




PROIntensAfrica- H2020-SFS-2014-1
Towards a long-term Africa-EU partnership to raise sustainable food and nutrition security in Africa (CSA project)





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Pathways to sustainable intensification of the agri-food system in Africa



PROIntensAfrica- goals

Developing a proposal for a long-term research and innovation partnership between EU and Africa
 PROIntensAfrica is a bi-continental co-owned and co-led initiative, aiming at an extensive research programme on sustainable intensification of agri-food systems in sub-Saharan Africa.

Improving the food and nutrition security and the livelihoods of African farmers
 Exploring and exploiting the diversity of pathways that respond to diverse situations is the key factor to sustainable intensification of the African agri-food systems.

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Looking for support of the policy environment

Aligning forces is vital in order to increase the synergy of ongoing research, to stimulate new research, and to increase the volume of the research. PROIntensAfrica connects stakeholders, policy makers and research organizations and examines a variety of modalities to pool resources including national governances.

Call: H2020-SFS-2014-1
Topic: SFS-06-2014
Type of action: CSA (Coordination and Support Action- 2015-2017))

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PROIntensAfrica- partners

7 African partners

FARA (Ghana), CORAF/WECARD (Senegal), CCARDESA (Botswana), ASARECA (Uganda), AFAAS (Uganda), ARC (South Africa), CSRI-CRI (Ghana) and INERA (Burkina Faso).

15 European partners

Wageningen UR (The Netherlands), CIRAD (France), UCL (Belgium), SLU (Sweden), IICT (Portugal), Luke (Finland), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), ZEF (Germany), INIA (Spain), NRI (England), Teagasc (Ireland), BOKU (Austria), Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (Czech Republic), University of Szent Istvan (Hungary) and Bioforsk (Norway).

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PROIntensAfrica- historical overview

Early concept note

September 2012, under a joint Cirad – Wageningen UR initiative, representatives of 13 European institutions (CULS included) met to fulfill interest of EU represented by Robert Jan-Smits (DG RTD)- focus on “Article 185”.

Meetings in Montpellier, Brussels and Paris during 2013- 2014


To work on strategic and conceptual approach to create winning consortium and to share visions for CSA call and to involve partners from Africa.

Proposal submission 6/2014 and Kick-off meeting in Accra 4/2015


Consortium agreed on 7 WP including strategic research agenda creation (WP2) where CULS participate.


During kick- off meeting there has been still not fully shared visions on methodological approach.

CULS involvement- since early phase based on partnership with leading Universities and active participation in AGRINATURA.



PROIntensAfrica- shared vision at 7WP

COORDINATION WP1		
EXPECTED IMPACT WP7	WORKING MODALITIES WP4	RESEARCH AGENDA WP2
CREATING SYNERGY WP3	GOVERNANCE WP5	
COMMUNICATION WP6		
WHY	HOW	WHAT

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PROIntensAfrica- experiences

Team member

Early involvement allows you to understand motivations of all partners and increases chances to implement your vision and expectations- position of institution matters. Work on proposal needs to have leading institution strong, experienced and effective in administrative processes as Wageningen University did.

Timing

Leaders of WP's lack active participation. Therefore, continuous attention and importance of constant work on objectives is necessary even personal meetings are effective and enjoyable.

Effectiveness

To be able to achieve agreement between many partners (even on only conceptual framework) is complicated and delicate. WP leaders must have clear vision and experienced behaviour to drive other partners in viable and shared conclusions.

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PROIntensAfrica consortium highly appreciate your attention!

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