agriculture (Cambodia)
- 5) Universitas Lampung (Indonesia)
- 6) 云南农业大学 (yun nan nong ye da xue) Yunnan Agricultural University (China)
- 7) University of Sana'a - Water and Environment Centre (Republic of Yemen)
- 8) Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (Morocco)

Grant

366.000 € (45.000 € partnership + 321.000 € scholarships)