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Stable food Access and Prices and Lower Exposure to Shocks

01. Context

The STAPLES project addresses critical issues of food security in the MENA region, where countries heavily rely on cereal imports for their population's dietary needs. Egypt and Morocco, among others, stand out as significant importers, highlighting the vulnerability of their food systems.

The project aims to enhance the resilience of the MENA region's food systems in the face of the economic instability from global food markets.

02. Mission

The STAPLES project focuses on practical actions to strengthen food system resilience in the MENA region:

- Stabilize access to staple foods
- Reduce exposure to global price shocks
- Strengthen supply chain resilience
- Support effective food security policies
- Improve preparedness for future disruptions

03. Consortium

Coordinator:

- Politecnico di Milano, POLIMI (Italy)

ASCAME's members supporting field operations:

- CCIS Alexandria
- CCIS Fès-Meknès
- CCIS Rabat-Salé-Kenitra
- CCIS Sevilla
- FEDCOC

Partners:

- Università di Scienze Gastronomiche, UNISG (Italy)
- Collegio Carlo Alberto, CCA (Italy)
- Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, EMEA (Spain)
- Economic Research Forum, ERF (Egypt)
- Ibnou Zohr University of Agadir, UIZ (Morocco)
- Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry, ASCAME (Spain)
- Soc. Cop. Agroalimentare e Agroindustriale del BRADANO SPA, BRADANO (Italy)
- Confederation of Egyptian European Business Associations, CEEBA (Egypt)

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Association des Chambres de Commerce et d'Industrie de la Méditerranée
Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry

04. ASCAME's role

ASCAME contributes to:

- Cross-cutting support to research and implementation through ASCAME's network of Chambers of Commerce
- Engagement of SMEs and stakeholders (e.g. farmers, cooperatives, institutions) across chambers
- Contribution to advocacy efforts and development of project recommendations
- Communication and dissemination of project activities and results

05. Budget

TOTAL amount of the project: **2.692.925€**

ASCAME budget: **250.000€**

06. Timeline

START DATE:
MAY 2024

END DATE:
MAY 2027
(36 months)

07. Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- Strong vulnerability to international shocks in the grain markets (heavy reliance on imports to feed the population)
- A better understanding of external shocks and stressors to be able to respond quickly in face of future crisis

Opportunities

- Innovative strategies to strengthen cereal production and supply chains
- Increased awareness and uptake of sustainable solutions (e.g. rainfed cereals, less water-intensive practices)
- Enhanced food security and supply stability
- Stronger resilience to local and regional pressures
- Greater stability in the face of global uncertainties