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AFEPA CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT 2018-2024 and FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

Master's Programme in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis

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recognized as main partner institutions of the Consortium (the "**Main Partners**") of the **other part**

HAVE AGREED to the following terms and conditions.

Article 1 - Objective of the Present Consortium Agreement

On the basis of the present Consortium Agreement the Main Partners shall together contribute to develop and implement jointly a Master's programme in agricultural, food and environmental policy analysis (AFEPA) aiming at providing a high-quality education in designing and assessing public policies targeted to the agricultural and food sector as well as the rural environment.

On the basis of the present Consortium Agreement the Main Partners shall together contribute to the achievement of the requirements of the Grant Agreement for an Action with Multiple Beneficiaries - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD), hereinafter referred to as "the grant agreement" between the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (**EACEA**)

and the Coordinating Institution (Agreement Number 20181481 and Project Number 599274-EPP-1-2018-1-DE-EPPKA1-JMD-MOB, see Annex 1).

Article 2 - Entry into Force and Duration

§1. The **European Master's Programme in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis (AFEPA)** came into force under the Erasmus Mundus programme of the **EACEA** on November 1, 2009, and was implemented for its five-year duration or the following programme editions: 2010-2011 – 2011-2012 – 2012-2013 – 2013-2014 – 2014-2015 courses respectively. The **AFEPA** Master's Programme continued thereafter for the 2015-2016 and the following academic years.

§2. The present Consortium Agreement shall enter into force after its signature by all parts but shall have a retroactive effect from the date of decision of acceptance from the **EACEA** [June 28, 2018]. As a result, the agreement concerning the organization of the double or joint master's programme signed in 2018 to be valid for the academic years 2016-2017 to 2021-2022 is valid for the last time for the intake of 2018-2019. The present Consortium Agreement shall be valid for four intakes of two years each (2019-2020 until 2023-2024) and as long as the Grant Agreement (Annex 1) is active. It shall be renewable and modifiable by mutual agreement of the Main Partner universities, and following any new proposal selected by the **EACEA**. All changes and modifications shall be done in writing and shall be signed by the authorised representatives of each Main Partner.

§3. Should a Main Partner want to leave the Agreement before the end of its duration, this Main Partner shall discuss this with the Consortium and shall follow the rules stipulated in the Grant Agreement (Annex 1). The Main Partner is obliged to continue and finalise the activities of the on-going edition until their completion. This is not the case if the Main Partner should leave by force majeure.

§4. Should the Coordinating Institution want to cede its coordinating function to another Main Partner before the end of the duration of this Agreement, this Main Partner shall discuss this with the Consortium. The Coordinating Institution is obliged to continue and finalise the activities of the on-going edition until their completion. This is not the case if the Coordinating Institution should leave by force majeure.

Article 3 - Scope and Definitions

§1. The *Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn* (UBonn) is the Coordinating Institution of a Consortium of the four Main Partners that agreed to organize a Master's programme in the field of agricultural, food and environmental policy analysis (**AFEPA**), hereinafter the **AFEPA** Master's programme, approved and funded by the **EACEA** of the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme. The Universities cooperate with organisations and companies on a basis of individual agreements and contracts.

§2. The **AFEPA** Consortium can also associate additional Academic and non-Academic Associated Partners (see Annex 4) and Main Partners by mutual agreement of the Partner institutions.

§3. The activities to be developed by the Consortium, and approved by the **EACEA**, are fully described in the proposal for the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) project entitled Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis – AFEPA, hereinafter referred to as “the proposal” (see Annex 2). Each Main Partner has approved its relative contribution to the realisation of the described activities in compliance with the EMJMD programme rules and policies. Any divergence from this proposal must be approved by every Main Partner and, if necessary, must be validated by the **EACEA**. Each Main Partner provides mandate to the Coordinating Institution to act on its behalf in compliance with the grant agreement.

§4. The present Consortium Agreement describes the general objectives and features of the **AFEPA** Master’s programme as well as the expected contribution of each Main Partner to the implementation and development of the programme.

§5. The present Consortium Agreement describes the financial rules, approved by the Coordinating Institution and the Main Partners, summarizes the responsibilities of each Main Partner within the Master’s programme, and outlines the decision making.

§6. The **AFEPA** Master’s Programme welcomes graduate students from programme and partner countries, following the proposal and the EMJMD programme. Subject to other specific criteria, these two categories are broadly defined as follows:

Graduate student from a programme country means a national or a long-term resident of a country from a Member State of the European Union (EU) as well as from the Republic of North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey identified as a programme country in the 2019 Erasmus+ Programme Guide, and who has already obtained a first higher education degree of a corresponding number of 180 ECTS credits.

Graduate student from a partner country means a national of a third country identified as a partner country in the 2019 Erasmus+ Programme Guide, or who is not a long-term resident of any of the EU Member States as well as from the Republic of North Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey, and who has already obtained a first higher education degree of a corresponding number of 180 ECTS credits.

Article 4 – General Objectives and Academic Features of the AFEPA Master’s Programme

Article 4a) General objectives of the AFEPA Master’s programme

The general objectives of the **AFEPA** Master’s programme, which justify the establishment of a partnership are the following:

- to promote a quality offer in higher education with a distinct international added value, attractive both within the European Union (EU) and beyond its borders;
- to encourage and enable highly qualified graduates and scholars from all over the world to obtain qualifications and/or experience in the European Union and, possibly, third countries;
- to develop more structured co-operation between the European Union and third-country institutions and to enhance the European Union outgoing mobility as part of European study programmes;
- to improve accessibility and enhance the profile and visibility of higher education in the European Union and third countries.

Article 4b) Summarized Academic Features of the AFEPA Master's Programme

§1. Objectives: Forming specialists able to understand the fundamentals of public policies oriented to the agricultural and food sector, rural areas and natural resources, able to develop and apply quantitative methods to perform rigorous socio-economic and environmental assessment of these public policies, and able to provide sound and relevant policy recommendations for a more sustainable development of this sector and rural areas.

