

## **CA.RA.VA.N**

### **Criteria 1 : Scientific and/or technological excellence - innovation and international competitiveness of the transnational project (score 0-5).**

CARAVAN is highly relevant to the call as far as it promotes research on a quite neglected while important livestock system, it brings innovation, provides mobility and training between a large set of north and south Mediterranean countries and really tends to support transnational research networks on camelid production systems. It feeds the two main directions of the call under the socio-economic development of an important livestock subsector and obviously, regarding milk dromedaries tend to valorise local products through food value chains improvement. The proposal is particularly integrative of different disciplinary fields from genomics to social sciences and milk product qualification. The state of the art is well presented and the expertise provided by the panel of partner institutions is evident and relevant to build original knowledge on value chaining of a typical local product. The conceptual framework is clear and denotes effective interaction between the different scientific fields. Approaches such as socio-economic methodological tools or genomics in the dromedary sector are here quite original in terms of technological innovation.

### **Criteria 2: Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management**

All the partners show good or excellent scientific credits and are complementary in their scientific contribution to the multiple objectives of a project that will contribute to an effective networking. The proposal is large in the questions it addresses, but it is well argued and quite convincing in terms of feasibility and planning. Deliverables are clear and milestones are well orchestrated. Coordination plan is appropriated and competencies of the task/project leaders are in phase with the size and the ambition of the proposal. The man month input is in phase with the requested contribution and detailed funding demands of each institution appear reasonable and appropriate as a total regarding the size of the intended project.

### **Criteria 3: Potential impact: contribution to the advancement of knowledge and innovation approaches and socio-economic aspects, stakeholder involvement**

The document present a good strategy for transfers and exploitation of the potential results, partnership with stakeholders is well argued and camel meat/milk products are the kind of high cultural attached value production that has real economic potential for utilisation or integration in innovating chains across south Europe and in the Maghreb. Without necessarily adding a questioning field, some more consideration could have been put on the environmental issues that became in the recent years an inescapable impact concern to manage in any livestock production system development.

### **Criteria 4 : Contribution to capacity building, transnational activities**

The actions to promote scientific and technical culture and communication as well as dissemination in higher education are well documented and will be based on convincing networks such as Isocard, EAAP etc .... Training and mobility will be particularly effective in the exchange of master students there appear, however, only one PhD while the project would be an interesting opportunity.

### **Additional criteria / synthesis**

An enthusiastic and quite convincing proposal, with a real multidisciplinary partnership that address an important livestock sector and products of high cultural value in Mediterranean environments. The Scientific committee recommended this project as a high-value project

