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**IGC Grains – MED-Amin webinar
2021 grains market prospects for the Mediterranean region**

The webinar co-organised by the International Grains Council (IGC) and MED-Amin (CIHEAM Montpellier) will be held on **Wednesday 5th May 2021** via zoom from 13.00h-16.30h. It is free to attend for IGC and MED-Amin members and invited guests.

NB: English/French interpretation will be available.

Background

Mediterranean countries, notably from North Africa, are highly reliant on global wheat and barley markets. Those countries and the Middle-East represent more than 30% of total wheat imports, making them the main importing regions for wheat (including durum) and barley.

Despite sufficient supply in global wheat and barley markets, the Covid-19 crisis impacted the grains trade system by shifting the demand calendar as well as initiating new export restriction measures to secure the stability of domestic markets.

These changes forced Mediterranean countries to diversify their origins, sometimes far from their usual supply sources. Therefore, a better understanding of the methodology, calendar and information published by the major exporters from the North and South Hemispheres would help Mediterranean countries to develop adequate strategies to enhance food security and also develop their domestic markets as well as their resilience towards external drivers.

The seminar will be an opportunity to share early information about the harvest forecast, methodology, information on quality, and a calendar for establishing potential export availabilities for milling wheat, durum wheat and barley.

Objectives

The IGC and MED-Amin see an opportunity to increase dialogue and cooperation between countries by sharing pre-competitive information on markets for market transparency.

Audience:

- IGC and MED-Amin members;
- Government representatives from Mediterranean countries including public offices and similar organizations, their technical teams in charge of production and crop monitoring and of supply (purchases) and market monitoring;
- IGC and MED-Amin Secretariats

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Draft Agenda

13:00 – 13:10¹ **Introduction:** Mr. Arnaud Petit, IGC Executive Director

Moderator – Ms. Elen Lemaître-Curri, deputy Director of CIHEAM Montpellier

13:10 – 14:10 Global Grains market and Mediterranean area perspectives

- *Amy Reynolds and Miriam Morath, IGC secretariat – Global wheat and barley markets and prospects 2021/22*
- *David Gasc, MED-Amin Coordinator (CIHEAM Montpellier) – Mediterranean production 2021 early forecast*
- *Dmitry Prikhodko, FAO – Crops estimates in Black sea area*

14:10 – 15:15 Presentation by exporters (including discussion Q&A with importers representatives)

- **Ukraine** - *Mr Oleksandr Zhemoyda, Director of Department for Bilateral and Multilateral Trade Agreements, Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture, Ukraine*
- **Russia** – *Julia Koroleva, Director General of FSI*
- **France (TBC)**
- **Serbia** – *Sunchitsa Savovich, Association Serbia Grains*

Moderator – Arnaud Petit, Executive Director, IGC

15:30 – 16:30 Presentation by exporters (including discussion Q&A with importers representatives)

- **USA** – *Ian Flagg, Vice President US Wheat Associates*
- **Canada** – *Daniel Ramage, Director Market Analyst and Trade – Cereals Canada*
- **Argentina** – *Agustin Tejada, Chief Economist at Buenos Aires Grains Exchange*
- **Australia (TBC)**

16:30 – 16:45 Closing remarks:

Mr. Pascal Bergeret, Director of CIHEAM Montpellier

¹ Time is indicated at UTC+1 (UK local time)