DO YOU WORK IN ONE OF THESE TECHNOLOGICAL SECTORS?

- Food safety
- Agriculture machinery
- Agriculture for food, feed or pharma
- Environmental management in agro-food systems
- ICT in the food chain (precision, traceability, quality management)

ARE YOU READY TO GO INTERNATIONAL?

Do you want to access new markets, technologies and skills? Do you want to be recognised through your involvement in a large research project?

ARE YOU MORE THAN JUST A RESEARCHER?

Are you a high-flyer in your sector, who doesn’t want to limit your horizons to purely academic research? Do you want to work with partners beyond national frontiers in developing new products? If you fit the profile then EUROAGRI FOODCHAIN may be the ideal tool for you.

CONNECT YOU WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE

Through our large network of innovative companies, research institutes and university laboratories specialising in the agro-food sector. Through events where you can exchange ideas and find potential project partners or other business contacts.

KEEP AN EYE ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We are continuously keeping our eyes open for calls in your technological area, increasing your chances of accessing public funds. EUROAGRI FOODCHAIN can offer you access to many national and European funding programmes across the continent.

HELP YOU MANAGE THE PAPERWORK

The admin work involved in putting a European project together can be a burden. We will help you complete your application form, whether it is for EUREKA or another funding programme.

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THE IPM-RICE PROJECT

Changing the industry

Maria Carvalho, a researcher from the Tropical Research Institute of Portugal had an ambitious goal: to cut the huge loss of rice due to pests, without using toxic pesticides. She realised she could not do it alone and turned to EUROAGRI to support an international collaboration.

Bringing together researchers from Portugal, Spain, Germany, Greece, Israel and the USA to find a sustainable solution for the problem was Carvalho’s approach. Five years later, the solution they developed is already being put to use in India and other developing countries.

‘This sort of research takes a long time, sometimes a lifetime,’ says Shlomo Navarro, a collaborator on the project and an entomologist at Food Technology International Consultancy Ltd., in Israel. ‘The EUREKA grant offered a tremendous opportunity to speed up results.’

When Carvalho’s team tested the integrated system, they found that the amount of rice lost to fungal and insect infestation dropped by more than 95%. ‘Our rice is cleaner than anything else on the market,’ Navarro says. ‘We are now in a position to be able to tell the variety of skills the partners shared. ‘If one of us couldn’t do something or didn’t know something, someone else would,’ she explains.

THE OLEA PROJECT

Going global

Rodau, a family-run olive oil producer, made their international breakthrough thanks to the EUROAGRI OLEA project. The producer developed a sophisticated process for extracting the oil from olives, by working with researchers from Spain and with Alfa Laval’s Italian branch, which manufactures olive oil extraction machinery. ‘We’ve produced an olive oil that is non-aggressive tasting and sweet in the good sense,’ says Esperanza Tomas, head of R&D at Rodau. As a result, sales have rocketed. The result, Dauro oil, has won prizes in the United States, Europe and China.

The project was a radical re-assessment of the way the oil was produced. The participants discovered that, by using a gas on olive paste, they could increase the quality of the oil obtained. It smelled and tasted better and also had more polyphenol antioxidants, which scientists think can help protect against neurodegenerative and cardiovascular diseases. The new process is also more efficient, with more oil extracted from the same amount of olives.

Tomas says the success of the project was due to the variety of skills the partners shared. ‘If one of us couldn’t do something or didn’t know something, someone else would,’ she explains.

THE OMS PROJECT

From idea to market

Omega-3 fats play an important role in reducing the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and obesity. Humans are unable to synthesise Omega-3 for themselves so obtain it from meat, fish and dairy products.

The OMS diet concept is beautifully simple: ‘Our technology makes it possible to transfer the Omega-3 right along the food chain, creating a bridge with human nutrition,’ says Pierre Weill, CEO of French company and lead partner in the project Valorex. ‘We set up project EUROAGRI OMS with our Israeli partners, Alonim, a linseed exporter.’

Valorex has developed an innovative way of using the seeds from linseed, a plant rich in Omega-3, which makes it highly suitable as an additive for cattle feed. When the company conducted a study on a group of overweight people to determine the effect of a diet based on products from cattle fed with the additive, the results were very positive.

With EUROAGRI’s support, Valorex has received official endorsement from the French government. Valorex OMS meat and dairy products are already being marketed. Danone, Carrefour and a number of major food manufacturers and retailers are paying premium prices to farmers who use their animal feeds, says Weill.