

Benefits and commitments of MEDAE members

This document is a framework document for the MEDAE network.
It summarizes the benefits and commitments of MEDAE members.
It must be consulted and approved by members wishing to join the network.

MEDAE is a multi-stakeholder network promoting agroecological transition in the Mediterranean. MEDAE members are organizations, represented by focal points.

Benefits of MEDAE members

By becoming a MEDAE member, you can:

1. Join a sharing community on Mediterranean agroecology

- You'll be able to work with multi-disciplinary, multi-horizon organizations and collaborate more synergistically to promote agroecology in the Mediterranean. The network offers the opportunity to collaborate with members with similar interests, as well as with members with specific expertise that your organization lacks, or whose expertise are complementary.
- You can exchange information, practices, experiences and know-how, and co-construct knowledge with various stakeholders in Mediterranean agroecology: research institutes, technical institutes, universities, development organizations, farmers, value chain stakeholders, local authorities, governmental organizations, individual experts...
- You can access capacity-building opportunities (exchanges between members, training by experts, study trips, etc.).

2. Increase your representation and political influence

- The MEDAE network will enable you to gain visibility and increase your organization's influence in national and international policy dialogues through coordination and partnership, creating a stronger, unified and recognized voice for agroecology.
- You'll be able to participate in joint actions to identify priorities and develop political-scientific recommendations in favor of agroecology.

3. Increase your visibility

- You can strengthen your online presence and promote your work on MEDAE's digital communication media (website and social media). You can share your organization's events (seminars, workshops, etc.), publications (scientific publications, other resources) and offers (internships, jobs, etc.).
- You may also be asked to share your experience at webinars or events organized by the network.

4. Access to financing and projects

- You can take part in projects developed by the MEDAE network or by network member organizations. Project proposals associated with this type of network are more likely to secure funding.

5. Access information

- Your organization will receive MEDAE communications about important events, webinars, exchange times, publications and funding opportunities.

6. Contribute to network activities and decisions

- You can take part in working groups and actively participate in network activities.
- You can (only for boards A, B and C focal points) be elected to the network steering committee and play an active role in network decisions and strategy.
- You can take part in the network's annual meeting.

Commitments of MEDAE members

By becoming a MEDAE member, you commit to:

1. Respect network operating principles

- Each member undertakes to respect the operating rules of the network as described in the framework document "MEDAE network operating principles". In particular, you acknowledge that the network's strategic decisions are taken by the steering committee elected from boards A, B and C.

2. Acknowledge the focal point's responsibility

- Member organizations are represented by a focal point, who is the network's main contact. Member organizations recognize the focal point's responsibility to act and take decisions on behalf of his or her organization.

3. Respect network values

- The network promotes universal human values such as respect, openness, empathy, solidarity and benevolence. The network has no political or religious affiliations. Each member must respect these values and principles, and act in a spirit of sharing and respectful collaboration with all network members.

4. Contribute to network activities

- The MEDAE network is governed and animated by its members. By becoming a member, you undertake to contribute actively to the activities and dynamism of the network, and in particular to

the sharing of information at all levels (sharing of news, publications, calls for projects, experience and skills, etc.).

- You are invited to take part in the network's working groups. These workgroups are periodic and evolving, and are organized around a specific theme or project (communication, advocacy, etc.).

5. Contribute to network governance

- You agree to participate as far as possible in the network's annual meetings (virtual or face-to-face). For face-to-face participation, the terms and conditions are under discussion.
- For member organizations of boards A, B and C, you agree to take part in the election of the steering committee.