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***Announcement of the CIHEAM Ministerial Meeting on
Migration and the Role of agriculture
(Tirana, Albania, 22 September 2016)***

At the invitation of the Albanian authorities, the 11th Meeting of the Agricultural Ministers of the 13 Member States of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) will be held in Tirana on the 22nd of September 2016. The Meeting will focus on distress migration issues from the point of view of agricultural development and food security. During this meeting it will also be presented the CIHEAM Strategic Agenda 2025 (CSA2025) and its related CIHEAM Action Plan for the Mediterranean (CAPMED2025).

The CIHEAM Ministerial Meetings, during which Ministers, International organizations and stakeholders exchange views on Mediterranean strategic issues, contribute to strengthen multilateral cooperation for a sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries, for food security, for social stability and inclusive growth. In the light of the current challenges, this year the main topic of the Ministerial will be distress migration, in the Mediterranean context, from the perspective of agricultural development and food security. This event will contribute to identify the root causes of migration for which CIHEAM Member States may launch initiatives and provide solutions that are beneficial to all the countries in the region.

Distress migration from the point of view of agricultural development and food security

The current crisis of refugees, whose effects are hard to be fully estimated, forces the institutional actors and their partners to consider the root causes of migration and future trends in order to identify possible solutions. It is high time to consider the role of agriculture and rural development to prevent the rural-urban exodus but also to respond to the challenges of migration. A strategic development of rural areas and agriculture integrating climate change, natural resources scarcity and youth employment issues, is needed as they appear major determinants for the stability of the Mediterranean countries.



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CIHEAM Strategic Agenda 2025 (CSA2025): A call for action!

Involved in the implementation of the SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals) in the Mediterranean region, CIHEAM launched its Strategic Agenda for 2025 based on 4 missions: (1) Combating "Triple Waste" (*Knowledge and Know-how waste; Natural Resources and energy waste; Food waste*), (2) Boosting sustainable agriculture and food (3) Investing in new generations and fragile territories and (4) Preventing risks and managing tensions. The CSA2025 prioritizes the Organization's activities according to the current regional challenges, identifies and promotes the mobilization of complementary partnerships and funding sources and contributes to conduct cooperation and implement new flagship initiatives.

Sustainable agriculture, adaptation to climate change and inclusive development call for a stronger integration between strategies and projects. Institutional synergies need to become inter-sectorial to address the challenges related to distress migration. The 11th CIHEAM Ministerial Meeting of Tirana and the CIHEAM Strategic Agenda 2025 are heading in this direction.

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Created in 1962, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) is a Mediterranean intergovernmental organization which works for improving sustainable agriculture and fisheries, for ensuring food and nutrition security and for developing rural and coastal territories. The Organization gathers 13 Member States from both shores of the Mediterranean (Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey) and works with several International and Regional Institutions.

CIHEAM's actions rely on a "bottom-up" collaboration and are "problem-solving" oriented, connected to the peculiar needs of the countries. The Organization mobilises complementary instruments to achieve its objectives: Education and Training, Research, Networks and Open Knowledge Platforms, Cooperation projects, Technical Assistance and Policy Dialogue.

Around 170 permanent agents and hundreds of consultants work within the Paris Headquarters and in the 4 CIHEAM Agronomic Institutes based in Bari (Italy), Chania (Greece), Montpellier (France), and Zaragoza (Spain)

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