

Meta Network BEANS - Preparatory Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, March 07, 2025

Time: 02:00- 03:30 pm (Paris time)

Chair: Teodoro Miano, Secretary General of CIHEAM

1. Welcome Statement and Presentation of the Meta Network BEANS

- Overview of BEANS: mission, objectives, challenges, and activities
- Future direction of the Network (the phoenix emerging from the ashes and evolving into a new vital form). The word to **Biagio Di Terlizzi**, CIHEAM Bari, coordinator of MEDIET

2. Partners Presentations

- Partner presentation (1-2 minute each)
- Brief updates from each partner on their contributions on the thematic of BEANS (the idea is to federate and to gather all existing experience on the topic, creating a multidisciplinary environment for a multi-stakeholder approach. This is why, analyzing the outcomes of the MEDIET project (17 countries, 4 legume species, several varieties, etc.), the idea of the Meta Network has been introduced.
- Open floor for partners to share insights or ask questions

3. Discussion on Opening the Network to New Partners

- Proposal to invite new partners to become members of the IAB (a few only) and **successively** of the General Assembly (criteria, procedures, etc.). The current idea is to formulate a formal letter of invitation to join the Network. At the moment, we believe it is appropriate not to overstructure the Network.
- Discussion

4. General Assembly Call

- Announcement of the General Assembly meeting scheduled for the end of May in Bari (dates to be defined. We will adapt to the final event of the MEDIET project).
- BEANS Executive Committee (2 CIHEAM, 1-2 other). **Coordination team, small at the moment**. Prof. M. Hamze and myself.
- Action plan for the upcoming years 2025-2027 (to be ready around **March 24-26, before the GA**)
- Focus areas and key priorities

- Discussion on partners roles, responsibilities, and contributions for the upcoming years
- Financial, technical, and operational support for BEANS activities (CIHEAM Bari is taking the burden of funding the initial steps of the activities. Any contribution will be accepted. The request to the International Organizations is to support the costs of their mission to Bari for the GA).
- Develop a 2-3 year project focused on the sustainability of BEANS
- Proposal for a standardized media and communication policy for BEANS (Yasmine)

5. AOB

6. Closing Remarks