

# CIHEAM-IAMM

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MEDITERRANEAN AGRONOMIC INSTITUTE OF  
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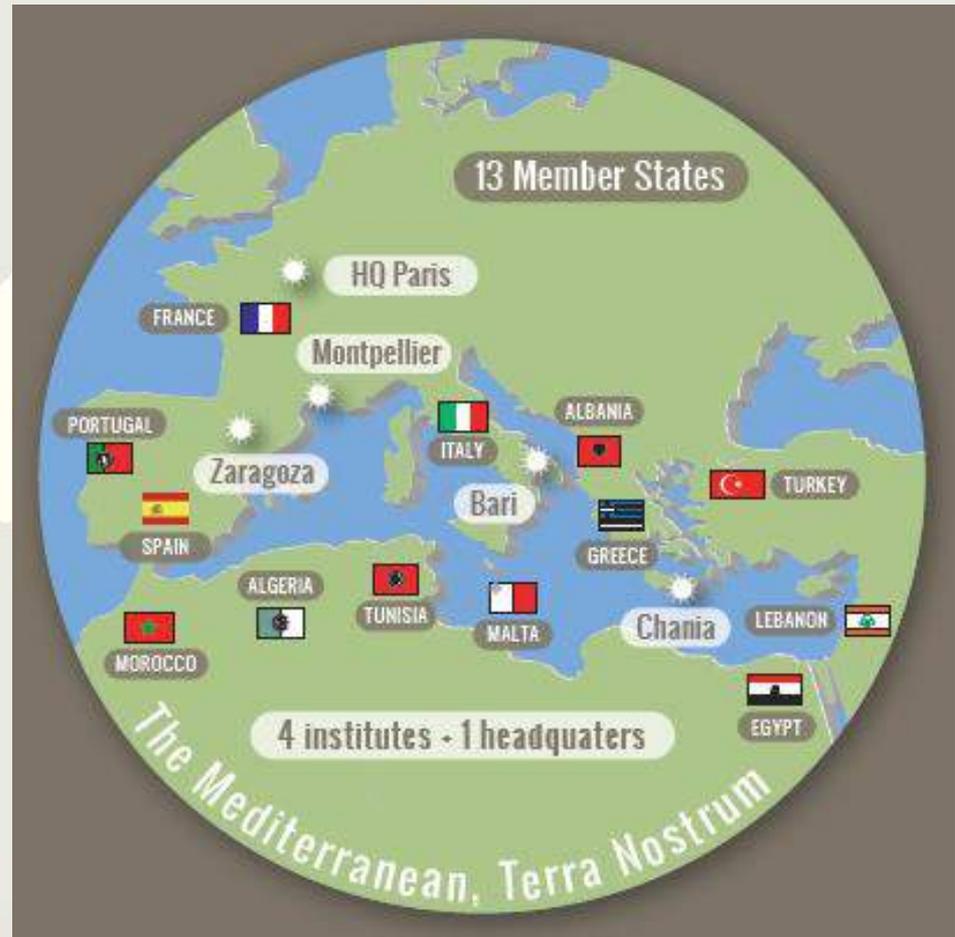
An international centre for higher education,  
professional training, research and cooperation



# Our Map / The Mediterranean interface

the International Center for  
Advanced Mediterranean  
Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM):

- Created in 1962
- 4 institutes
- 13 member countries



# The mandate

The mandate of CIHEAM and therefore of MAI Montpellier is to contribute to a global, innovative and committed construction for the Mediterranean agriculture and for the Mediterranean rural territories, addressing the main challenges of:

- a more sustainable management of natural resources,
- the development of rural and remote areas,
- the creation of decent jobs for youth and women,
- the adaptation to climate change
- the transition to a more resource efficient economy with a more territory-based economy valuing the potentialities of each territory in a sustainable way to the benefit of the local population

# The guiding principles

The main principles that guide our action are:

