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PAEPARD : Opportunities for funding research projects

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Main evolution from 2014

- Among the European partners
 - Agrinatura (CIRAD and NRI only)
 - KM&Com officer
 - Deputy manager (Agrinatura)
- In the brokerage mechanism
 - Communication and advocacy strategy
 - Management of partnerships (consortia and **ULPs**)
 - Selected projects through **CRF**
 - Need analysis in capacity for generating ARD funds



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Main bottlenecks identified so far

- Lack of ownership by the partners
 - African partners (francophone in particular)
 - European research partners
- Poor consideration of research by FO
 - ULPs have not identified real research topics
 - Not reactive enough to adapt to each call
- Funding opportunities not appealing to European actors



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Achievements and progress so far

- Four running funded projects (CRF)
- Four Regional brokerage workshops
- Four writeshops dedicated to specific calls
- Information sharing to a larger range of funding opportunities
- Monitoring and communication tool in place (intranet and internet sites)

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More and better involvement of Agrinatura members

- ✓ Better information on PAEPARD in Agrinatura internal communication + active links
- ✓ Share each call for proposals and help connect to the right contact person (at consortium/ULP level)
- ✓ Invite competent African partners when relevant for a European call



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Main topics addressed by PAEPARD partners

- Control of aflatoxin (3 consortia)
- Indigenous vegetables (2)
- Processing local soybean (2)
- Better value of livestock
- Recycling wastes in agriculture
- Developing the potential of urban agriculture
- ...



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