

Introduction

The second phase of **ERA-ARD** is a € 1 million project funded under the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme and will run from 2010 to 2013. The project is a partnership of 17 organisations involved with funding agricultural research for development in 15 European countries.

For developing countries, agriculture is crucial for economic growth, through its role in food security, and in addressing global issues such as bio-energy, climate change, etc. Agricultural research responds to the needs to feed growing populations and to drive economic growth in a sustainable manner.

ERA-ARD II will address these issues through improving coordination and collaboration between national research programmes

Strategic Objectives

The second phase of **ERA-ARD** aims to promote collaboration in European agricultural research for the world's poor. To realise this aim, ERA-ARD II has two strategic objectives:

1. Improving the EU contribution to global international agricultural research in the field of Agricultural Research for Development (ARD);
2. Maximising the EU contribution to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

ERA-ARD II Work Packages:

1. Knowledge sharing
2. Activities towards joint programming
3. Capacity strengthening
4. Joint activities
5. Transnational calls
6. Coordination and communication

Benefits

The European added value of this ERA-net will be the greater contribution and visibility of Europe towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals through:

- (a) An increase in effectiveness and efficiency of European Agricultural research for Development;
- (b) The development of a more coherent European ARD;
- (c) Facilitation of access by developing countries to European ARD expertise.



ERA-ARD II comprises 17 Partners and a Southern Advisory Group

Partners

1. Ministry of Economic Affairs **The Netherlands**
(coordinator)
2. Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft,
Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft (**Austria**)
3. Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food (**Germany**)
4. Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche
Agronomique pour le Développement (**France**)
5. Institut de Recherche pour le Développement
(**France**)
6. Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología
Agraria y Alimentaria (**Spain**)
7. Ministry of Agricultura and Rural Affairs (**Turkey**)
8. Scientific and Technological Research Council
(observer) (**Turkey**)
9. Instituto Nacional de Recursos Biológicos (**Portugal**)
10. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (**Finland**)
11. Lietuvos Respublikos Zemes Ukio Ministerija
(**Lithuania**)
12. Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade
and Development Cooperation (**Belgium**)
13. Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare (**Italy**)
14. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
(**Hungary**)
15. Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Swiss Agency
for Development and Cooperation (**Switzerland**)
16. Department for International Development
(observer) (**United Kingdom**)
17. Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (observer)
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