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Inno-Food SEE- Memorandum of Understanding between stakeholders for the establishment of a Food Innovation Network in the Region of APULIA

The entities below, desiring to establish a Food Innovation Network in the Region of Apulia, Italy, agree upon this Memorandum of Understanding today, 26.10.2012 in Bari:

1. Institute of Science of Food Production of National Research Council located in Bari, Italy
2. ARTI PUGLIA, Regional Agency for Technology and Innovation, situated at Valenzano, Italy
3. APRE, Agency for the Promotion of European Research, located in Rome, Italy
4. The Apulian Agrifood District - DA.R.E. PUGLIA, located in Foggia and Bari, Italy
5. The Apulian Region, Agricultural Dept, located in Bari, Italy
6. The Apulian Region, Development and Innovation Dept, located in Bari, Italy
7. The Federation of Industries Confindustria Bari e BAT, located in Bari, Italy
8. The Agricultural Association Coldiretti Lecce, located in Lecce, Italy
9. The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Bari, located in Bari, Italy
10. The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Foggia, located in Foggia, Italy
11. ARPTRA- Apulian Regional Association of Technicians and Researcher in Agriculture, located in Bari, Italy

I. Introduction

The Project «**Inno-Food SEE- Setting up the innovation support mechanisms and increasing awareness on the potential of Food Innovation and RTD in the South- East Europe area**» is co-financed by the European Union as part of the South East Europe

Transnational Cooperation Programme. The Partner responsible for the implementation of the project in Italy is the **Institute of Science of Food Production of National Research Council (CNR ISPA)**, establishment of a Supporting Food Innovation Network for Food Innovation in the Region of Apulia

The project's main goal is to promote and empower cooperation between the Food Industry, Research Institutions and Universities, the Regional Government and other interested parties so as to develop an operational triple helix of innovation with the intention of developing and promoting new, innovative, high quality and internationally competitive products.

II. Mission of the Inno-Food SEE Network - Food Innovation Network in the Region of APULIA

The Food Innovation Network in the Region of APULIA is intended to act as an open forum for the promotion of the goals of the project. In particular, the Food Innovation Network aims to:

1. Facilitate the interaction between all stakeholders engaged in food production at a regional level, focusing on the introduction of innovation in products and processes.
2. Contribute towards the identification of cooperation possibilities between the Food Industry, Research Institutions, Universities, Consumer Associations, Regional Authorities etc.
3. Identify the main issues that concern the Food Sector in the Region, to suggest valid and useful propositions for promoting innovation, to introduce best practices and to provide the framework for the deployment of synergies and cooperation.
4. Provide the Stakeholders with the opportunity to influence the goals of the project, within the context and the restrictions set by the SEE Programme and the Project's scope.
5. Develop synergies with similar networks established in other countries of the whole South-Eastern European Area where the project is being implemented (Bulgaria, Rumania, Italy, Serbia, Slovenia, Hungary, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova).

III. Actions Concerning the Network

The Food Innovation Network in the Region of APULIA shall organize informative and training meetings and shall develop activities for the formulation of strategies with the intention to contribute to the development of new, competitive and innovative food products. In particular, within the framework of the Project, the Stakeholders:

- Participate in two (2) meetings for the establishment of the Network and over the monitoring of its activities (2012);
- Contribute in the implementation of 2 informative meetings of regional scope concerning food innovation (2012- 2013);
- Contribute in the implementation of an food innovation training workshop in Italy (2012);



- Contribute in the formulation of policies and actions for food innovation.

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The Food Innovation Network in the Region of APULIA will also consolidate the existing collaborative actions activated recently among the participating entities. They presented and implemented joint research projects in the agrifood sector, strengthening public-private cooperation, also supporting SMEs in the innovation process according to regional policies (being research and technological partners), and creating synergies in dissemination initiatives and international projects.

Examples of ongoing or planned joint activities are:

- Apulian Public Research labs networks
- ILO2 – Industrial Liason Offices project
- PON – National Operational Programme “Research and Competitiveness 2007-2013”
- PIF – Integrated Agrifood Chain projects
- National Technological Cluster “Agrifood”
- Contribution to EXPO 2015 – Milan
- Regional Technical Meetings on main agrifood issues

IV. Coordination, Funding and Duration of the Network

The Food Innovation Network in the Region of APULIA will be coordinated by the Inno-Food SEE Italian Partner the **Institute of Science of Food Production of National Research Council** (CNR ISPA), headed by Dr. Angelo Visconti, Scientific Responsible of the Project and Director of the CNR ISPA.

Costs related to the organization of events and meetings will be funded by the Inno-Food Project whilst the participation of the Stakeholders is on a voluntary basis.

The Network of Stakeholders will last for the period of time required by the project (until September 2013). The collective collaboration, however, will continue beyond the duration of the project through future projects. Alternative means of funding beyond the scope of the Inno-Food Project will be explored in the second working meeting to be held in September 2013– along with other relevant issues.

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