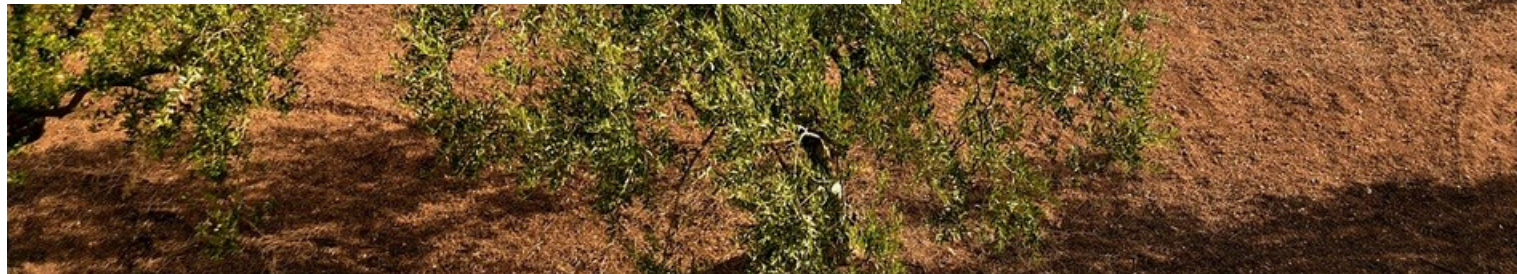




CIHEAM

The logo for CIHEAM (International Centre for Horticulture in the Mediterranean) is centered on a white background with a yellow border. It consists of a blue circular emblem containing a stylized tree with a sunburst behind it, surrounded by twelve white stars. Below the emblem, the acronym "CIHEAM" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

## More than 60 years serving the Mediterranean, Agriculture and Food Systems

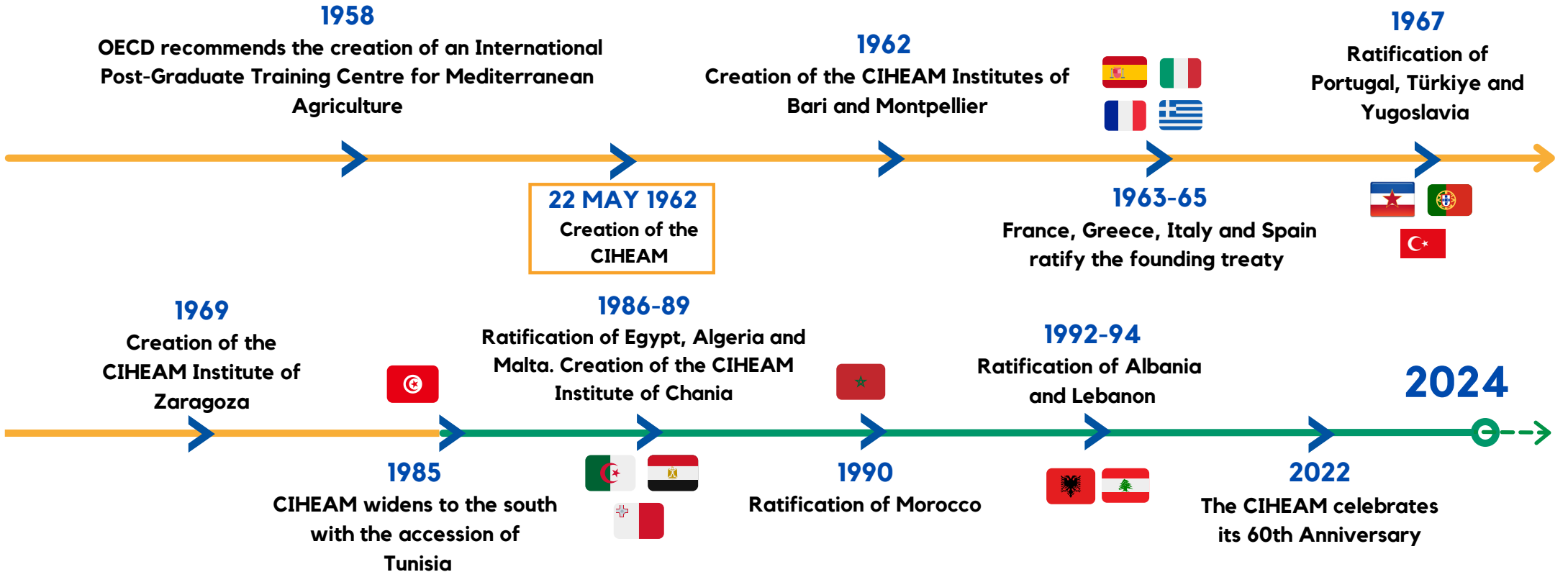
Established in 1962, the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) is an intergovernmental organization composed of 13 Member States (Albania, Algeria, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Tunisia, Türkiye, and Spain).

