



MED Food TTHubs - Trace & Trust Hubs for MED Food
Grant Agreement No 1931

Memorandum of Understanding

for the establishment of the Greek MED Food TTHub

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The following undersigned:

- **George Banias**, Project Manager of the MED Food TTHubs - Trace & Trust Hubs for MED Food project representing: **Institute for Bio-Economy and Agri-Technology (iBO), Centre for Research and Technology – Hellas (CERTH)**
- **Panagiotis Madesis**, representing: **Institute of Applied Biosciences (INAB), Centre for Research and Technology – Hellas (CERTH)**
- **Nikolaos Tsotsolas**, representing: **Green Projects S.A.**
- **Athanasios Ladavos**, representing: **the Plant Production Laboratory (Plantlab), University of Patras**

collectively referred to as “the **Parties**”, agree to contribute to the establishment of the Greek MED Food TTHub as described in the context of MED Food TTHubs - Trace & Trust Hubs for MED Food project, part of the PRIMA programme supported by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 1931.

1. **Purpose and Scope.** The Parties intend for this MOU to serve as the basis and framework for any and all future legally binding agreements relating to the establishment of the Greek MED Food TTHub.

The objective of the MED FOOD TTHubs project is to promote safer and more sustainable Mediterranean food products for people across the world and to achieve full transparency regarding the traceability and authenticity of these products in order to establish an end-to-end food sector trust chain. The primary purpose of the MED FOOD TTHubs project is the construction and pilot operation of seven Trace & Trust Hubs to form a permanent transnational network serving as a one-stop shop for the traceability and authenticity of "added value" Mediterranean food items.

This memorandum of understanding should not establish or create a formal agreement or obligation. Rather, it is an agreement between the Parties to collaborate in order to foster an environment of collaboration and alliance in support of an effective and efficient partnership to set and maintain goals and commitments pertaining to all areas pertaining to the Greek MED Food TTHub.

2. **Objectives.** The Parties agree as follows:
 - 2.1. The Parties shall work together in a cooperative and coordinated effort so as to bring about the achievement and fulfilment of the purpose of the MOU.

- 2.2. It is not the intent of this MOU to restrict the Parties to this Agreement from their involvement or participation with any other public or private individuals, agencies, or organizations.
- 2.3. The Parties shall mutually contribute and take part in any and all phases of the planning and development of the Greek MED Food TTHub to the fullest extent possible.
- 2.4. This MOU is not intended to create any rights, benefits, and/or trust responsibilities by or between the Parties.
- 2.5. The MOU shall in no way obligate any Party to supply funds to maintain and/or sustain the Greek MED Food TTHub after the completion of the project under Grant Agreement No 1931 of the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme.
- 2.6. The established Greek Trace and Trust Hub shall have as its main objectives to become a:
 - 2.6.1. Facilitator between end users and the MED FOOD TTHubs project.
 - 2.6.2. Promoter of the MED FOOD TTHubs network and e-platform.
 - 2.6.3. Provisioner of information regarding traceability and authenticity in food supply chains.
 - 2.6.4. Promoter of B2B services and collaboration between businesses.
 - 2.6.5. Provider of guidelines and technical assistance to parties interested in using the MED FOOD TTHubs e-platform.
- 2.7. The Greek Trace and Trust Hub shall be able to provide the following functionalities:
 - 2.7.1. Provision of methodologies regarding authenticity and traceability in food supply chains.
 - 2.7.2. Training and support services for the use and implementation of the traceability and authenticity modules of the MED Food TTHubs e-platform.
 - 2.7.3. Liaison services with other Trace and Trust Hubs created by the MED Food TTHubs consortium.
 - 2.7.4. Monitoring of the traceability and authenticity indicators, international trends and relative framework and preparation of relative reports on their evolution and transformation.
 - 2.7.5. Operation as national information system and centre of data analysis on traceability and authenticity in food supply chain.
 - 2.7.6. Organisation of workshops and seminars for promoting good practices on traceability and authenticity in food supply chain.

- 2.7.7. Development of working groups of stakeholders from different sectors to evaluate current trends and propose strategies based on the national/regional characteristics and needs.
- 2.7.8. For functionalities that are not supported by the Greek Trace and Trust Hub, interested parties can obtain information from the Greek Trace and Trust Hub regarding the appropriate Hub that can be of service.
- 3. **Term.** This MoU shall commence upon the signature of the document by all parties and will **continue beyond** the completion of the project under Grant Agreement No 1931 of the European Union’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme
- 4. **Name.** The name of the established Hub shall be ‘**Greek Trace and Trust Hub – One-stop-shop for traceability and authenticity in Greece**’ and the establishment shall be on virtual grounds, namely the Med Food TTHubs website (<https://tthubs.eu/>).
- 5. **Provisions beyond the scope of this MoU.** All provisions not explicitly stated within the present MoU are to be decided between the Parties on the basis of the Deliverables of the MED Food TTHubs projects.
- 6. **Supporting entities to the formation of the Greek Trace and Trust Hub.** A list of supporting entities towards the present MoU declared through dully signed letters of support are listed in Annex I.

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