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The Secretary-General, Agrinatura

**Subject: Expression of Interest in Joining the Agrinatura Network**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) to express our keen interest in becoming a member of the Agrinatura network.

At ECDPM, we are committed to fostering sustainable development policies and practices, particularly in the field of agriculture and, more broadly, food systems. We firmly believe that collaboration and knowledge-sharing are essential components for achieving meaningful progress in these areas. Therefore, joining a network like Agrinatura aligns perfectly with our organisational goals and values.

We are impressed by Agrinatura's commitment to advancing agricultural research, education, and innovation throughout Europe and beyond. We acknowledge Agrinatura's vital role in promoting relationships between academic institutions, research organisations, and other stakeholders, ultimately contributing to the progress of sustainable agriculture and food security worldwide.

By joining Agrinatura, we intend to actively engage with like-minded organisations, participate in collaborative projects and initiatives, and contribute our expertise to the network's activities. We are particularly interested in opportunities to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and collaborate on solutions to today's complex challenges in agriculture and food systems.

We believe that our membership in Agrinatura would not only benefit ECDPM but also contribute to the network's collective efforts to achieve its objectives. ECDPM's contributions to science-policy work in food systems have been instrumental in supporting evidence-informed decision-making, enabling inclusive policy processes, and advancing sustainable development goals relating to food security, nutrition, and agriculture.

Please accept this letter as a formal expression of our interest in joining the Agrinatura network. We look forward to the possibility of working closely with Agrinatura and its members to create positive impacts in food systems and the field of agricultural development.

Thank you for considering our application. We remain available to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have.

Warm regards,

Carl Michiels  
Director, ECDPM