The Centre brings together 4 Mediterranean Institutes: CIHEAM Bari (Italy), CIHEAM Chania (Greece), CIHEAM Montpellier (France), CIHEAM Zaragoza (Spain), and a General Secretariat, headquarters of the organization, based in Paris (France).

The CIHEAM has a long history of multilateral and regional cooperation and offers education and training, research, technical assistance, and capacity building activities. It works with public administrations, universities, research centres, cooperation and development organizations, local authorities, civil society actors, and companies to meet the needs of Mediterranean populations and territories.

**It is a unique space for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and development in the Mediterranean**

# OUR HISTORY IN A FEW DATES



# OUR HISTORY IN FEW LINES

Originally centered on the training of senior executives from Mediterranean countries, the CIHEAM quickly became a pioneer in the **mobility of students and young researchers**. A unique space that combines science and diplomacy, the CIHEAM has made the circulation of knowledge and skills a force at the service of the region's agri-food systems. This ambition was made possible thanks to the French **Louis Malassis**, who set up innovative teaching by installing, more than 40 years ago, the international system of Masters in the Institutes.

## From the vision of two pioneers ...

The Spanish agronomist and diplomat, **Ramón Esteruelas**, for his part, saw in the Mediterranean **not only a common civilization** but also an **area of cooperation** with great potential. This vision was reinforced by the Italian **Carlo Scarascia Mugnozza**, former Commissioner for Agriculture of the European Union, who worked on an enlargement **to the neighbors of the southern and eastern shores** to respond to the Mediterranean challenges and bring out collective ambitions.

## ... to the construction of a unique space

This vision, carried by avant-garde figures and consolidated by the commitment of many others, has made it possible, since the 1960s, to provide a **basis for Mediterranean political dialogue** and to make the **food issue a priority in co-development**.

# THE CIHEAM IN FIGURES

**+ - 230**

Ongoing projects  
in 2024

**35,000**

People trained  
over the last 20  
years



**CIHEAM**

**+100**

Cooperation  
agreements signed  
by the  
General Secretariat

Present in

**+ - 50**

Countries

# OUR AREAS OF ACTION

The CIHEAM aims to contribute to the [2030 Agenda](#) and has the following objectives:

