

Proposal Evaluation Form

	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	Evaluation Summary Report - Coordination and support actions
Horizon 2020 - Research and Innovation Framework Programme		

Call:	H2020-RUR-2017-1
Funding scheme:	CSA
Proposal number:	774208
Proposal acronym:	BOND
Duration (months):	36
Proposal title:	Bringing Organisations and Network Development to higher levels in the farming sector in Europe
Activity:	RUR-15

N.	Proposer name	Country	Total Cost	%	Grant Requested	%
1	COVENTRY UNIVERSITY	UK	460,625	15.93%	460,625	15.93%
2	WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY	NL	138,617.5	4.80%	138,617.5	4.80%
3	UNIVERSIDAD DE CORDOBA	ES	142,500	4.93%	142,500	4.93%
4	FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAO	IT	362,000	12.52%	362,000	12.52%
5	CEDA	MD	99,312.5	3.44%	99,312.5	3.44%
6	Confederação Nacional da Agricultura	PT	165,712.5	5.73%	165,712.5	5.73%
7	The Landworkers' Alliance	UK	149,500	5.17%	149,500	5.17%
8	Asociația Eco Ruralis - in sprijinul fermierilor ecologici si traditionali	RO	128,875	4.46%	128,875	4.46%
9	Norsk Landbrukssamvirke Servicekontor	NO	181,500	6.28%	181,500	6.28%
10	Coordinadora de Agricultores y Ganaderos de la Comunidad Valenciana	ES	105,726.25	3.66%	105,726.25	3.66%
11	SINDICATO LABREGO GALEGO - COMISIONS LABREGAS	ES	66,500	2.30%	66,500	2.30%
12	VÉDEGYLET EGYESULET	HU	125,937.5	4.36%	125,937.5	4.36%
13	Kisléptéku Termékeloallítók és Szolgáltatók Országos Erdekvédelmi Egyesülete	HU	129,062.5	4.46%	129,062.5	4.46%
14	Spoleczny Instytut Ekologiczny	PL	137,625	4.76%	137,625	4.76%
15	Asociace místních potravinových iniciativ, o.p.s.	CZ	165,562.5	5.73%	165,562.5	5.73%
16	Fédération Nationale des Coopératives d'Utilisation du Matériel Agricole	FR	164,931.25	5.71%	164,931.25	5.71%
17	Legacoop Agroalimentare	IT	166,703.75	5.77%	166,703.75	5.77%
Total:			2,890,691.25		2,890,691.25	

Abstract:

BOND acknowledges the fundamental role farmers and land managers play in the environmental and economic sustainability of the farming sector in Europe, as well as the importance of the way they organise, on Europe's foods and landscapes. BOND contributes to unleash, strengthen, and organise, the great potential for collective action and networking of individuals, groups and entities of farmers and land managers, focusing on countries with lower organisation levels, with a view to creating strong, dynamic and effective organizations that have a voice and a place in policy design. More specifically, BOND investigates and addresses the constraints and disincentives, and reaches a higher level of participation of farmers as follows: (i) Draw up solutions and build bonding capital within groups, ensuring cohesiveness and trust among people; (ii) Enable organizations to come closer, building bridging capital to form larger networks, help overcome attitudes and constraints that impede collective action; (iii) Build linking capital, developing ties with entities with different interests and powers, including government, donors, academia, private sector, to reach a stronger position in decision-making, and (iv) Engage multi actors and policy makers throughout these processes. BOND's approach relies on 3 pillars: SEE-learning from success (mobilisation, study tours), LEARN-overcoming constraints (self-analysis, capacity building), TELL-affirming a position in the policy landscape (gaming interface, best practice in regulation, lab experiment), and on involving the youth, women and men (designing a road map for the future), with training sessions and meeting events at every step of the project (interregional forum, national workshops, regional policy roundtables, youth forum). BOND's legacy will be a menu a la carte of practical processes, user-friendly, with methods and tools to guide end-users when they decide to engage and benefit from the synergies of working with others.

Evaluation Summary Report

Evaluation Result

Total score: 15.00 (Threshold: 10)

Form information

SCORING

Scores must be in the range 0-5.

Interpretation of the score:

0– The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

1– Poor. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

2– Fair. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

3– Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.

4– Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.

5– Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Criterion 1 - Excellence

Score: **5.00** (Threshold: 3/5.00 , Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent that the proposed work corresponds to the topic description in the work programme:

Clarity and pertinence of the objectives.

Soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology.

Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures.

The highly relevant objectives of the proposed project are fully in line with the call topic and its specific objectives. They clearly follow the challenges set up in the call and consider the multi-actor approach through anticipated activities that link farmers with policy makers. The engagement of a broad array of actors from academia and non-academia in research design and its execution is very innovative and extremely well planned.

All of the aspects presented in the topic description of the call are very well addressed by the concept, which is well focused on farmers, land managers, and policy makers.

The approach and methods are sound and demonstrate excellent features. The demand-driven and participatory methodology includes social science and social innovation. The co-produced methodology for case studies (farmers and academia) can credibly deliver different views, sizeable real data, and practical inputs regarding best practices and solutions to overcoming constraints to collective actions. In addition, the implementation strategy is grounded in the interactive innovation approach developed under EIP-AGRI.

Effective practical knowledge exchange is assured, and collective action will focus on three different relevant levels (Bonding , Bridging, Linking), to be assessed in key performance areas: sustainable farming, market access, environmental sustainability. This approach is very good, although supported by limited references to literature, in particular in relation to the measurement of farmers' attitudes, which is a minor shortcoming.

Key performance indicators are precisely defined and well quantified.

The very ambitious and appropriate wide geographical coverage of 34 countries credibly includes 12 EU Member States represented in the Consortium, plus other selected countries where project partners have extended networks.

Furthermore, networks from countries with low organisation and networks will be identified and trained, encouraging bridging between different groups

The well presented proposal shows very good and credible coordination and support measures.

The methodology and coordination of activities are described in detail and are innovative and comprehensive.

Proposed linkages with several on-going projects (FP7 and H2020) demonstrates added value.

The gender dimension is well analysed and integrated into the approach at four different levels, with practical measures proposed for each level.

The support measures demonstrate valuable coordinated actions, including capacity building and training via national multi-actor workshops, helping to connect end-users with other stakeholders. This would result in a series of concrete proposals and recommendations for integration and collective actions in each country.

Criterion 2 - Impact

Score: **5.00** (Threshold: 3/5.00 , Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account, to the extent to which the outputs of the project should contribute at the European and/or International level:

The extent to which the outputs of the project would contribute to each of the expected impacts mentioned in the work programme under the relevant topic

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 clearly and very credibly explains how the expected impacts identified in the Work Programme will be supported through project specific actions. Additional and credible impacts are assured by numerous and appropriate actions leading to higher levels of organisation.

For example, the provision of recommendations for policy-makers to foster social capital in the farming sector is well addressed by concrete solutions, and an effective strategy for development of recommendations for those policy makers.

The planned lab experiment in Moldova will also allow sharing of an innovative channel to policy - testing research results in a real-life environment with the main national policy-making agency in the farming sector.

Barriers and obstacles are well identified and realistic solutions are proposed.

A credible multiplier effect is planned whereby trained farmer and land manager leaders will be able to train other groups of farmers - supporting higher levels of farmer organisations in the long term.

The proposal provides an excellent dissemination plan both in content and in the sharing of responsibilities/activities between partners and associated partners. These associated partners have all sent letters of support and commitment, and will exploit their extensive networks.

The communication plan is of high quality, with communication support extending to promotional videos and "gamification".

The target audiences are identified, with adapted communication supports for each audience, consistent with the multi-actor approach of the call. In addition, specific communication actions are described for each work package, and are credible.

Exploitation and data management are properly addressed.

Criterion 3 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Score: **5.00** (Threshold: 3/5.00 , Weight: -)

The following aspects will be taken into account:

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 a 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 excellent work plan, divided in clear work packages, is very well described and organised.

The work plan demonstrates clear linkages between work packages, and has ambitious deliverables, supporting the implementation of all essential project activities by using the experience and resources of the partners.

The distribution of resources assigned to work packages in terms of sequences and coherence of individual project tasks are carefully considered and in line with their objectives and deliverables.

The cost justification is very clear and well detailed.

The very good management structure and procedures are clearly described and well suited for the consortium and the project activities. Relevant attention is given to quality management and to conflict resolution.

Risks are identified, along with control measures and fall-back strategies, benefiting from a risk register for continuous risk management.

The overall project management benefits from clearly allocated tasks among managing bodies, which themselves are appropriate and well defined.

