

Internationalisation and Applied Research Strategy of IMIDRA within the AGROS+ Programme

The Madrid Institute for Rural, Agricultural and Food Research and Development (IMIDRA) is a public research body under the Regional Government of Madrid, focused on generating applied knowledge in the agricultural, agri-food, forestry, and natural environment sectors. Its core missions include sustainability, technological innovation, knowledge transfer, and rural development.

1. Institutional Strategic Objectives

IMIDRA aligns its research activity with regional, national, and European R&I strategies, structured around the following objectives:

- Promote sustainable agriculture and livestock systems through applied research.
- Stimulate innovation in the agri-food and forestry sectors, involving key productive stakeholders.
- Preserve and enhance genetic resources, especially under the impact of climate change.
- Foster training and recruitment of research talent in areas critical to the green transition.

2. Alignment with the AGROS+ Programme

The AGROS+ programme is a strategic instrument to strengthen IMIDRA's international positioning and research capacity, through the recruitment of 16 predoctoral researchers in two competitive calls (2026 and 2027). AGROS+ is aligned with institutional priorities in the following areas:

- Internationalisation of agro-environmental research and its application to rural systems.
- Attraction and retention of early-stage researchers via structured programmes and dual supervision.
- Knowledge transfer to rural stakeholders, cooperatives, SMEs, and public administrations.
- Active participation in European networks including the Agroecology Partnership, TP Organics, and EIP-AGRI.

3. Relevant Scientific Priorities

IMIDRA's main research lines intersect with the scientific scope of AGROS+ and include:

- Agroecology and the transition to sustainable food systems.
- Genetic improvement and conservation of local varieties.



- Efficient water use and climate change resilience.
- Applied biotechnology and microbiology in viticulture and environmental domains.
- Circular economy approaches in agriculture and forestry.

4. Institutional Commitment and Resources

The AGROS+ programme will be coordinated by the team currently assigned to international project management at IMIDRA, with the support of the Scientific Committee and the institute's management. A dedicated European Projects Office is under development, supported by an application for institutional capacity-building funding.

In Madrid, on date of signature

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