**Fighting against the waste of food, know-how, knowledge, and natural resources**

**Strengthening food and nutritional security, sustainability of Mediterranean agriculture, and food systems**



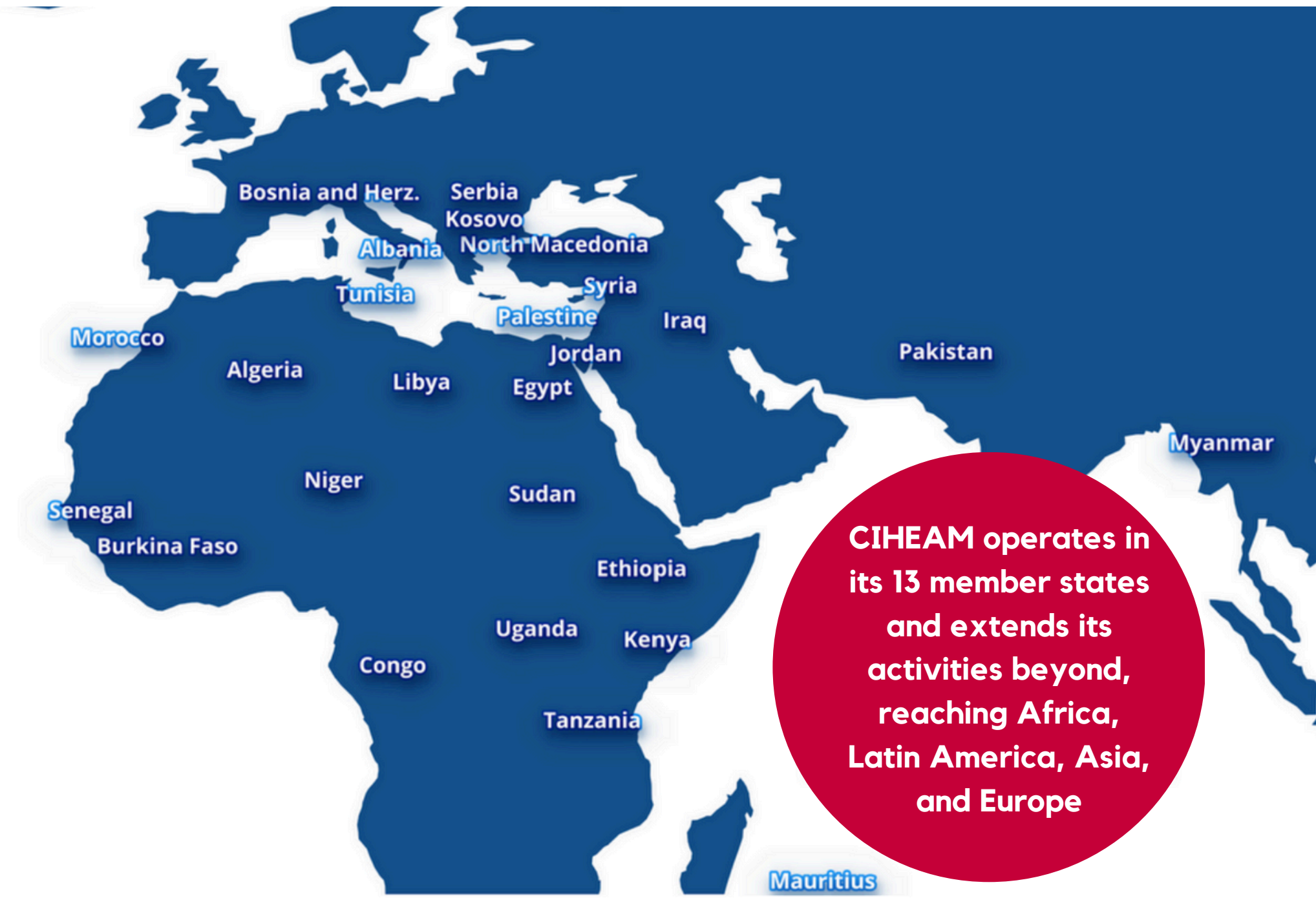
**Sustaining inclusive development and investments for the most fragile populations and regions**

**Preventing and managing risks for better resilience**

# CIHEAM MEMBER STATES



# WHERE DO OUR MISSIONS TAKE PLACE?





# WHAT ARE OUR TOOLS FOR COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT?



## Education and Training

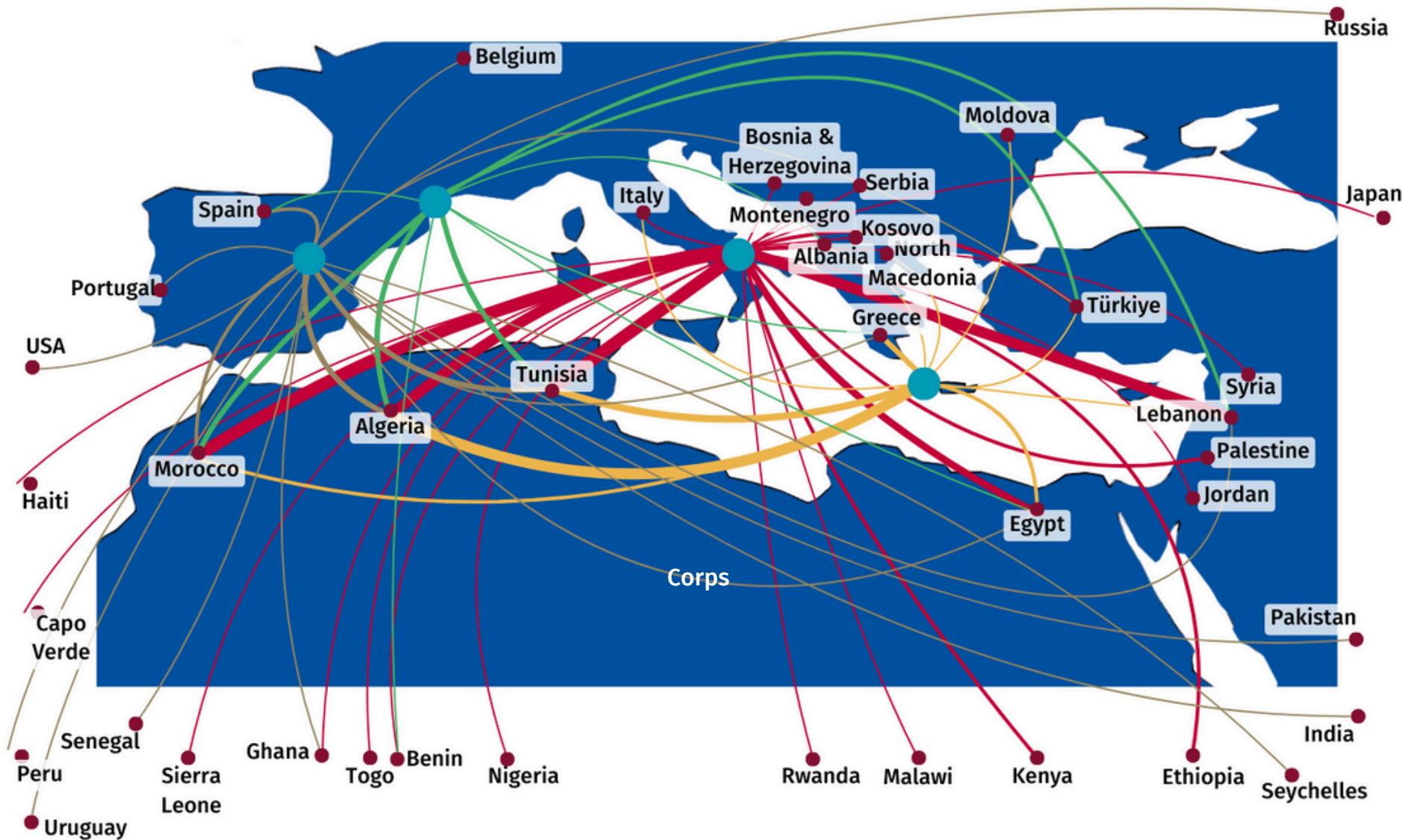
The CIHEAM Institutes welcome students and professionals from all over the world. Several Master Programs and Short Specialized Courses are designed by our academic staff and thanks to inter-academic cooperation.