§2. Content: The **AFEPA** Master's programme offers a two-year academic curriculum with integrated and advanced theoretical, methodological and empirical courses in economics and quantitative methods as well as in agricultural, food and environmental sciences, agricultural and trade policy, environmental and natural resource policy, rural development policy and agribusiness management and market analysis. To connect theory and methodology to practice, field work and internship are encouraged and a problem-solving project is developed and presented as a master's thesis at the end of the two-year curriculum.

§3. Structure: The **AFEPA** Master's programme is a two-year programme of 120 ECTS credits. The academic programme consists of a number of compulsory courses for a minimum of 30 ECTS credits, a number of optional and supplementary courses for 54 ECTS credits, two short summer schools for 6 ECTS credits in total, and a thesis for 30 ECTS credits. The optional courses can form a major subject area for a minimum of 30 ECTS or a minor subject area for a minimum of 15 ECTS. An optional internship is available for a minimum of 6 ECTS credits and a maximum of 15 ECTS credits. Students are associated with at least two of the four Main Partners participating in the AFEPA Consortium. In general students spend their first academic year in one of the four Main Partner institutions (SLU, UBonn, UCLouvain, or UCSC) which offer the core courses in microeconomics and quantitative methods and some optional courses to obtain 60 ECTS. Students spend their second academic year in one of the three other Main Partner institutions (SLU, UBonn, UCLouvain, or UCSC) to obtain 60 ECTS. The language of instruction and examination is English for all the courses at SLU, UBonn and UCSC, and most of the courses at UCLouvain where few courses can be instructed in French.

§4. Course and final exam equivalence: The four Partner institutions (SLU, UBonn, UCLouvain, and UCSC) agree that the second academic year taught in each of the three other Main Partner institution is equivalent to their second academic year for obtaining their specific Master's degree. Likewise, the four Main Partner institutions (SLU, UBonn, UCLouvain, and UCSC) agree that the first academic year taught in each of the three other Main Partner institutions is equivalent to their first academic year for obtaining their specific Master's degree. The study programmes listing the compulsory, optional and supplementary courses suitable for Degree Awarding, organised by academic year and semesters, are provided in Annex 3 of this Agreement. In case of changes in the academic offer of any Main Partner institution compared with the information set out in Annex 3, the Main Partner institution involved informs the other Main Partners institutions about those changes.

§5. Optional internship: **AFEPA** Master's students have the possibility to take an internship for a minimum of 6 ECTS credits and a maximum of 15 ECTS credits at one of the non-Academic Associated Partners or other organisations or companies during their second academic year subject to endorsement of the Main Partner institution of their second academic year. This

internship is under the direct supervision of the Main Partner institution of their second academic year. The concerned **AFEPA** Master's students must submit a 20-pages report at the end of their internship and must obtain validation by the representatives of their corresponding Main and non-Academic Associated Partner institutions or organisations or companies where the internship is taken.

§6. Master's thesis preparation and evaluation: **AFEPA** Master's students prepare their Master's thesis under the joint supervision of two faculty members, one from each of the two Main Partner institutions awarding their Master's Degree. The final thesis is preferably publicly defended at the end of the second academic year of the **AFEPA** Master's programme in conjunction with the **AFEPA** summer school. If, for any reason, the student cannot publicly defend the thesis in conjunction with the summer school, the defence takes place at the Main Partner institution where the student attends the second academic year. Soon after the defence, the examiners send an evaluation report to each Main Partner institution awarding their Master's degree. This evaluation is used for calculating the final graduation mark, if any, following the internal rules of the Main Partner institution of the second-year Master's programme.

§7. Exchange programmes with Academic Associated Partners: On a case by case basis, subject to a bilateral exchange agreement, **AFEPA** Master's students also have the possibility to spend a short study or research period at the Academic Associated Partner institutions and may be able to integrate their academic credits earned into their academic curriculum at one of the two Main Partner institutions which hosts the student during the Master's programme.

§8. Degree-Awarding: The completion of the curriculum is rewarded by a double Master's degree. This double Master's degree consists of two independent Master's degrees issued by the two hosting Main Partner institutions. Each Master's Degree has been accredited in the country in which it is issued and recognised by the other Main Partners. The accredited Master's Degrees from the four Main Partner institutions of the Consortium are those indicated in the table below.

Main Partner Institution	Title of Degree Awarded
Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany	Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Agricultural and Food Economics
Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet Sweden	Ekonomie masterexamen med huvudområdet Nationalekonomi Degree of Master of Science in Business and Economics with a major in Economics OR Masterexamen med huvudområdet Nationalekonomi Degree of Master of Science with a major in Economics
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy	Laurea Magistrale in Economia e Gestione del Sistema Agro- alimentare Master of Science in Agricultural and Food Economics
Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium	Master en sciences agronomiques et industries du vivant, à finalité spécialisée : Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis Master in Agriculture and Bio-Industries, professional focus : Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy

SLU and UCLouvain intend to offer a joint Master's degree (instead of a double Master's degree) to students who complete jointly their curriculum at SLU and UCLouvain (regardless of the order) when a formal agreement on this joint Master's degree is finalised in line with the regulations of both universities.

The Master's Degrees are accompanied by a joint Diploma Supplement that lists the compulsory, optional and supplementary courses, the possible internship, and the title of the Master's thesis with their accompanying ECTS credit points and grades, training hours, language of instruction, and the institution delivering the course. The Diploma Supplement includes a description of the **AFEPA** Master's programme according to the official Bologna regulations. It is delivered automatically and free of charge. The students graduating from the **AFEPA** Master's programme also receive a joint certificate entitled *Master's Programme in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis* issued by the **AFEPA** Consortium free of charge.

Article 5 - Admission Requirements and Registration

§1. The **AFEPA** Master's Programme is open to excellent students from programme and partner countries having acquired a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent academic degree of minimum three years of undergraduate study corresponding to 180 ECTS credits. Students in their final year of their Bachelor's degree may be provisionally admitted in the **AFEPA** Master's programme on the condition that their Bachelor's degree is awarded before they enrol the programme. All candidates should have a minimum of 24 ECTS credits in economics and quantitative methods (including mathematics and statistics). All candidates should have followed courses in economics (including microeconomics) and mathematics and/or statistics at an introductory level. An additional introduction to agricultural, environmental or food sciences is recommended. Candidates from English speaking countries or with a degree from an academic programme taught in English must provide an official letter from their university from which they graduated attesting that English is the media of instruction. All other candidates need to provide evidence that they master English at a level corresponding to a minimum TOEFL IBT score of 90 with a minimum of 20 on the written part, a minimum overall band IELTS score of 6.5 with no sectional score below 5.5, or with a signal deemed equivalent by the **AFEPA** Main Partners. Notwithstanding these admission criteria, individual Main Partners reserve their right to determine the final admission eligibility of each candidate in its own institution.

