AgroLabs Project will contribute to make the Balkan Med agro-food sector more attractive, productive and international. In addition, it will support cross border cooperation in the agro-food sector by promoting innovative technologies, strategies and products as well as it will support and increase the know-how of agro-food SMEs and parties in the entire value chain. This will lead to a more competitive Balkan Med region. This can be achieved through the development of Agro Food innovation clusters, a place where research, industry and authorities can meet to co-create the Balkan Med area’s competences in innovation of agro-food sector. To achieve these aims towards the sustainable growth of the Agro Food sector, all relevant parties should be engaged.
**What we do?**

**Step 1: Diagnosis of the agro-food value chain** - An integrated diagnosis of the Agro-food value chain in the AgroLabs’ target regions (Central Macedonia/Imathia, Limassol, Blagoevgrad and Fier) will be done to identify problems, collect data that can be used as tools for solutions, describe potential alternatives and achieve knowledge exchange.

**Step 2: AgroLabs Workshop** - Four AgroLabs Workshops are going to be organized on the territory of the regions of Imathia, Limassol, Blagoevgrad and Fier. The AgroLabs Workshops will disseminate the knowledge gathered in the Diagnosis Studies of the agro-food value chain.

**Step 3: AgroLabs Innovation Summit** - The AgroLabs Innovation Summit is a transnational conference that involves key stakeholders from each region; the aim of the Summit organization is to promote the transnational exchange and networking, discuss challenges and develop common solutions and strategies concerning the growth of the agro-food sector in the Balkan-Med region.

**Step 4: AgroLabs Local Action Plans** - Four Local Action Plans will be developed during the implementation of the project. They will be the result of stakeholders' consultation activities and they will aim at building joint strategy at regional level. They will serve as the operational plan for the establishment of AgroLabs cluster.

**Step 5: AgroLabs Cluster** - The AgroLabs clusters will be developed and operate in the regions of Imathia, Greece; Lemesos, Cyprus; Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria and Fier, Alabania. Agro-Food Innovation clusters (AgroLabs) will serve as physical place where industry (agro-food enterprises, producers, actors in the value chain etc.), research institutions and public authorities meet.

**Step 6: AgroLabs Assessment** - The AgroLabs Assessment comprises the monitoring and evaluation of the AgroLabs Clusters. It aims to monitor the progress of the AgroLabs Clusters development and the evaluation of their operation, in order to provide information about the clusters’ functionality.
The Kick–Off meeting for the project AgroLabs took place in Athens – Greece on 28.09.2017 at the premises of the Technological Educational Institute of Athens (Lead Partner). It was organized, as planned by the Lead Partner.
Second Project Partners meeting

The second Project Partners meeting of the project AgroLabs was held in Limassol, Cyprus on 29th and 30th of March 2018.