

LEAP-AGRI CALL



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What is LEAP-Agri

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A **L**ong term **E**U-**A**frica research and innovation **P**artnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable **A**griculture

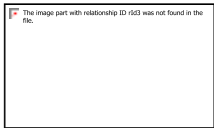
- **Operates under:** the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020.
- **Is an equal partnership:** between **30 partners from 19 European and African countries** and the **EU** aimed at supporting research and innovation in food and nutrition security as well as sustainable agriculture.
- **Is co-funded:** financed by institutes and Ministries from these countries with additional finances from the European Commission.
- **Aims to:** support the EU-Africa **High Level Policy Dialogue** on Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) and the implementation of the jointly funded EU-Africa Research and Innovation Partnership (endorsed by the EU-Africa Summit 2014).



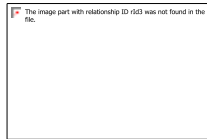
Partners in LEAP-Agri

- 19 Partnering Countries (9 African + 9 European+ 1 international organisation in Italy)
- 30 Partners (24 are funders)
- EU Commission

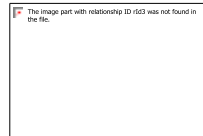
Partnering African Countries



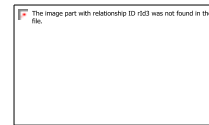
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Burkina Faso



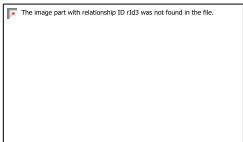
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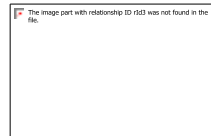
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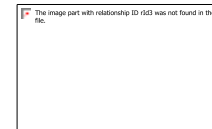
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Senegal



South Africa

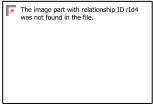


Uganda



Partners in LEAP-Agri

Partnering European Countries



Belgium



Finland



France



Germany



The Netherlands



Norway



Portugal

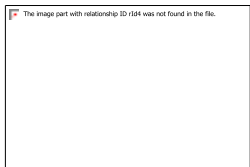


Spain



Turkey

International Organisation



Italy



LEAP-Agri Outputs/Outcomes

Output 1

- Feeding the long-term Europe/Africa FNSSA strategy (WP6 – non-funders).

Output 2

- Launching a Joint Call for R&I projects (combining science and impact)



Joint Call Secretariat





LEAP-Agri Joint Call: Thematic Area of Focus

Broad Theme

- Food and Nutrition Security as well as Sustainable Agriculture

Foci

- Sustainable intensification
- Agriculture and food systems for nutrition
- Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade

Each country or institute: which focus/foci do you fund?





LEAP-Agri Joint Call: Approach

Transdisciplinarity

- Partners: researchers (various disciplines), private for profit, private not-for-profit, policy.

Impact

Theory of Change and Impact Pathway / knowledge sharing and research uptake (stakeholder engagement, capacity development, communication, scientific output).

Practical solutions

- N.B. to develop practical solutions in a research process to improve the agricultural sector in Africa and Europe.

Target Groups

- Should be actors in agricultural production, food-processing and trade in African States.





LEAP-Agri Joint Call: Approach

SDGs

- Contribution to the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDG).

Scale-up

- Scalability of research and innovation, impact at national or regional level.

Gender Approach

- Should be incorporated in addressing target groups.





How to Apply?

- LEAP-Agri website on: www.leap-agri.com
- PT.Outline (**not national online systems**)
- Invited to apply: consortia composed of at least **four research organisations** and/or private and public practitioners from four of the partner countries (two African and two European) must submit joint project proposals for research and innovation in the countries concerned and with an added value for the EU-AU partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture.
- Appoint 1 Project Coordinator – PC vs. PI
- Can partner with researchers outside the 19 partnering countries (Associate Partners)





How to Apply?

- Only one Project Partner per institution. Other researchers from the same institution can be included as **project team members in the consortium**. Only one Project Partner per country counts towards the minimum of 4 Project Partners per application.
- A consortium can only submit one application. However, individual PIs may be part of more than one application.
- 2-stage Approach
 - ✓ preliminary proposal stage
 - ✓ full-proposal stage





Preliminary and Full Proposal Stages

Selection Procedure and criteria for preliminary proposal stage

- Is the consortium appropriate in order to tackle the research/innovation question?
- What relevance has/innovativeness offers the approach described?
- How is the research answering to/addressing the call foci?
- Is the knowledge sharing and research uptake approach adequate?

Selection Procedure and criteria for full proposal stage

- Excellence of the project
- Expected Impact of the project
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation





LEAP-Agri Joint Call: Budget

- 3-year Projects
- The joint projects to be supported will be co-funded by institutes and ministries from the partnering countries with additional finances from the European Commission as follows:
- Total budget: **€27,6m**
- **€18,5m** from partnering countries + EU top-up of **€8,1M**
- Total per project will be between **€300K** and **€1,5M**

Individual National Eligibility Criteria





LEAP-Agri Joint Call: Activities to be funded

- Travel costs – **compulsory for all partners**
- Joint LEAP-Agri workshops (kick-off, midterm and final) – **compulsory for all partners**

NRF/ will cover activities such as research related costs, exchange programmes, doctoral/postdoctoral research placements, knowledge sharing costs, and workshops/seminars. We will not cover costs for salaries, temporary staff fees/consultant's fees/project management fees, scholarships/bursaries, and large equipment





LEAP-Agri Joint Call: Timelines

- Pre-announcement of the call – currently out
- Launch of the call for preliminary proposals –
- Close of the call for preliminary – 3-month after the launch (end May 2017) - Webinar

- Individual national eligibility checks – end May to end-Apr 2017
- International Review Panel (IRP) Meeting – August 2017 **in Pretoria, South Africa**

- Invitation for full proposal applications – beginning September 2017
- Launch of the call for full proposals – beginning of September 2017
- Deadline for submission of full proposals – mid-November 2017
- Proposals assessed by reviewers – December 2017 to January 2018

- Rebuttals – February 2018
- International Review Panel Meeting – end Feb to beginning March 2018 **in the Hague**

- Funding Decision – March 2018
- Procedures with national funders – March to May 2018
- Start date of funded projects – before end-June 2018





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Applications and more information on opportunities on:

www.esastap.org.za

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

www.eurekanetwork.org

Current H2020 calls accessible : **ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal**





Dankie

Enkosi

Ha khensa

Re a leboga

Ro livhuwa

Siyabonga

Siyathokoza

Thank you