

# PRESS DOSSIER

**A bridge to share knowledge  
within the Mediterranean**



**PRIMA**  
PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA



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## WHY PRIMA?

Environmental and social changes are deeply affecting Euro-Mediterranean agro-food systems and water resources.

The increased complexity and multidimensionality of such social, economic and environmental challenges can only be tackled through common efforts and resources with a research and innovation approach.

## WHO WE ARE?

PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area) is an intergovernmental program of innovation and scientific diplomacy launched by the European Union and 19 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area to face the challenges that climate change poses for this region, mainly in terms of efficient water supply, agriculture and sustainable food production.

The program was founded in 2017 with a budget of €494 million (€274 million contributed by the participating countries and another €220 million by the European Union) to develop and implement innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions for the production and supply of food and water in the Mediterranean. The EU participates in the initiative through Horizon 2020, its research and innovation funding program.

PRIMA aims to contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda through the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The foundation has its headquarters in Barcelona.



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## GOVERNANCE

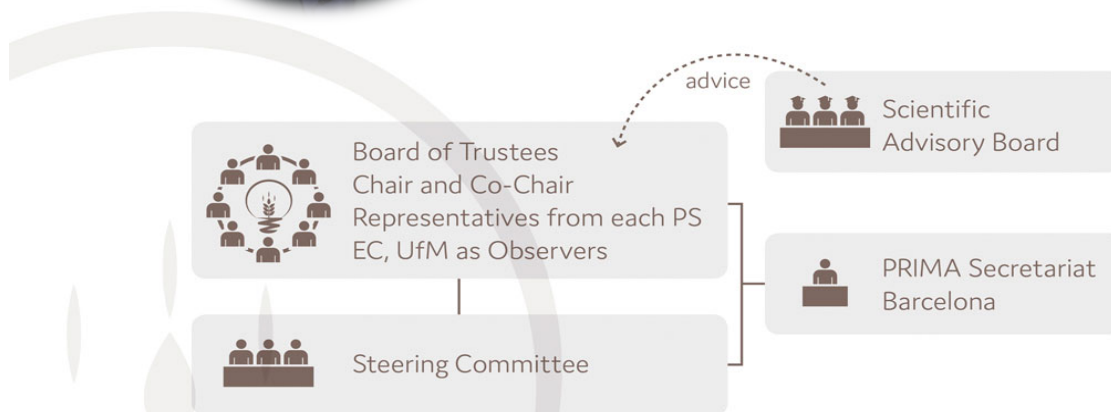
PRIMA is a non-profit organization with a public service spirit, established under Spanish private Law. PRIMA Foundation is responsible for all the managerial, administrative, supporting, monitoring and supervising activities necessary to implement the PRIMA Program.

The PRIMA Foundation has a truly Mediterranean spirit and its Secretariat is composed of international staff from PRIMA Participating States.

## SECRETARIAT



**Octavi Quintana**  
Director of the Secretariat



PRIMA operates as an independent legal private entity



since 19 June 2017  
Foundation under Spanish law



19 PSs members  
of Foundation



Financial contribution  
€ 274,000 PSs   
€ 220.000 EU



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## THEMATIC AREAS

### MANAGEMENT OF WATER

Integrated and sustainable management of water for arid and semi-arid Mediterranean areas

### FARMING SYSTEMS

Sustainable farming systems under Mediterranean environmental constraints.

### AGRO-FOOD VALUE CHAIN

Sustainable Mediterranean agro-food value chain for regional and local development.

## OVERVIEW KEY DATA



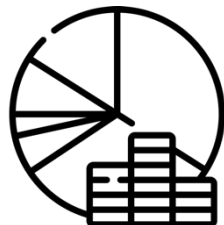
19 countries



129 projects



1183 beneficiaries



164m budget



7,5% success rate



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