- The promotion of dialogue between all stakeholders to engage an inclusive and participative development inside the countries and between the north and south shores of the Mediterranean to build an area of common interest and partnership
- The sharing of knowledge to address in an interactive way the needs of the Mediterranean agricultural and rural populations
- The support to the ministries of agriculture and local authorities to set up and implement renewed policies

# A threefold set of activities

To reach these objectives, the activities developed by the MAI Montpellier are threefold:

- Higher education and training
- Research activities and animation of open knowledge platforms
- Development projects and expertise

# Higher Education & Vocational Training

MAIM delivers 4 Masters:

- Projects and public policies engineering
- Agricultural management and territories
- Economy of agricultural, environment and food development
- Food Value Chains and agri-logistics

accredited by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research with European recognition

# Higher Education & Vocational Training

- Certified ISO 9001 (for the scope « Master training programs, vocational trainings and linguistic courses and research platform»)
- Certified "Qualité FLE", a Label for French Language courses
- Working under European standards : ECTS and Diploma supplement
- Affiliated to the Erasmus Charter for 2014-2020



New masters are under construction to take into account the evolution of the Mediterranean area and the world that will put more the emphasis on climate change, resource efficiency and circular economy.

At least one will be fully delivered in English

# Higher Education & Vocational Training

The vocational training is organised on demand, to meet the specific needs of participants:

- in Montpellier to share the experiences and good practices existing in the region
- In situ to exchange on practical case studies with professional attendees,

mobilising the various networks of MAIM (local authorities, professional and their organisations, researchers, clusters, etc.

# Research & Doctoral Platform

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MAIM is involved in a various range of research programmes and research networks dealing with agricultural and food policies, social choices and markets, actors' strategies in the agro-food sector, sustainable rural development, sustainable food, and natural resources management.

Every year, MAIM welcomes 30 to 50 PhD students from the Mediterranean area, for permanent or short stays on its doctoral platform, helping PhD students to publish in scientific journals and co-organising every two years with CIHEAM the Med Forum which allows young researchers to present their work .

# Cooperation for development

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MAIM works with the development actors, from the policy makers to the ground's actors, in the promotion of sustainable agriculture and dynamic rural territories that create employment and represent a source of well-being for the populations.

CIHEAM-IAMM, as a partner of major international organisations and multilateral and bilateral financing institutions, plays an important part in the strengthening of partnerships between the professionals, the civil society and the government authorities, as well as between the actors from North and South of the Mediterranean.

# Examples of projects

Except for Higher Education and PhD students, the MAIM activities are developed with external funds through contracts with funding agencies such as EU, AFD, Foundations, etc.

Flyer are available that present some of the projects lead by MAIM or in which MAIM is a core partner:

