



## **CALL TEXT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Call: Section 1 – Nexus 2019**

CSA – Topic 1.4.2: Platform for mapping and capitalisation of results and best practices from past and on-going projects related to farming system, water and food in the Mediterranean Area

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### **Challenge**

Currently, around 150 research and innovation projects have been directly funded in EU FP6, FP7, H2020, ENI CBC MED and by international organisations such as FAO, ICARDA, CGIAR that are relevant to PRIMA topics in the Mediterranean Area. Around 100 more have been funded by Participating States indirectly through ERANets or related initiatives (mainly ARIMNet, ARIMNet2, ERANETMED, projects funded under ENI CBC MED programme). Extensive research has been carried out on aspects related to PRIMA objectives and more is expected to be funded through PRIMA Calls. Most of those projects are currently on-going and will produce results in the coming years. As result of the PRIMA AWP 2018 calls, a large amount of projects have been submitted, demonstrating the existing and/or potential networks among scientific communities in the Mediterranean Area and their willingness to collaborate. Results from previously funded research and innovation projects often remain more at the scientific level because of the insufficient connection between public and private sector, the low interest and lack of incentives of researchers to develop a business oriented career and the chronic scarce involvement of the Mediterranean private sector in research and innovation.

### **Scope**

Proposals should be devoted to better capitalize on previous results in terms of best practices achieved by all the relevant players in the Mediterranean area in the frame of EU- initiatives and H2020 projects but also by relevant international organisations such as FAO, IFAD, ICARDA, which have promoted R&D activities in the past years focusing on PRIMA SRIA related priorities.

Proposals should analyse the impacts of projects using complementary methodologies: impact pathways, case studies, indicators, expert groups, bibliometric. The overall objective of this call is to develop and disseminate widely an interactive platform of best practices in the Mediterranean Area that summarises the existing best practices focusing on PRIMA SRIA related priorities. The identified best practices and the interactive platform will include information on existing tools, practices, capacities, techniques, governance models infrastructure, and standards that will enable a faster implementation of practical, eco-efficient and cost-effective solutions for businesses and Euro-Mediterranean societies. The platform developed will help stakeholders to become aware of what already has been developed and implemented and use the experience of the existing tools available in the Mediterranean Area. This initiative will also allow stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts, and to use and consolidate existing knowledge and experience to reinforce the information exchange among different stakeholders from public, private and civil society sectors. Proposals should determine those projects results better suited for commercialization and facilitate the connection between researchers and private investors in order to ensure viable commercialization plans and final impacts on the ground.

Proposals should preferably build on previous related platforms supported by EC, after analysing and assessing their relevance and potential for PRIMA.

## **Expected impact**

The project results are expected to contribute to:

- Identification of the results better suited to be considered in innovation actions
- Identification of innovative solutions towards implementing SDGs
- To raise social awareness of the inherent value of research and innovation
- Promote the uptake of the project results by the private sector to ensure that the more relevant previous outputs can be incorporated into the innovation system; this includes the need of better disseminating the previous project results, increasing the replicability of the offered solutions
- A concrete strategy plan and policy recommendations to ensure long-term sustainability and maintenance of this platform

## Supporting information for the Section 1 Call for Proposals, Topic 1.4.2

<i>Type of action</i>	<b>Coordination and Support Action (CSA)</b>
<i>Total indicative amount allocated to this call</i>	€ 1.1 million
<i>Funding level</i>	According to Horizon 2020 rules <i>Funding rate: 100%</i>
<i>Technology Readiness levels (TRL)</i>	N/A
<i>Expected number of grants</i>	1
<i>Expected duration of the projects</i>	approx. 36 months
<i>Eligibility conditions for participation</i>	Please refer to section <u>5.1.1</u> of the Annual Work Plan 2019  The standard admissibility (section <u>5.1.2</u> ) and eligibility conditions (section <u>5.1.3</u> ) apply.
<i>Submission and evaluation procedure</i>	Single stage application procedure. The page limit for a CSA proposal is 30.  A timeline for the submission and evaluation of applications can be found in table 9 of the Annual Work Plan 2019.
<i>Evaluation rules</i>	The award criteria, scoring, thresholds and weightings for CSAs listed in part <u>5.1.6</u> will be used.
<i>Grant agreement</i>	PRIMA MGA (multi-beneficiary), based on Horizon 2020.
<i>Consortium agreement</i>	Participants in projects resulting from this Call for Proposals will be required to conclude a consortium agreement prior to the conclusion of the PRIMA grant agreement.