



"4 per 1000" INITIATIVE

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*Honorable Ministers,
Your Excellency, Mr. El Bouari
President of the CIHEAM's Governing Board, Ms. Krifca,
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Ladies and gentlemen,*

Further to **the "4 per 1000" Mediterranean Regional Conference (21-23 October 2024) in IAV Hassan II, conference co-organized with CIHEAM & IAV Hasan II**, a regional vision and roadmap of concrete actions on the ground, to enhance healthy soils and organic carbon sequestration in soils, through agroecology, were drafted.

This regional 6 year-Roadmap [2025-2030] for the Mediterranean geographical area, in line with the "4 per 1000" Strategic Plan 2050 & the CIHEAM Strategic Plan 2030, includes the main following actions to implement:

Action #1: Advocacy & Awareness

- To all stakeholders to get better recognition of the impact of agricultural practices in favour of soil health and SOC (Soil Organic Carbon) storage to adapt to climate change, fight against biodiversity loss and desertification and maintain food security in the Mediterranean zone.
- Insist on the significant role and knowledge of farmers.

Action #2: Urge soil regeneration

- Identify combination of practices adapted to local Mediterranean territories

- Deliver a mapping study of existing strategies and initiatives related to food systems, present there, to scale up agroecological practices to wider agricultural zones.
- Develop an easily accessible technological database of good practices on soil health for practitioners.

Action #3: Regional networks to scale up

- Interconnect and link regional networks with interest in agroecology to share lessons learned, best practices, joint advocacy, success stories.
- Create a dynamic of multi-actor participatory research and local innovation to tackle local challenges (water scarcity / depleted soils, etc.), particularly in the context of International Research Consortium on Soil Carbon.
- Support research to measure the socio-economic and environmental impact of agroecological practices.
- Support young people in their learning of a new way of farming.
- Organize a second edition of the "4 per 1000" Mediterranean Regional Conference to measure progress.

Action #4: Finance the agroecological transition

- Evolve risk management tools to support producers in long-term adaptation trajectories.
- Enhance partnerships with the private sector involved in agriculture.
- Create advanced ecosystem service markets, designed to incentivize producers, who improve soil health and thus food health and quality, for the final consumers (and consequently public health).

Action #5: Measure: Monitoring, Reporting and Verification tools.

- Implement a robust and scalable MRV System utilizing various methods of in-field and remote data-sourcing to measure, report and verify the progress made by the farmers in their fields.

The international "4 per 1000" initiative hopes that the agriculture ministers of all CIHEAM member countries will take a positive view of these actions and work together to include them in CIHEAM action programs, as well as at national level in each country.

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