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Projet / Proposal	
Acronyme / Acronym	MedPasto-2050
Titre / Title	Innovation pour la transition des systèmes d'élevage pastoral méditerranéen à l'horizon 2050

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1. Excellence / Excellence

Clarity and pertinence of the objectives; Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology; Fit with the scope and objectives of the PRIMA programme and the call topic description Extent that the proposed work is beyond the state of the art, and demonstrates innovation potential (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organizational models) Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches and, where relevant, use of stakeholder knowledge and gender dimension in research and innovation content

The proposal aims to build resilience of pastoral livestock production systems to climate change and act as an Innovation Ecosystem to face market and climate uncertainty in marginal agricultural areas through the knowledge transfer and innovative practices. Also it aims to contribute to mitigating the carbon footprints of pastoral systems, which is an important topic and fits well into the scope of the PRIMA 2.2.1. The project focuses on data collection as well as case studies in tow different ecological and climatic conditions of Med region. However, there is not always clear information about where the case studies will take place, or on what criteria they will be selected. The training activities proposed is comprehensive and covering several field of necessary knowledge. However, the outreach in terms of total number of beneficiaries did not respond well to the expected outcomes set by the proposal. Gender dimension was considered regarding the composition of the proposal team. Despite the vital role of women in agriculture and they are not considered for extension and other supporting services, the proposal adopted equity rather than equality approach.

2. Impact / Impact

The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to one or several of the expected impacts mentioned in this document under the relevant topic. Scores of the

proposals will not depend on the number of expected impacts covered. Any substantial impacts even if not mentioned in this document, that would enhance innovation capacity, create new market opportunities, strengthen competitiveness and growth of companies, address issues related to climate change or the environment, or bring other important benefits for society; Quality of the proposed measures to: •Exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), and to manage research data where relevant. •Communicate the project activities to different target audiences.

The proposal sets various expected impact based on the outcomes of the trainings provided for certain number of beneficiaries. For wider outreach the proposal adopted ambition internal and external communication plan. Internal communication plan i.e. researchers in consortium is sufficient and well addressed. Meanwhile, external communication plan i.e. farmers and researchers will focus on establishment of network between stakeholders without detailing where farmers and researchers will contribute to new knowledge, experiences and innovative actions exchanges. How generating this information will support sustainable development of pastoral production systems in marginal areas', reduce GHG's emission and empower local economies is also vague.

3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation / Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables; Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management; Complementarity of the participants and extent to which the consortium as whole brings together the necessary expertise; Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role

The proposal will be implemented via 6 work packages with several tasks and specific activities. The workload distribution is unbalanced and some time vague. Various work packages are quite unbalanced regarding the research activities volume. The overall structure of the work plan is described through the work packages (WP) and deliverables. Although the involvement of policy makers is mentioned in the overall concept of the work plan, the sixth objective (to provide policy support) is not connected to any particular WPs. The dissemination and communication activities are envisaged but more planning and exact details are necessary. Moreover, WP6, dissemination and co-learning is planned to take place in the final months of the project. The critical risks are defined, however, these risks are very general and do not show any specificity related to WPs. The information about the set-up of experiments and the hypotheses that will be tested are insufficient. Scaling up into a successful strategy for enhancing farms viability and stability in the Mediterranean areas is not fully fledged. The researchers will collect exploratory data using on-farm surveys but also perform more in depth analyses using case studies and experiments. No information however, about the cases and the methodology that will be used to develop and monitor such cases.

Final score (9.5)/ (3.5+3.0+3.0)