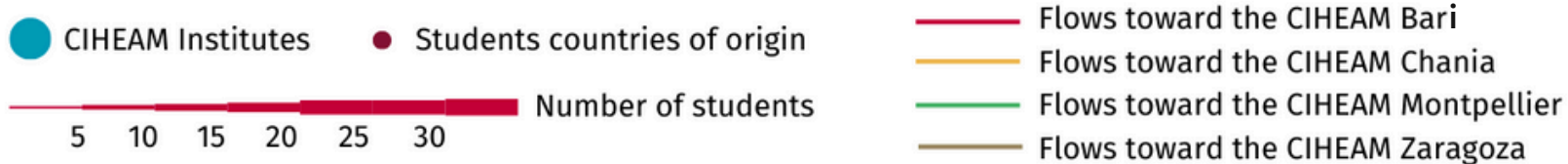
## Research

With 2,200 m<sup>2</sup> of accredited laboratories and over 600 partners, the CIHEAM contributes to strengthening the links between research and cooperation, between the production of knowledge and the needs of the territories.





*Flow of international students enrolled in Master's programmes at CIHEAM Institutes in 2023-24*





## Technical assistance and community building

Our international experts offer technical support for the development of projects in the most fragile territories. By doing so, the CIHEAM enhances processes of capacity-building in farming and fishing communities.



## Knowledge production and sharing

The CIHEAM contributes to the debate of ideas by producing knowledge and scientific and technical analyses. It aims to share the keys to understanding the Mediterranean and agri-food issues. All publications are available free of charge online.

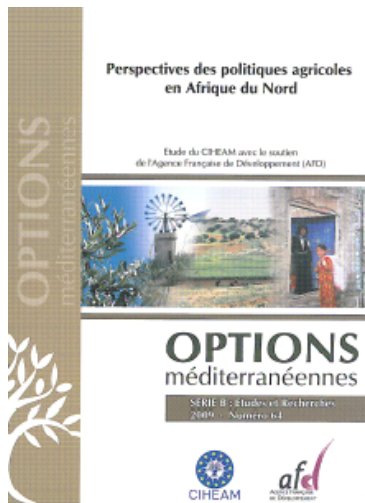


# Political dialogue, partnerships and scientific diplomacy

Over the past 62 years, CIHEAM has successfully created and maintained an atmosphere of trust and regional dialogue, allowing for the co-construction of solutions to the region's food and agricultural challenges. This ability to bring decision-makers together and establish favorable conditions for co-development is notably demonstrated by the regular meetings held with the ministers of its member states, in the presence of partners such as the Council of Europe and the OECD. Furthermore, CIHEAM has developed several strategic partnerships with international organizations, including the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the Union for the Mediterranean, the International Olive Council, the European Forest Institute, the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, the Arab Water Council, Plan Bleu, the International Organisation of Vine and Wine...



