Participation of Agrinatura in projects  
with associated external funding

Criteria and process for selection

# Rationale

Agrinatura is more and more required by members to be associated to projects that they submit. The function that is foreseen may be very different from one project to the other. It can be

* Just to have a letter of support (“be on the picture”) from Agrinatura
* Play a communication role for the visibility of the project (be mentioned or have a page on the Agrinatura website) and for the extension of the results of the project
* Have an active role in the activities of the project: lead capitalisation, produce training tools, organise the mobility of students between Agrinatura members…
* Take management responsibilities (workpackage leadership, distribution of grants or scholarships).

While each suggestion has to be studied on with an ad hoc process, Agrinatura defines a number of criteria that may be considered before taking a decision of approval.

Also the decision process has to be defined, since a quick decision is often required when such opportunities arise.

# Criteria for Agrinatura’s involvement

* Impact of the project in terms of visibility/ PR/ communication
* Impact of the project in terms of attraction capacity of new members (or keep small members within the Association)
* *Specific added value* from the Association (results and outcomes that would not be possible without the participation of AN in the project)
* Costs in time for the Agrinatura secretariat
* Costs in time for members (Board and beyond)
* Potential Risks
* Financial costs linked with the participation of Agrinatura and supported by Agrinatura
* Net income for Agrinatura (after direct costs are covered)

# Process of decision

* The GS or any Board member introduces the request to the Board members when needed (together with a personal comment of the motivation)
* Board members are supposed to respond within 4 days. Absence of reply is considered as an approval of the request submitted.
* In case of zero response at all, the decision can be taken at the level of the committee for projects (currently Petra, Didier, Anna)
* When there is a letter of support to be provided by Agrinatura, the GS or the Board member who has supported the request drafts a letter for the President’s signature.