§2. Students may enter the **AFEPA** Master's programme either through the centralised or the decentralised application systems, as described in §3 and §4 of this article, respectively.

§3. Applications for the two-year Master's programme are administered centrally by the Coordinating Institution. Students applying for programme admission and EMJMD Scholarships shall apply centrally, by submitting their application to the Coordinating Institution in the frame of the deadlines announced on the **AFEPA** website (www.afepa.eu). The final admission is approved by the Consortium Management Board. Applicants are informed about their admission status six weeks after the announced deadlines.

§4. Students enrolled in the first year of the regular Master's programme offered by a partner institution and leading to the respective degree of that institution as listed in Article 4 §8 of this Agreement, may submit applications for the **AFEPA** Master's programme to that Main Partner institution. Such applications are administered separately by this Main Partner institution and must be submitted by March 31st of the first academic year of the Master's programme to the Coordinating Institution. Such applications are pre-evaluated by this first-year Main Partner institution. The final admission is approved by the Consortium Management Board and then referred to the Main Partner institutions for admission. Admission at Main Partner institutions is subject to availability of places. Applicants are informed about their admission status by the end

of April and June, respectively for non-European and European students. Students following this procedure for programme admission are not eligible for applying for EMJMD scholarships.

§5. For each academic year, self-funded students admitted in the **AFEPA** Master's programme through the centralised application procedure pay their annual university tuition and administrative fees, if any, directly to each of the two Main Partner institutions where they attend their academic year according to the regulations of the institution. While attending their second year in one of the other Main Partner institutions, the same **AFEPA** Master's students need to remain formally registered as students in the Main Partner institution of their first academic year to obtain their Master's degree from both Main Partner institutions. Hence, they may be asked to pay additional administrative fees at their first-year Main Partner institution, according to the regulations of the institution. This arrangement applies whether these self-funded **AFEPA** students are hosted by the Main Partner institutions under an Erasmus+ Exchange Programme or not.

§6. Self-funded students admitted in the **AFEPA** Master's programme through the decentralised application procedure pay their annual tuition and administrative fees, if any, directly to the Main Partner institution where they attend their first academic year according to the regulations of the institution, for the entire duration of their Master's programme. While attending their second year in one of the other Main Partner institutions, the same **AFEPA** Master's students need to be formally registered as students in the Main Partner institution of their second academic year to obtain their Master's degree from both Main Partner institutions. Hence, they may be asked to pay additional administrative fees at their second-year Main Partner institution, according to the regulations of the institution. This arrangement applies whether these self-funded **AFEPA** students are hosted by the Main Partner institutions under an Erasmus+ Exchange Programme or not.

§7. If not already covered, self-funded **AFEPA** Master's students are expected to purchase health and accident insurance coverage and advised to do so.

§8. Possible credits earned at some of the Academic Associated partners are transferred into the academic curriculum of the Main Partner institution which hosts the student during the Master's programme in the framework of a mobility learning agreement. Possible additional fees and other specific modalities for organising this exchange of **AFEPA** Master's students are specified in separate specific exchange agreements between each of the Academic Associated partners and each of the Main Partner institutions. Possible additional fees are covered by the Consortium for the EMJMD scholarship holders or directly paid by the self-funded students.

Article 6 - Responsibilities

Article 6a) Coordinating Institution

§1. The Coordinating Institution has the financial responsibility of the **AFEPA** Master's programme.

§2. The Coordinating Institution in consultation with the responsible University appoints a Coordinator as its representative in the Consortium. The **AFEPA** Consortium Coordinator shall organize the collaboration between Main, Academic, and non-Academic Associated Partners in compliance with the proposal (see Annex 2). The **AFEPA** Consortium Coordinator is the link

between all Main, Academic, and non-Academic Associated Partners and shall see to the effective application of the proposal.

§3. The Coordinating Institution shall provide the **EACEA** with all the required reports on the project evolution and its financial management, according to the grant agreement (see Annex 1).

§4. The Coordinating Institution shall manage in particular the following activities:

- General coordination and initiation of the **AFEPA** Master's programme activities in collaboration with the Main Partners and the Associated Partners.
- Coordination of the decision-making procedure.
- Creation and maintenance of communication tools shared between the Main Partners and Associated Partners (website, intranet, forms, guidelines, handbook, etc.).
- Worldwide promotion of the **AFEPA** Master's programme to reinforce its attractiveness in collaboration with the Main Partners and Associated Partners.
- Support the application, selection and admission procedures of **AFEPA** students and scholars in collaboration with the Main Partners.
- Transfers of individual student EMJMD scholarships (contributions to travel and installation costs, contribution to subsistence costs) to Main Partners for payment to **AFEPA** EMJMD scholarship holders.
- Transfers of tuition fee, language courses fee and lump-sum payment for **AFEPA** EMJMD scholarship holders to Main Partners.
- Payments of individual health and accident insurances to the **AFEPA** EMJMD scholarship holders.
- Payments of individual scholar EMJMD scholarships to invited **AFEPA** scholars.
- Payments for travel, accommodation, and organisation of academic and social activities for summer schools.
- Payments of invoices resulting from **AFEPA** Master's programme general activities (student welcome and graduation ceremony, local language support, field trips and social events, teaching assistance, field work), even if occurring at a Main or Academic Associated Partner institution, when the Consortium has agreed on the expenses and the costs are eligible under the Coordinating Institution criteria, reasonable, and fitting with the current budget of the Consortium.
- Partners' information regarding the number of students continuing their studies in each Main and Academic Associated Partner institution, and the academic data necessary for their registration at each Main and Academic Associated Partner institution.
- Organisation of Consortium meetings and assistance in organising the annual summer school.
- Elaboration of annual administrative and financial reports to the Consortium for each edition of the **AFEPA** Master's programme.
- Organisation of the internal and external quality assurance (assessment forms, surveys, reports) in concertation with the Main Partners and Associated Partners and any other external services.
- Assistance in the process for accreditation of the joint **AFEPA** Master's degree if needed.
- Complementary proposals and applications within the Erasmus+ programme.