# OUR PUBLICATIONS



**Options  
Méditerranéennes**



**Mediterra**



**Watch Letter**



**New Medit**

# CIHEAM MINISTERIAL MEETINGS

CIHEAM organized the first meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture of its thirteen member countries in 1999. The goal was to establish a lasting dialogue among Mediterranean countries on strategic issues related to agriculture, fisheries, food, and rural development, while promoting the adoption of a common approach. The strategic significance of these meetings is further enhanced by the participation of major international organizations active in the region



**1999**

**Mediterranean Dialogue and Cooperation** (Rome, Italy)

**2000**

**Coordinated Development Policies** (Rabat, Morocco)

**2001**

**Mediterranean Diet** (Athens, Greece)

**2002**

**Agricultural Cooperation** (Beirut, Lebanon)

**2004**

**Trade Growth** (Paris, France)

**2006**

**Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development** (Cairo, Egypt)

**2008**

**Sustainable Water Management** (Zaragoza, Spain)

**2010**

**Climate Change** (Istanbul, Türkiye)

**2012**

**Market Volatility** (Valetta, Malta)

**2014**

**Food Security** (Algiers, Algeria)

**2016**

**Rural Migration** (Tirana, Albania)

**2024**

**Mediterranean approach to food sovereignty** (Rabat, Morocco)

# HOW DOES THE CIHEAM WORK?

## The Governing Board

CIHEAM's governing body meets at least twice a year, bringing together the 13 member states to adopt the budget and set strategic orientations

## The Advisory Board

CIHEAM Advisory Board brings together prominent Mediterranean figures from research and higher education to support CIHEAM in its activities

## The Institutes

The CIHEAM Institutes conduct education, cooperation, and research activities on the ground



**These bodies are assisted by the General Secretariat, based in Paris**

# FOCUS ON THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

 It develops CIHEAM's external relations and institutional partnerships

 It manages the coordination of training, research, and cooperation activities among the Institutes

 It carries out publication and communication activities

 It promotes and coordinates activities on priority themes

 It advocates for Mediterranean dialogue and multilateral cooperation





# OUR THEMATIC PRIORITIES (2015-25)



1

**Foster Youth Inclusion in  
Mediterranean Agrifood  
Systems**



2

**Empower Women and  
Support Gender  
Mainstreaming**



**3**

**Foster  
Sustainable Food  
Systems**



**4**

**Enhance the  
Sustainable  
Management of  
Mediterranean  
Forests**



**5**

**Contribute to the  
Sustainable  
Management of  
Coastal Areas and  
Fisheries**



# FOCUS ON OUR MEDITERRANEAN AGRONOMIC INSTITUTES



# CIHEAM Bari



**CIHEAM Bari**

**CIHEAM Tricase**  
(Coastal Development and Fisheries)



Since 1962



EDUCATION

**+13,000**

**GRADUATES & TRAINEES  
FROM 100 COUNTRIES**



SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

**+2,600**

**PUBLICATIONS**



PARTNERSHIPS

**+1,000**  
with

**INSTITUTIONS, ACADEMIA, PRIVATE SECTOR,  
CIVIL SOCIETY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

**CIHEAM Bari is active in more than 20 Countries  
in the Mediterranean, Africa and Asia in the  
fields of sustainable agriculture, fisheries and  
food systems and of territorial, coastal and rural  
community development**



## Areas of expertise


- Sustainable Management of Natural Resources
- Development of Sustainable Food Systems (Mediterranean diet) and Resilient Agrobiological Ecosystems
- Climate Change, Food Security and Precision Agriculture
- Blue Economy and Coastal Areas Management
- Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystems
- Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment



# OUR STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THE CIHEAM

"This unconventional and unique Master at CIHEAM Bari broadened my vision on entrepreneurship by adapting Agile, Change Management, Design Thinking, and Business Model concepts, with multiple challenges. This experience in CIHEAM Bari is helping to better shape my career and give back to my community."



 **Malek Ghanem (Lebanon) - Student, MSc in Open Innovation and Youth Entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean Agrifood Sector**



 **Roula Khadra (Lebanon) - Former student, Senior Researcher, and International Officer at CIHEAM Bari & Member of Arab Water Council Board of Governors (AWC)**

