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# Sustainable Mediterranean Agriculture For Food Security? Challenges For The Euro-mediterranean Relationship

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# INTRODUCTION

- FOCUS ON EURO-MED RELATIONSHIP IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- REVIEW OF NEXUS OF PROBLEMS IN SEMC'S
- IMPLICATIONS FOR EURO-MED RELATIONSHIP

# DOMESTIC NEXUS OF PROBLEMS

- IMPORT DEPENDENCY
- RURAL POVERTY
- THREATS ON NATURAL RESOURCES
- WORRISOME DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

=> CURRENT TRENDS AND POLICIES ARE NOT SUSTAINABLE IN SPITE OF PAST POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

# EMPHASIS ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION

- IMPORTANT ISSUE IN DOMESTIC DEBATES ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- LINCHPIN OF THE BARCELONA PROCESS
  - *FREE TRADE AREA BY 2010*
  - *DEEP AND COMPREHENSIVE TRADE AGREEMENTS*
  - *UTOPIAN GOAL FOR AGRICULTURE/ FRUSTRATIONS*
- NEGLECT OF OTHER POTENTIAL COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES

# SUPPORT TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS CRITICAL FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION
- « URBAN BIAS » IN THE PAST....AND NOW?
- MANY FAILURES OF PAST RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE WORLD
- THE KEY IN ADDITION TO POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND SOUND MACRO-POLICIES: LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

# INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AS A STRATEGIC DIMENSION OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- AGRICULTURAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE SERIOUS WEAKNESSES CRAMPLING THEIR ABILITY TO PLAY THE CRITICAL ROLE THEY HAVE TO PLAY
- INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION CAN BE CRITICAL IN STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS.  
(EXAMPLES OF PAST SUCCESS STORIES)