Article 6b) Main Partners and the Coordinating Institution

§1. Each Main Partner shall carry out the work in such a way that no act or omission in relation thereto shall constitute, cause, or contribute to any breach or non-compliance by the Coordinating Institution or by other Main Partner of any of their respective obligations under the grant

agreement. In particular, the Coordinating Institution in association with the Main Partners organises annual summer schools of about two weeks of lectures, workshops, student presentations and field trips. The location where these annual summer schools take place is decided by the Coordinating Institution and the Main Partners the preceding summer.

§2. The Main Partners shall provide in due time the **AFEPA** Coordinating Institution with the information necessary to prepare the reports required by the **EACEA** (see Annex 1). The Main Partners shall be aware that the payment of the scholarships and of the funds allocated to each Main Partner are subjected to the timely submission of the financial reports by the Main Partners to the Coordinating Institution, then by the Coordinating Institution to the **EACEA**. The payments of the **EACEA** are pre-financings: instalments account for 70% of the financing. Further payment is made only when 70% of the pre-financing have been used and a progress report on the implementation of the action has been provided to the **EACEA** (see Annex 1).

§3. When submitting invoices resulting from activities as in Article 6a) §4 to the Coordinating Institution, the Main Partners shall meet the financial and administrative requirements of the latter. In particular, all invoices to the Coordinating Institution must be dated and certified as true and exact by the Main Partners. The Coordinating Institution shall verify the documents related to costs prior to their compensation from the **AFEPA** Master's programme budget. In general, supporting documents providing evidence for expenditures incurred by the Main Partners for the purpose of the **AFEPA** Master's programme activities as in Article 6b) §4 must be kept in original for five years after the end of the present Consortium Agreement. They will be sent to the Coordinating Institution upon request for audits. The Coordinating Institution may reject any item of expenditure which cannot be justified in accordance with the rules set out in the present Article of the present Consortium Agreement.

§4. Each Main Partner shall organize and implement the **AFEPA** Master's programme activities in its own institution, and specifically:

- The promotion and implementation of the **AFEPA** Master's programme.
- The evaluation of the academic **AFEPA** Master's programme as implemented in their own institution and assistance and participation to internal and external evaluations in a view to contribute to the quality assurance of the whole **AFEPA** Master's programme.
- The management of the possible funds distributed by the Coordinating Institution: the financial administration of each Main Partner shall guarantee the correct use of the funding for the correct destination in compliance with Annex 1.
- Regarding the **AFEPA** students and scholars visiting its institution, prior and during their stays:
 - With respect to visa request, each Main Partner shall help obtain the documents required by its national immigration policy, by providing all the explanations and documents helpful for the applicants.
 - Supervision of **AFEPA** students' and scholars' status regarding national immigration policy during their stay.
 - Academic admission and registration.
 - General assistance.
 - Accommodation organisation and reservation.
 - Banking facilities for **AFEPA** enrolled students and invited scholars.
 - Orientation, welcome meetings and events.

- Disbursement of possible individual scholarships (contributions to travel and installation costs, contribution to subsistence costs) to students involved in the **AFEPA** Master's programme.
- Access to national language courses and, possibly, advanced English language courses at UBonn, UCLouvain and UCSC.
- Appointment of an academic advisor to ensure that the approved programme study is adequate for the academic background and interest of the **AFEPA** student and is being followed.
- If needed, **AFEPA** students' and scholars' transportation organisation within the country of the hosting Main Partner (e.g., airport / university) for compulsory mobility.
- If needed, **AFEPA** students' and scholars' transportation organisation from country to country for compulsory mobility.
- Diploma and grade transcripts delivery in due time.

§5. While attending graduated courses at Academic Associated Partners, the **AFEPA** Master's students are formally registered as students in both **AFEPA** Main Partner institutions. Credits earned at Academic Associated Partners are transferred into the academic curriculum of the **AFEPA** Main Partner institution which hosts the student during the Master's programme in the framework of a mobility learning agreement. Possible additional fees and other specific modalities for organising this exchange of **AFEPA** Master's students and scholars are specified in separate specific exchange agreements between each of these Academic Associated Partners and each of the **AFEPA** Main Partner institutions. Scholars of the **AFEPA** Consortium in exchange with Academic Associated Partners subscribe an individual health and accident insurance while visiting the Academic Associated Partners.

§6. While performing field work or internship at non-Academic Associated Partners or other organisations or companies, the **AFEPA** Master's students are formally registered as students in both **AFEPA** Main Partner institutions. The objectives, tasks, responsibilities and organisation of the field work or internship are specified in a traineeship agreement approved and signed between the student and representatives of the Main Partner institution which hosts the student during the Master's programme and non-Academic Associated Partner or another organisation or company. For that purpose, a field work or internship supervisor from the Main Partner institution which hosts the student during the Master's programme and a local guide from the non-Academic Associated Partner or another organisation or company are designated.

§7. For each Main Partner, a Partner Coordinator shall organize and coordinate with his/her collaborator(s) the activities and the organisation of the **AFEPA** Master's programme in the Partner institution. The Partner Coordinator is the link between the Main Partner institution and the **AFEPA** Coordinator. The Partner Coordinator is also the contact person for applicants, students and scholars.

Article 7 - Decision Making

§1. To support the Coordinating Institution in managing the **AFEPA** Master's programme and facilitate the decision making as described in the present Article, a **Consortium Management Board** is established. It consists of two representatives from each of the Main Partners. **AFEPA** student representatives as well as representatives from Associated Partners can be invited to join parts of the Consortium Management Board's meetings. Only the Main Partner representatives

have the mandate to take decisions. The Consortium Management Board is chaired by one representative of the Coordinating Institution who is also responsible for the agenda and the report of the meetings. The meetings of the Consortium Management Board are also attended by one administrator who helps organise and administer the meetings of the Consortium Management Board. The Consortium Management Board shall meet at least once a year, preferably in March when applicants are selected for the **AFEPA** Master's programme and scholarships. For convenience, meetings of the Consortium Management Board can be organised by video-conference.

