



## **INNOECOFOOD - Eco-innovative technologies for improved nutrition, sustainable production and marketing of agroecological food products in Africa**

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### 1. Summary

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Liaison activities with other national bodies and certification actors are wide-ranging. All INNOECOFOOD partners have been involved with national Government bodies, Ministries and border management, and regulatory bodies for certification of buildings, products, and processes. In addition, most countries collaborate with NGOs and many promote AU-EU collaboration and trade.

### 2. Objectives

The aim of the liaison activities with the JRC is to engage with the EU activities, especially in Africa, and to develop joint policy in agro-ecology as part of the Green Deal and Green Transition.

The second objective is to liaise with the wider certification actors including national and international Governments organisations, and regulatory bodies for certification of buildings, processes and products in order to produce safe, nutritious foods to promote trade nationally, regionally and internationally, particularly AU-EU trade.

The third objective is to create awareness, disseminate project results and encourage the use of certified safe and high protein products to reduce malnutrition, by liaising with NGOs, UN and other Funding Agencies.

### 3. Report

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) Unit JRC D4 involved with the Economics of Agriculture joined the INNOECOFOOD project as an associate partner. Dr Pascal Tillie, JRC - European Commission, Seville, Spain plays an active role in the Project General Assembly (WP1) and Steering Committee and is involved with the dissemination of the INNOECOFOOD results through the Pan-African Network for Economic Analysis of Policies



(PANAP), a Horizon CEC project (WP8). PANAP brings together academic research and partners that develop research and innovation on agro-economics and policy issues, as well as DG INPA, Brussels.

In a recent INNOECOFOOD Joint Cluster Projects Conference in 27 May 2025 (Deliverable 8.10, NKS), the JRC partner Pascal Tillie gave a very interesting talk: *"JRC support to sustainable transition of food systems in Africa"* and discussed the role of PANAP and other projects in Africa. Liaison with the other EU projects in Africa through the JRC are very important for future collaboration, dissemination of INNOECOFOOD findings, and joint workshops to promote AU-EU trade and contribute to the Green Deal and Green transition.

Liaison with certification actors including national and international Government organisations, and regulatory bodies for certification of buildings, processes and products is being undertaken. The production of safe and nutritious foods will help to promote trade nationally, regionally and internationally, particularly AU-EU trade.

To date, INNOECOFOOD has links with the following certification actors:

Kenya Bureau of Standards; Uganda Bureau of Standards; Namibia Bureau of Standards; Tanzania Bureau of Standards; Egyptian Bureau of Standards; Ghana Bureau of Standards; Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, AOAC, Turkey; DEFRA, UK; EFSA; DGAV; APCER, Portuguese Association for Certification; Bureau Vertas, International Bureau; IPAC Portuguese Institution of Accreditation Body; IPQ Portuguese Institute of Quality which is a representative of ISO International Standards Organisation; and Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC).

Awareness creation and dissemination of project results — aimed at encouraging the use of certified, safe, and nutritious high-protein products to reduce malnutrition — is being carried out through collaboration with NGOs and other funding agencies.

Several INNOECOFOOD partners have links with: UN FAO, UNICEF and World Food Programme and AU-EU collaboration (Turkey, Uganda, Kenya, Namibia, Ghana, Egypt, Tanzania); Bill Gates Foundation; Rockefeller Foundation, (ICIPE, Kenya); Namibia Ocean Cluster; Nutrifish (Makerere, Uganda) Aquaculture Research and Development Centre, Kajjansi, Uganda; ECOSOC UN Agency (Turkey); Pan-African Network for Economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP); and Fair Trade.