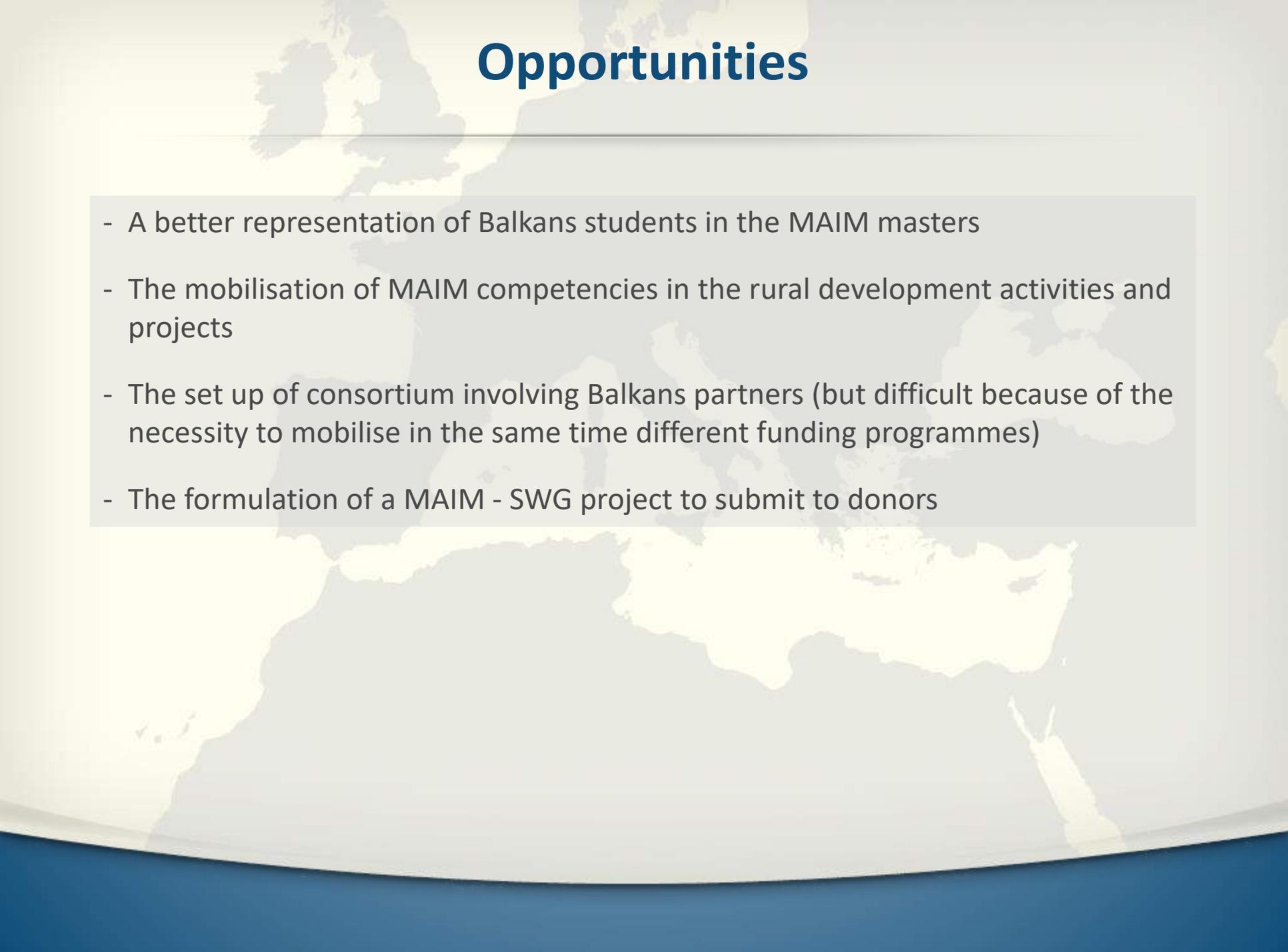
- Ecowaste 4 Food (EU, 7 European regions)
- ENPARD South (EU, 8 southern Mediterranean countries)
- Madre (EU, including Albania)
- Rural and agricultural job creation (EU, South Tunisia)
- Local development of Kerkennah islands (EU, Tunisia)
- High Nature Value Farming (H2020, including Croatia)
- BioDiv Balkans (FFEM, Albania)
- SMART AI (Erasmus+, Sustainable management of Albanian territories)

# Reasons to foster activities with Balkans Region



- The Balkans region: in the Mediterranean area, an area of main concerns regarding agriculture and rural development policies
- Regarding the geography, an area where the obligation of results is more pressing than in other countries
- An interface between European union and the Mediterranean third countries that could serve both the European and the Southern countries thinking on rural development goals

# Opportunities



- A better representation of Balkans students in the MAIM masters
- The mobilisation of MAIM competencies in the rural development activities and projects
- The set up of consortium involving Balkans partners (but difficult because of the necessity to mobilise in the same time different funding programmes)
- The formulation of a MAIM - SWG project to submit to donors



**Thank you for your attention!**

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