§2. The Consortium Management Board shall adopt decisions regarding:

- any role and duty described in Article 6,
- any management issue of the whole **AFEPA** Master's programme,
- any promotion activity and tool,
- any communication activity and tool,
- any monitoring and evaluation activity and tool,
- any **AFEPA** student academic study track,
- any modification or addition of new items to the **AFEPA** Master's programme,
- any modification or addition of new criteria for student and scholar application, selection and admission,
- any addition of new partner institutions to the Consortium,
- any modification of membership of the Advisory Board, and
- any change in the Coordinating Institution.

§3. Decisions shall be taken during meetings, video-conferences, or by mean of email, mail, or telefax consultation.

§4. The Main Partners have two voting rights each. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of above 50% of the votes that are expressed. Should the votes be inconclusive, the Main Partner representing the Coordinating Institution shall have an extra voting right to settle the discussion.

§5. A Main Partner may request to delay the vote by fifteen calendar days to consult with its institution, or to produce documents that may be of high importance for it and affect the decision. The resort to this delay shall not apply for issues that have been announced in sufficient advance on the agenda of the planned meetings with the representatives of the Main Partners.

§6. If a decision engages the representative's institution or community, he/she shall take every precaution to ensure that his/her decision is in agreement with his/her collaborators, community, institution practices, and legal obligations.

§7. A Main Partner, which can demonstrate that a decision goes against its administrative procedures or principal interests shall exercise a veto with respect to the corresponding decision or relevant part of the decision. Its demonstration shall be supported by legal documents or convinced expressions of concerns. In case of exercise of veto, the Main Partners shall make every effort to resolve the matter that occasioned the veto to the general satisfaction of all.

§8. On request from a Main Partner, formal notice, consent or approval shall be given to confirm a decision making. Such notices shall be signed and communicated by the representative of the Coordinating Institution.

§9. To support the **AFEPA** Consortium in achieving its academic and professional objectives, an **Advisory Board** is established. It consists of professionals that are familiar with and work on agricultural, food and environmental related issues worldwide, as well as **AFEPA** student and alumni representatives and representatives from Associated Partners.

§10. The Advisory Board has the following tasks:

- advising the **AFEPA** consortium on the structure and content of the academic curriculum, including summer schools,
- suggesting the **AFEPA** consortium in the use of online resources and learning methods,
- assisting the **AFEPA** consortium and Master’s programme in strengthening relations with the professional world,
- contributing to the quality assessment of the **AFEPA** Master’s programme, and
- providing strategic suggestions to make the **AFEPA** Master’s programme even more relevant to the challenges that the agricultural and food sector as well as populations in rural areas are facing now and in the future.

§11. The Advisory Board is chaired by one representative of the Coordinating Institution who is also responsible for the agenda and the report of the meetings. The meetings of the Advisory Board are also attended by one administrator who helps organise and administer the meetings of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall meet at least biennially with the Consortium Management Board. For convenience, meetings of the Advisory Board can be organised by video-conference.

Article 8- Use of the Corporate Image

§1. In all cases in which, as a result of the Agreement established herein and their application, the Coordinating Institution and the Main Partners believe it is necessary to use the Coordinating Institution logo or/and Main, Academic, and non-Academic Associated Partners' logos, they must ask for the prior authorisation of the concerned Coordinating Institution or/and Main, Academic, and non-Academic Associated Partners, through the Communication and Promotion Service or similar, specifying the application in which they wish to use the logo (whether graphic or electronic or any other format) and for what they wish to use it.

§2. The authorisation, which must always be in writing, shall specify the use(s) being authorised, as well as the period during which the authorisation shall remain valid, which must never be later than the period of validity of this Consortium Agreement.

§3. When logos or other identifying marks are to be used by the Coordinating Institution and Main, Academic, and non-Academic Associated Partners for activities that will generate benefits, the corresponding trademark licence contract must be signed.

Article 9 - Funding Distribution and Use

§1. The **EACEA**, acting under powers delegated by the European Commission, is funding the Consortium yearly. The funds, referenced in the grant agreement (see Annex 1), are provided to the Coordinating Institution, and can be summarized as follows:

- **Financial contribution to the internal management costs of the Consortium, including costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers:** Annual flat rate of 20,000 € (twenty thousand Euros) during the preparatory year and 50,000 € (fifty thousand Euros) per year of student

intake during the following five years within the Erasmus Mundus programme, to cover internal expenses of the Consortium.

- **Individual student scholarships:** student participation costs (including the tuition and administration fees, full insurance coverage and any other mandatory costs related to student participation in the EMJMD), contributions to the student travel and installation costs, and a subsistence allowance for the 24-months duration of the EMJMD study programme within the Erasmus Mundus programme.

§2. Contribution to management costs are kept and managed by the Coordinating Institution and used according to this Consortium Agreement to cover:

- the remuneration of an administrator dedicated to the daily management of the **AFEPA** Master's programme,
- the grants for invited scholars and guest lecturers for a minimum of four invited scholars and guest lecturers per year of student intake, engaged in the **AFEPA** Master's programme activities for at least eight weeks in total,
- the travel and accommodation for Advisory Board members,
- offices supplies, electronic development, promotion and communication, and
- other operational expenses related to coordination activities specified in Article 6a), if not, approved by the Consortium Management Board.

§3. The enrolled **AFEPA** Master's programme students who are recipients of the EMJMD scholarship sign a Student Agreement together with the Coordinating Institution, according to which the participation costs are kept and managed by the Coordinating Institution. The annual rate of the latter is determined for the duration of the Consortium Agreement according to the following rules:

- 4,500 € (four thousand and five hundred Euros) per scholarship holder from a programme country, and
- 9,000 € (nine thousand Euros) per scholarship holder from a partner country.