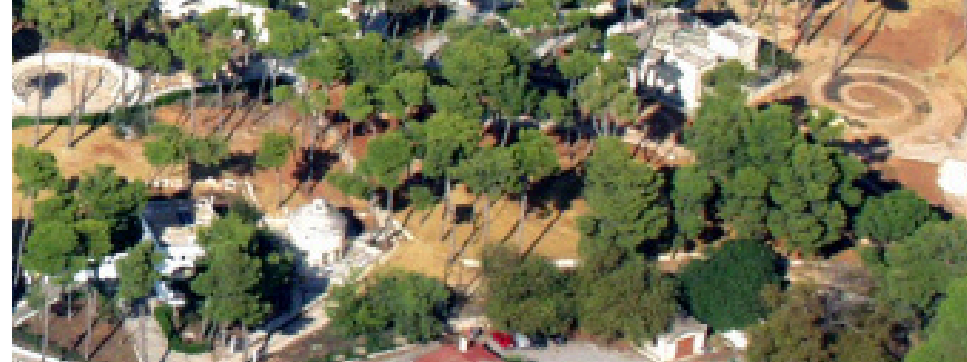
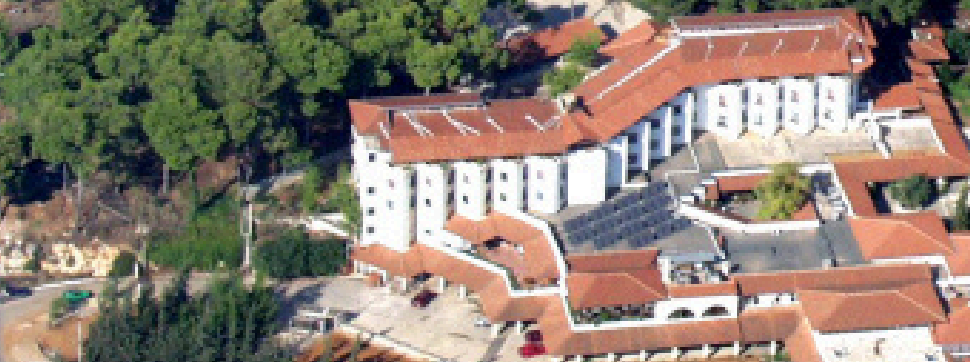
"CIHEAM has allowed me to build my career and to reach positions of responsibility in the water sector."





# CIHEAM Chania





EDUCATION

250

FACULTY MEMBERS



ONGOING PROJECTS

35

IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION



PARTNERSHIPS

600  
with

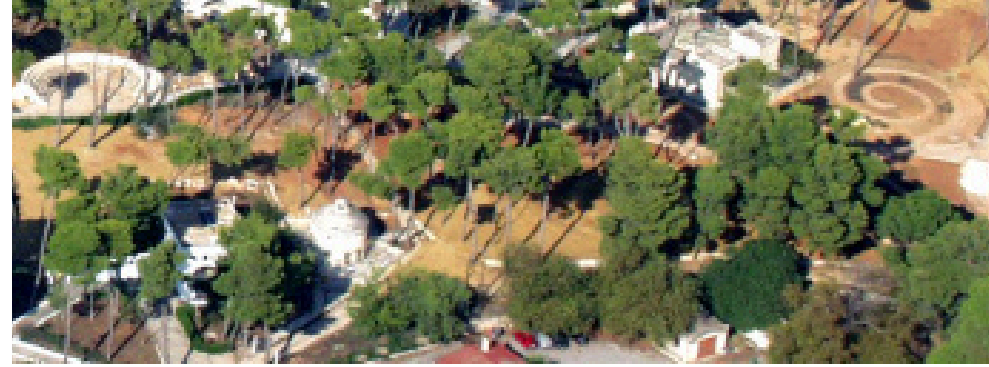
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, PRIVATE & PUBLIC SECTOR, EU  
PROJECTS, RESEARCH CENTERS, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS



PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

350

IN WORLD RENOWNED UNIVERSITIES



## Areas of expertise

- Business Economics and Management
- Food Quality and Chemistry of Natural Products
- Geoinformation in Environmental Management
- Horticultural Genetics and Biotechnology
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Mediterranean Plant Conservation
- International Conference Center "Albert Simantov"



# OUR STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THE CIHEAM



"I'm very grateful to CIHEAM Chania for giving me the opportunity to approach a new stage in my life with confidence and dynamism."