The highly appropriate competences and skills of project team members are presented in detail and are fully justified. Furthermore, the multi-actor approach of the proposed project is very well demonstrated by the composition of the project team, whose members have clear and appropriate roles and tasks.

Many partners have a significant experience of FP7 or H2020 projects which adds confidence.

The expertise and knowledge of the end users actors (farmers groups and networks) is assured by provided evidence of commitment, and represents a relevant component of the consortium, also in terms of numbers and geographical representativeness.

Associated partners bring additional "grass root" connections and expertise in specific areas.

Collectively, the partners and associates bring a wealth of experience, valuable networks, and affiliated projects, brought together in a well organised way to ensure project success.

The very well planned and appropriate allocations of tasks and financial resources show each consortium member has a clearly defined role for delivery of added value based on specific expertise.

The overall budget shows a very good balance. The budget distribution has been adequately arranged and demonstrates that each consortium member has enough resources to carry out the expected workload and the assigned activities.

Scope of the proposal

Status: **Yes**

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided

Operational Capacity

Status: **Operational Capacity: Yes**

If No, please list the concerned partner(s), the reasons for the rejection, and the requested amount.

Not provided

Exceptional funding of third country participants/international organisations

A third country participant/international organisation not listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) may exceptionally receive funding if their participation is essential for carrying out the project (for instance due to outstanding expertise, access to unique know-how, access to research infrastructure, access to particular geographical environments, possibility to involve key partners in emerging markets, access to data, etc.). (For more information, see the [Online Manual](#))

Based on the information provided in the proposal, we consider that the following participant(s)/international organisation(s) that requested funding should exceptionally be funded:

(Please list the Name and acronym of the applicant, Reasons for exceptional funding and the Requested grant amount.)

The partner No. 4, FAO, is essential for carrying out the project due to its outstanding expertise and provision of access to unique knowledge, research infrastructure, and highly qualified staff. Its involvement in key project activities is crucial to the success of the project.

The requested budget of 362 000 Euro is well justified.

Based on the information provided in the proposal, we consider that the following participant(s)/international organisation(s) that requested funding should NOT be funded:

(Please list the Name and acronym of the applicant, Reasons for exceptional funding and the Requested grant amount.)

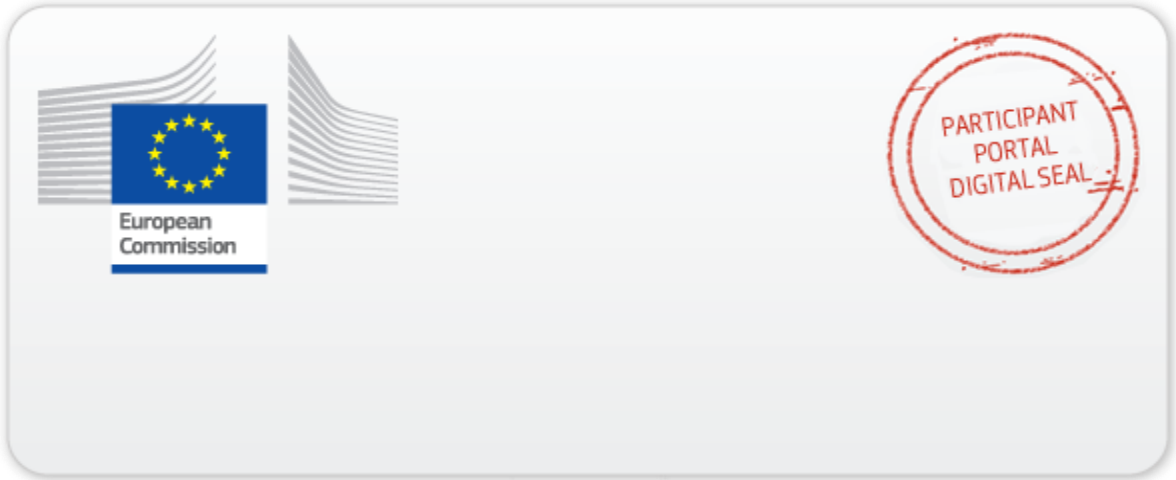
Not provided

Use of human embryonic stem cells (hESC)

Status: **No**

If yes, please state whether the use of hESC is, or is not, in your opinion, necessary to achieve the scientific objectives of the proposal and the reasons why. Alternatively, please also state if it cannot be assessed whether the use of hESC is necessary or not because of a lack of information.

Not provided



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