§4. A first part of these participation costs shall be distributed between the Main Partners and enter into force of the **AFEPA** Master' programme to cover:

- university registration and administration fees for EMJMD scholarship holders in accordance with their national legislation, student welcome and graduation ceremony, local language support, field trips and social events, teaching assistance, field work, and any other operational expenses for activities specified in Article 6b), if not, approved by the Consortium Management Board, and
- lump sum for all partners to attend consortium meetings and summer schools.

§5. The second part of these participation costs that are not distributed between the Main Partners shall be kept by the Coordinating Institution of the **AFEPA** Master' programme to cover:

- individual health and accident insurances to cover the EMJMD scholarship holders,
- travel, accommodation, and organisation of academic and social activities for summer schools,
- any other operational expenses related to coordination activities specified in Article 6a), if not, approved by the Consortium Management Board, and
- any other use of possible positive balances, e.g., for saving to smooth out annual negative and positive budget balances, shall be approved by the Consortium Management Board.

§6. Contributions to the student travel and installation costs and contribution to student subsistence costs are transferred to the Main Partners for direct payment to EMJMD scholarship

holders. The contribution to the student's travel costs and any other type of personal costs of the scholarship is paid to the student in two annual instalments of:

- 1,000 € (one thousand Euros) per scholarship holder from a programme country, and
- 2,000 or 3,000 € (two thousand or three thousand Euros) per scholarship holder from a partner country depending on the distance of the partner country from the coordinating institution.

The contribution to the student's installation costs of the scholarship is paid to the student in one single instalment of 1,000 Euros in the case of an EMJMD scholarship holder from a partner country. The contribution to the student's subsistence costs is paid to the EMJMD scholarship holder in twenty-four monthly instalments of 1,000 Euros each. The exact date of these annual and monthly payments shall be made according to the regulations of the Student Agreement signed between the Coordinating Institution and the EMJMD scholarship holder.

§7. Students and scholars involved in the **AFEPA** Master's programme cover their transportation and installation costs from home to the first hosting Main, Academic, or non-Academic Associated Partner, from the last hosting Main, Academic, or non-Academic Associated Partner to home, from hosting Main, Academic, or non-Academic Associated Partner to the next hosting Main, Academic, or non-Academic Associated Partner for compulsory mobility, from their first or second hosting Main, Academic, or non-Academic Associated Partner to and from the summer school, as well as their transportation costs within the country of the hosting Main, Academic, or non-Academic Associated Partner for compulsory mobility and their transportation and lodging costs at the place where the summer schools are organized.

§8. If not already covered, invited scholars involved in the **AFEPA** Master's programme are expected to purchase an individual health and accident insurance coverage and advised to do so. Each hosting Main Partner supplies a list of options in this regard to invited scholars.

§9. Should an enrolled EMJMD scholarship holder fail to participate to part or the totality the **AFEPA** Master's programme and is not replaced by another eligible student, the Coordinating Institution shall have to return the remainder of the scholarship allocated to that scholarship holder to the **EACEA**. If clearly required by **EACEA**, the Main Partners shall renounce to the funds due, and/or shall return the corresponding funds to the Coordinating Institution, including those corresponding to registration if the enrolled EMJMD scholarship holder never came to the Main Partner institutions (see Annex 1).

Article 10 - Liability

§1. Each Main Partner shall be solely liable toward the other Main Partners and toward third parties for loss, destruction, damage or injury resulting from its own actions in the execution of this Consortium Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Main Partner's aggregate liability shall be limited to once the Main Partner's share of the total cost of the project, provided such damage was not caused by a wilful act or gross negligence.

§2. Each Main Partner shall be solely liable toward the Coordinating Institution for any breach or non-compliance as described in Article 6b) of the present Consortium Agreement. If the Coordinating Institution has to pay any damages or penalties to a third party for such breach or non-compliance by a Main Partner, the Coordinating Institution shall be entitled to full reimbursement from the said Main Partner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Main Partner's aggregate liability shall be limited to once the Main Partner's share of the total cost of the project, provided such damage was not caused by a wilful act or gross negligence.

§3. Each Main Partner shall be fully responsible for the performance of any part of its share of the Consortium Agreement and for the requirements of Insurance and Social Security for its personnel, involved herein and to fulfil the obligations foreseen by the national regulations on health and safety in the workplace regarding scholars, students and all staff from the other Partners.

Article 11 - Applicable Law and Competent Court

§1. This Consortium Agreement shall not be in conflict with any of the Main Partner's national legislation. In case of a conflict, the national legislation prevails. Actions in accordance with national legislation can never be considered a breach of contracts.

§2. This Consortium Agreement shall in all respect be governed by the national law of the country where the Coordinating Institution is registered. The settlement of any difference or conflict arising from or in connection with this Consortium Agreement shall be attempted by an amicable effort from the Partners. Only the Courts of the city where the Coordinating Institution is registered are competent to decide on the disputes which remain unresolved.

§3. The **AFEPA** student or scholar has to follow the national law of the hosting countries and the internal rules and regulations of the Main Partner institutions at which she/he is enrolled or invited.

Article 12 - Annexes

The following four annexes are part of the present Agreement:

- Annex 1. Grant Agreement for an Action with Multiple Beneficiaries - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) between the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (**EACEA**) and the Coordinating Institution (Agreement Number 2018-1481 and Project Number 599274-EPP-1-2018-1-DE-EPPKA1-JMD-MOB)
- Annex 2. Proposal for the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) project entitled Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy Analysis – **AFEPA**
- Annex 3. **AFEPA** Courses Offered by Main Partners
- Annex 4. List of associated academic and non-academic partners of the AFEPA programme

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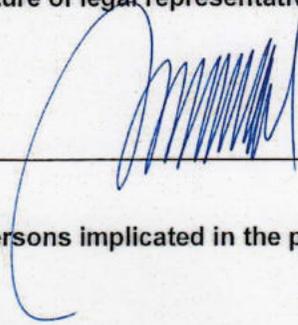
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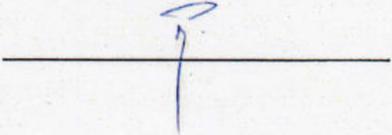
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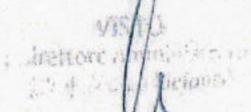
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Annex 3. AFEPA Courses Offered by Main Partners