 **Farah Gasmi (Tunisia) - PhD candidate with a full scholarship at the University of Arkansas**

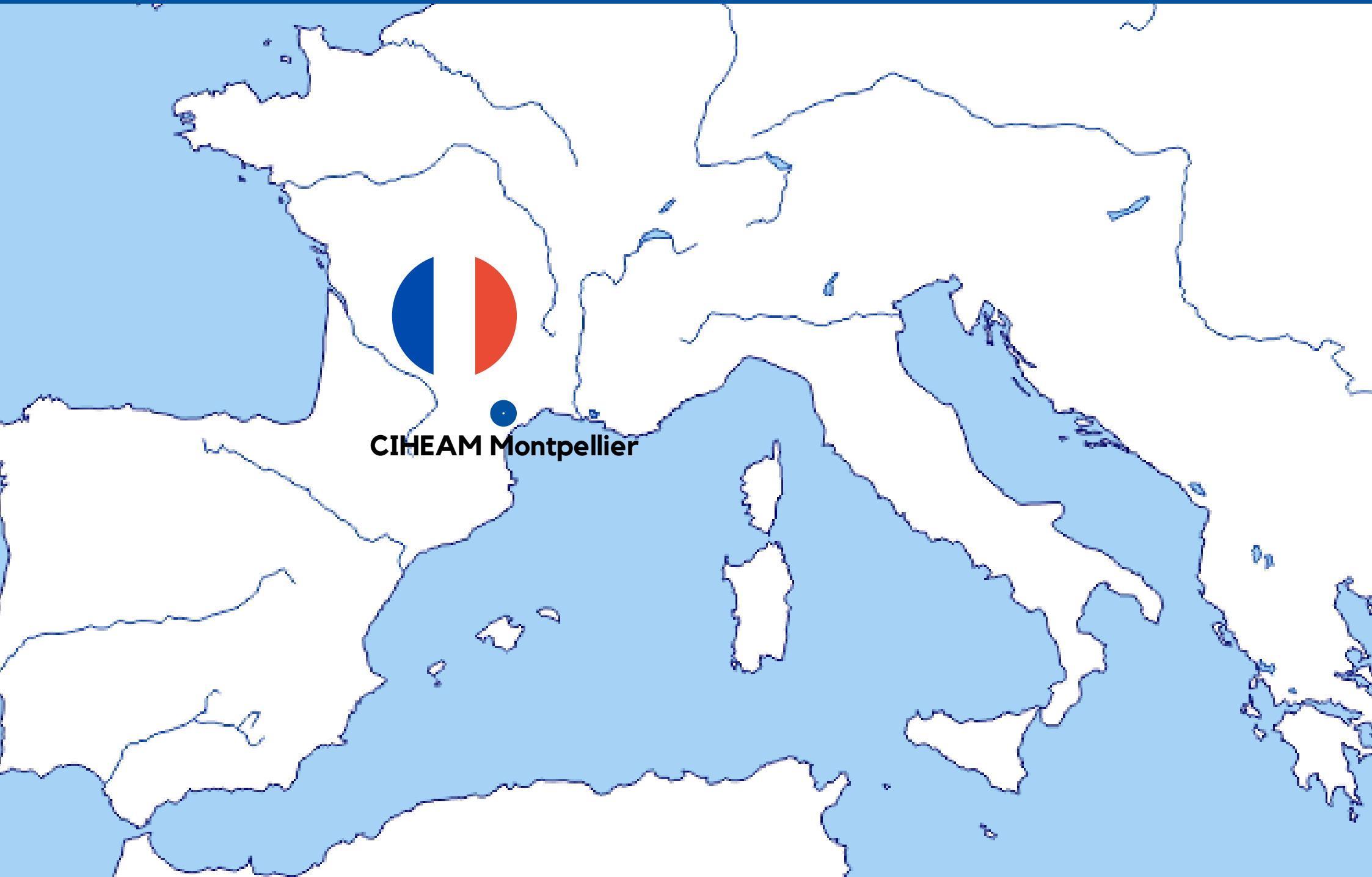


**Giorgos Manthoulis (Greece) -Former student  
Analyst -European Central Bank**

"CIHEAM Chania gave me the unique opportunity to work with renowned professors from all over the world who have excelled in their fields. The courses equipped me with skills that were extremely useful in my next career steps. Moreover, the multicultural environment of CIHEAM Chania allowed me to collaborate with a wide variety of students and to leave the Institute with a large network of friends throughout the Mediterranean."







**CIHEAM Montpellier**



EDUCATION

**1,000**

PEOPLE TRAINED  
PER YEAR



ONGOING PROJECTS

**30**

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



PARTNERSHIPS

**140**

THROUGH RESEARCH PROJECTS AND  
COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
with

**70**

COUNTRIES



## Areas of expertise

- Resilience of Mediterranean agro-ecosystems
- Integration of local agri-food sectors into value chains
- Governance for attractive rural and coastal areas





# OUR STUDENTS TALK ABOUT CIHEAM



"As a foreign student, the French intensive lessons are the best thing I encountered when I arrived. There was a multicultural community: Greek, Spanish, from Burkina Faso, etc. When I graduated, I worked at the Albanian Ministry, in the Directorate of Rural Development, and then for the European University of Tirana. The network created during my studies in Montpellier allowed me to find jobs in the sector for which I had worked so hard."



