**CONTEXT and CHALLENGES**

Fighting hunger is still a critical challenge at world level, with a growing concern about malnutrition, and is addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Global changes, including demographic dynamics, creates need for both Africa and Europe to develop joint and relevant solutions to address food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (FNSSA).

**THE LEAP-Agrı PROJECT**

LEAP-Agrı is an ERANet Co-fund project supporting the EU-AU partnership on science, technology and innovation on FNSSA with two pillars:

• Funding Joint Europe-Africa R&I collaborative projects dedicated to FNSSA;
• Feeding the Europe-Africa long term partnership in R&I on FNSSA.

Consortium involves 30 partners from 18 countries, including 24 African and European Funding Agencies and Ministries. Total budget is 28 million € including financial support of the EC H2020 Programme.

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

Project started in December 2016 for a 5 years duration. 27 R&I Africa-Europe projects involving 160 research teams were selected for cofounding on topics:

• Sustainable agricultural intensification
• Agriculture and food systems for nutrition
• Improvement of agricultural markets and trade

**PERSPECTIVES and EXPECTATION**

Each 27 R&I projects has developed impact pathway approaches to deliver solution driven results. Projects mid term monitoring confirms dedicated involvement of AU and EU teams and on going implementation, with preliminary interesting outputs, nevertheless the Covid pandemic and funding constraints.

LEAP-Agrı foreshadows future Africa and Europe funding and research Alliance and develops proposals to sustain long term EU-AU R&I partnership for food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture.

Political support and Funders commitment is critical to support these dynamics.