Table 3.1: AFEPA Courses Offered by SLU

Structure	Course code	Courses	ECTS	Year	Semester
Compulsory courses	FÖ0458 NA0135	Microeconomic Theory:	22.5		
		- Production Economics	15.0	1	1
		- Microeconomic Theory	7.5	1	1
	NA0125 NA0171	Quantitative Methods:	15.0		
		- Analytical Methods	7.5	1	1
		- Econometric Theory	7.5	1	2
Optional courses forming major and minors**	NA0138 LB0091 NA0160 NA0181	Agri-food and Trade Policy:	30		
		- Policy Evaluation	7.5	1	2
		- 20 th Century Agricultural Economics and Politics	7.5	1	2
		- Agricultural Policy and International Trade	7.5	2	1
		- Topics in contemporary applied agricultural economics II	7.5	1	2
	NA0130 NA0153	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy:	30		
		- Environmental Policy	7.5	1	2
		- Cost Benefit Analysis of Agricultural and Environmental Projects	7.5	2	1
	NA0168 NA0167	- Management of Biological Resources	7.5	2	1
		- Economic Growth and Sustainable Development	7.5	2	1
	FÖ0454 FÖ0459	Agribusiness and Market Analysis:	22.5		
- Value Chains and Networks in Bio-economy		15	1	2	
	- Quantitative Finance: Theory and Applications	7.5	2	1	
Supplementary courses	NA0173	- Topics in Econometrics	7.5	1	2
	NA0172	- Applied Econometrics	7.5	1	2
	NA0134	- Macroeconomic Theory	7,5	2	1
	NA0180	- Topics in contemporary applied agricultural economics I	7,5	2	1
	NA0185	- Experimental methods for economic and business studies	7.5	2	1
	ÖT0003	- AFEPA Internship	7.5	1	2
	- Swedish at beginners' level				
	- Swedish at intermediate level				
Other activities	-	- Research seminar (AFEPA Summer Schools)	6	1&2	Summer
		- Master's Thesis	30	2	2

** Students choose the courses in agreement with the study advisor, up to a minimum of 30 ECTS for majors and 15 ECTS for minors

Table 3.2: AFEPA Courses Offered by UBonn

Structure	Courses	ECTS	Year	Semester
Compulsory courses	Microeconomic Theory:	12		
	- Microeconomics	6	1	1
	- Economics on Sustainability	6	1	1
	Quantitative Methods:	6		
	- Methods of Empirical Research	6	1	1
	Global Food Markets and Systems	6	1	1
	European and International Agricultural Policy	6	1 or 2	1
Optional courses forming major and minors**	Agri-food and Trade Policy:	36		
	- Applied Trade Theory and Policy	6	1	2
	- Partial and General Equilibrium Modelling	6	1	2
	- Advanced Applied Econometrics	6	1	2
	- Seminar Policy Analysis	6	2	1
	- Special Project in Agricultural and Development Policy	6	2	1
	- Applied Modelling of Agricultural Systems	6	1	2
	Environmental and Natural Resource Policy:	42		
	- Agricultural and Agri-Environmental Law (<i>in German</i>)	6	2	1
	- Impact Evaluation of Conservation & Development Projects and Environmental Policies	6	1	2
	- Advanced Environmental Economics	6	1	2
	- Applied Modelling of Agricultural Systems	6	2	1
	- Rural Development	6	1	2
	- Bio-economic modelling at farm-scale	6	1	2
	- Environmental Economics and Policies	6	1	2
	Agribusiness and Market Analysis:	66		
	- Process Based Management	6	1	1
	- Applied Planning Methods in Agribusiness	6	2	1
	- Agricultural Production Economics	6	1	1
	- Organizational Management	6	1	1
	- Project Analysis	6	2	1
	- Decision Theory and Risk Management	6	1	2
	- Seminar Quality and Innovation Management in Agribusiness	6	1	2
	- Seminar Marketing and Market Analysis	6	2	1
	- Seminar Production Economics and Farm Management	6	1	2
	- Evidence based agricultural policy impact analysis: causal effects and policy design	6	2	1
	- Strategy and Innovation Management in Agribusiness	6	1	2
	Food Consumption Research:	42		
	- Ethics in Food Consumption and Production	6	1 or 2	1
	- Food Industrial Economics	6	1	2
	- Behavioral Economics	6	1	2
	- Advanced Methods of Market Research	6	1	2
	- Marketing in Theory and Practice	6	1 or 2	1
	- Consumer Oriented Communication in the Food Sector	6	1	2
	- Seminar Marketing and Market Analysis	6	2	1
	Development Policy:	24		
	- Rural Development	6	1	2
	- Development Economics	6	1	2
	- Project Analysis	6	2	1

Structure	Courses	ECTS	Year	Semester
	- Special Project in Agricultural and Development Policy	6	2	1
Supplementary courses	- Excursion in Agricultural and Food Economics	6	1 or 2	1 & 2
	- Language course	6	1	1 or 2
	- Internship in Agricultural and Food Economics	6	1 or 2	1 or 2
Other activities	- Research Seminar (AFEPA Summer Schools)	6	2	1
	- Master's Thesis	30	2	2

** Students choose the courses in agreement with the study advisor, up to a minimum of 30 ECTS for majors and 15 ECTS for minors