**Elena Kokhti (Albania) - Former student,  
Associated Professor at Agricultural University of Tirana**



**Khalid Belarbi (Morocco) - Former student  
Director of IRC-Supagro Montpellier (Institut des Régions Chaudes)**

"The support provided by the teachers and the tailored training is the trademark of the CIHEAM Montpellier. This Institute counted in my career as it allowed me to build my network, take a step back from my engineering education, to work in a different way. I spent marvelous years, in a great atmosphere: cooking really brought the students together, as did parties, field trips, and internships."





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CIHEAM Zaragoza



SHARING KNOWLEDGE OVER 5 DECADES



## EDUCATION

8

MSc PROGRAMMES

+400

COURSES FOR PROFESSIONALS



## RESEARCH

40

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS



## PARTNERSHIPS

60  
with

UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH CENTERS, COMPANIES,  
NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



## PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

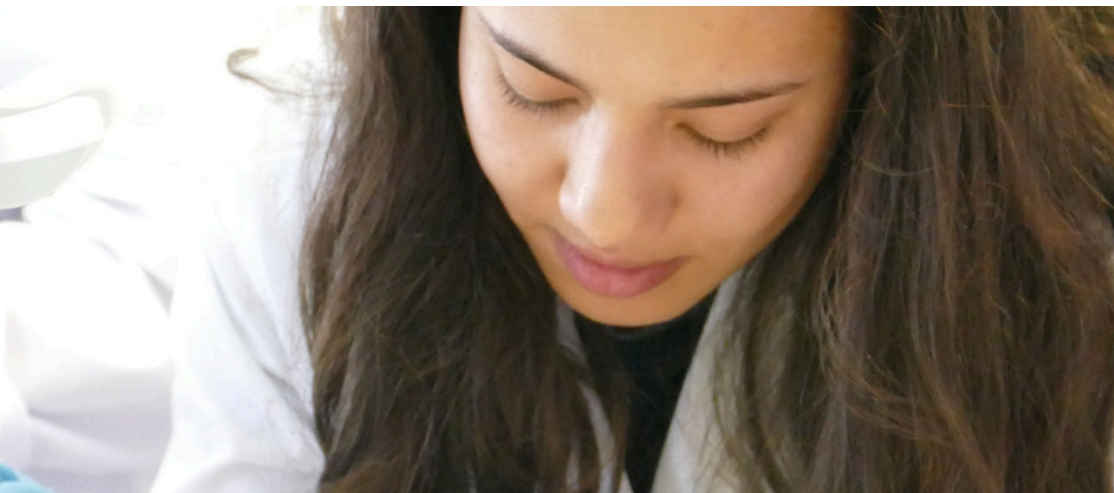
10,000  
EXPERTS

17,000  
ALUMNI



## Areas of expertise

- Sustainable Food & Agriculture Systems
- Fisheries & Aquaculture
- Forestry Management
- Water, Soil & Ecosystems
- Inclusive Territorial Development



# OUR STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THE CIHEAM



"The Master was a great opportunity for me to develop, on both educational and human levels. The program tackles all aspects and challenges related to animal nutrition and provides all the necessary foundations to start a promising career as an animal nutritionist through lectures and practicals given by world-renowned scientists. Today I feel ready to start my career and be part of the actors in the field of sustainable animal nutrition. Not to forget the rich multicultural setting that enabled me to make new friends and colleagues from different backgrounds and cultures. A highly recommended program for those passionate about animal production."



**Marc Saad (Lebanon) - MSc Student in Animal Nutrition**



**Khaoula Bedis (Tunisia) - Former student, Manager of the plant tissue culture laboratory at Agromillora Méditerranée in Tunisia**

"My studies gave me strong skills in the plant breeding related fields. The Master gave me the opportunity to learn and master a new language, to explore a new country and to meet new people and learn about their culture and traditions. I enjoyed studying in a friendly and professional environment that taught me perseverance, punctuality and how I can aspire to be among the best. It broadened my mind and opened new opportunities for my career."



# OUR PARTNERS



Groupe interacadémique  
pour le développement



EUROPEAN FOREST  
INSTITUTE



Union for the Mediterranean  
Union pour la Méditerranée  
الاتحاد من أجل المتوسط

Thanks to their  
precious  
collaboration, we build  
the food systems of  
tomorrow!



OECD MENA, FAO, European Commission and many others...



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