



## 7th Meeting of MED-Amin, the Mediterranean Cereal Market Information Network

*Experts meet online to discuss future challenges of cereals markets in the Mediterranean region on the 25 and 26 of November 2020*

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Launched in 2014 by the Ministers of Agriculture of the 13 Mediterranean Member States of the CIHEAM and coordinated by CIHEAM-Montpellier, MED-Amin brings together around sixty experts and policy makers from 13 countries, and partner organizations involved in market monitoring.

In the context of a global pandemic crisis, decision makers around the Mediterranean basin are reminded of the vulnerability of the region, particularly dependent on international cereal markets and primarily affected by climate change.

In this context, and after 5 years of existence, MED-Amin provides solutions for market transparency and dialogue. The meeting organised on 25 and 26 November was the opportunity to share and discuss MED-Amin achievements, including: compiling and sharing market data on wheat, barley, maize and rice and cereal balance sheets, and experimenting a Mediterranean early crop forecasting system.



The publication of a recent [report on covid-19 impacts](#) on the cereals markets in the region was also particularly appreciated. MED-Amin members can count on MED-Amin Secretariat, and partnerships with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, the Agriculture Market Information System Secretariat (AMIS) based at the FAO, and the International Grain Council (IGC).

On November 25, experts and policy makers debated emerging and recurring regional challenges to food security. While they mentioned the importance of local production and adaptation to climate change, most debates focused on cereals import and value chains. Experts discussed the importance of market knowledge, the improvement of market organisation, logistical infrastructures to secure adequate stocks and supplies, value addition through grain transformation, responses to evolving consumer demand, protection of consumers and rural populations through targeted safety nets, etc.

Their conclusions will feed in a renewed analysis of national and regional needs, and pave the way for new MED-Amin activities, and strengthened collaborations.

More about the MED-Amin Network: [www.med-amin.org](http://www.med-amin.org)

→ Videos related to the event: [Video 1](#) (MED-Amin & IGC); [Video 2](#) (Albania)

MED-Amin is one of the actions of the [CAPMED 2025](#), the Strategic Action Plan of CIHEAM.

#### CIHEAM

Established in 1962, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) is an intergovernmental organisation composed of thirteen Member States (Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey).

As a key player in multilateral cooperation in the fields of agriculture, food, fisheries and rural territories, its missions revolve around four main objectives:



Protection of the planet by combating waste in all its forms including waste of knowledge and know-how;



Food and nutrition security by boosting sustainable agriculture and food;



Inclusive development by investing in new generations and fragile territories;



Prevention of crises and resilience of territories.

The CIHEAM Action Plan for the Mediterranean 2025 ([CAPMED 2025](#)) that falls within the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development of the United Nations is based on these four lines. The CIHEAM carries out its missions through the tools of specialised training, network research, cooperation, technical assistance but also political dialogue and partnerships.

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