Table 3.3: AFEPA Courses Offered by UCLouvain

Structure	Courses	ECTS	Year	Semester
Compulsory courses	Microeconomic Theory:	25		
	- Labour Productivity	5	1	2
	- Norms and Public Intervention	5	1	2
	- Public Economics	5	1	2
	- Firms and Market	5	1	1
	One course among the two:			
	- International Trade	5	1	2
	- Trade Policy & International Cooperation	5	1	2
	Quantitative Methods:	5		
	One course among the three:			
- Econométrie	5	1	1	
- Econométrie	5	1	2	
- Econométrie appliquée: microéconométrie	5	1	1	
Other compulsory courses forming major and minors	- Agricultural and Rural Policies ^a	3	1	1
	- Evaluation of Agricultural Policies ^b	4	1	2
	- Decision Tools ^b	2	1	1 or 2
Optional courses forming major and minors**	Agri-food and Trade Policy:	18		
	- Gestion agricole	3	1 or 2	2
	- Economic Geography	5	1 or 2	2
	- Evaluation des politiques économiques et sociales	5	1 or 2	1
	- Advanced International Trade	5	2	2
	Development Policy:	15		
	- Microeconomics of Development	3	1 or 2	1
	- Economics of Rural Development	3	1 or 2	1
	- Macroéconomie du développement	5	1 or 2	2
	- Géographie rurale et de la santé	4	1 or 2	2
Supplementary courses	- Economie de l'environnement	4	1	2
	- Systèmes agraires	5	1 or 2	1
	- Géomatique appliquée	3	1 or 2	1
	- Applied Econometrics: Time Series	5	1 or 2	1
	- Fundamentals of Geographic and Environmental Modelling	5	1 or 2	2
	- Other Courses not yet taken from the compulsory list or subject to academic approval			
	- Internship	6 to 12	2	1 & 2
Other activities	- Special Topics in Agricultural Economics (AFEPA Summer Schools)	6	2	1 & 2
	- Master's Thesis	27	2	2
	- Master's Thesis Accompanying Seminar	3	2	1 & 2
	- Free choice of courses, including a language course	5	1 or 2	1 or 2

(a): Belongs to the Agri-food and Trade Policy major or minor

(b): Belongs to either the Agri-food and Trade Policy or the Development Policy major or minor

** Students choose the courses in agreement with the study advisor, up to a minimum of 30 ECTS for majors and 15 ECTS for minors

Table 3.4: AFEPA Courses Offered by UCSC

Structure	Courses	ECTS	Year	Semester	
Compulsory courses	Quantitative methods (M.C.):*	12			
	- Applied statistics for the agri-food system	6	1	1	
	- Applied econometrics for the agri-food system	6	1	2	
	Economic fundamentals of the agri-food system (M.C.):*	10			
	- Microeconomics for the agri-food system	5	1	1	
	- Economics of the agri-food system	5	1	1	
	Industrial organization (M.C.):*	10			
	- Strategic decision making	4	1	1	
	- Industrial organisation of the food system	6	1	2	
	Optional courses forming major and minors**	Market and consumer research (major or minor):	44		
		- Technology for food safety (M.C.):*	10		
		- Principles of food protection	5	1	1
- Principles of food hygiene		5	1	2	
- Agricultural and food marketing		7	1	2	
- Economics of agricultural and food markets		6	2	1	
- Agricultural and food market institutions		6	2	1	
- Agricultural and food legislation		5	2	2	
- Multichannel retail marketing		5	2	2	
- Consumer Food Psychology and Marketing Intelligence		5	2	2	
Agribusiness and market analysis (major or minor):		51			
- Business management and finance (M.C.):*		12			
- Management Basics		6	1	1	
- Financial accounting and business evaluation		6	1	2	
- Business planning for start-up		5	2	2	
- Business strategy and leadership		5	2	2	
- Economics of agricultural and food markets		6	2	1	
- Agricultural, food and environmental policies		5	2	2	
- Agricultural and food market institutions		6	2	1	
- Agricultural and food marketing		7	1	2	
- Agricultural and food legislation		5	2	2	
Agri-food and trade policy (minor)		22			
- Economics of agricultural and food markets		6	2	1	
- Agricultural and food market institutions		6	2	1	
- Agricultural, food and environmental policies		5	2	2	
- Agricultural and food legislation		5	2	2	
Supplementary courses		- Language Course	2	1 or 2	1 or 2
		- Internship	6	1 or 2	1 or 2
Other activities		Seminars	1	1	2
		AFEPA Summer Schools	6	2	1 & 2
		Master's Thesis	30	2	2

* M.C. means Modular Course

** Students choose the courses in agreement with the study advisor, up to a minimum of 30 ECTS for majors and 15 ECTS for minors

Annex 4: List of associated academic and non-academic partners of the AFEPa programme

Recognized academic associated partner institutions of the Consortium (the “Academic Associated Partners”):

- the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), established in Jordi Girona 31, Barcelona, Spain,
- the Governors of the University of Alberta (UAlberta), established in Street 8625 112 Campus Tower 222 Research Services Office, T6G 2E1 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- the Pontificia Universidad Católica (PUC) de Chile, established in Avenida Libertador Bernardo O’Higgins 340, 8331150 Santiago, Chile
- the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), established in 3rd Floor, Mebank Towers, Jakaya Kikwete Road, P.O. Box 62882, 00200 Nairobi, Kenya

Recognized non-academic associated partner institutions of the Consortium (the “non-Academic Associated Partners”):

- the Lantmännen Agri-food cooperative, established in S:t Göransgatan 160 A, Box 30192, SE-104 25 Stockholm, Sweden
- the Departament d’Agricultura, Ramaderia, Pesca, Alimentacio I Medi Natural, Generalitat Catalunya (DARP), established in Gran Via, 612-614, 08007 Barcelona, Spain
- the Area Metropolitana de Barcelona (AMB), established in C/62, num. 16-18 Zona Franca, 08040 Barcelona, Spain
- the Consorzio Agrario Terrepadane, Scrl, established in Via Colombo 35, 29122 Piacenza, Italy
- the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), established in Km 17 Recta Cali Palmira C.P. 763537, A.A. 6713 Cali, Colombia
- the Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), established in 01 BP 4029 Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
- the Center for Development Research (ZEF), established in Genscherallee 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany
- the Aide à la Décision Économique (ADE), established in Rue de Clairvaux 40 bte 101, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- the European Centre for Agricultural, Regional and Environmental Policy Research (EuroCARE), established in Buntspechtweg 22, 53123 Bonn, Germany
- the Bayer Crop Science, established in 6100, A1.22 Alfred-Nobel-Str. 50, 40789 Monheim, Germany
- the Steriltom S.r.l., established in Via Pubbico Passeggio 76, Piacenza, Italy
- the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), established in 2, rue André-Pascal, 75775 Paris Cedex 16, France
- the Jordbruks verket (Swedish Board of Agriculture – SBA), established in Vallgatan 8, 551 82 Jönköping, Sweden
- the Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund (Federation of Swedish farmers – LRF), established in Franzégatan 6, 105 33 Stockholm, Sweden