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The CIHEAM is at the service of its member states to promote multilateral cooperation in the Mediterranean in the fields of agriculture, food, fishery, and rural territories, aiming to respond to the needs of the States. The CIHEAM works for the Mediterranean and therefore with Mediterranean populations. Providing concrete solutions, sharing experiences and avoiding the waste of knowledge are among the main objectives of each one of its actions. The CIHEAM pursues this cooperation mission through specialised training, networked research, scientific diplomacy and political partnership. Thanks to its activities, the CIHEAM therefore contributes to the elaboration of a global, structural and engaging vision for development in the Mediterranean.

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The Watch Letter

This Quarterly Letter has been published since 2007 and is devoted to major topics in Mediterranean Agriculture, Food and Environment. While enabling the CIHEAM to gain a widespread recognition, it circulates analyses aimed at a heterogeneous public (policymakers, researchers, journalists, etc.) on emerging agricultural and food issues. The objective of the Watch Letter is to provide brief analyses which will fuel both the discussion on the Mediterranean and the broader global debate on food and agriculture.

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Watch Letter 34 - Background

2015 is an important year both at international and at Mediterranean levels.

Several major strategic events allowing to position issues related to agriculture, food and rural affairs at the heart of the development agenda will be held. These events particularly include the Milan Expo entitled "Feeding the Planet. Energy for Life" that will take place from May to October, the definition of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the framework of the new global Post-2015 Development Agenda that will be adopted in September at the Annual General Assembly of the United Nations, and the 21st Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP21) that will be held on Paris in December. Moreover, 2015 is the International Year of Soils but also a year when the 7th World Water Forum will be organised in South Korea. The issues related to natural resources, climate changes, agricultural production, inclusive growth (social and territorial) and food security as the basis for human security will therefore be at the heart of an eventful year 2015 also intended at finding solutions for a more sustainable development. In this view, it is important to mention the current review process of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), coordinated by the UNEP/MAP. The MSSD 2.0 will be presented at the end of 2015.

The debate on the future of Euro-Mediterranean regional cooperation is also the major theme of this year 2015 that marks the twentieth anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration. The European Neighbourhood Policy seeks to better prioritise its sectoral commitments in the Mediterranean region. Issues related to employment, youth and territorial cohesion remain crucial and related to agricultural and rural development in the countries of the region. The same can be said for trade negotiations, strategies in favour of gender equality and initiatives for geopolitical stability in the Mediterranean basin. Food, water, land and climate insecurity are closely linked to economic, migration and environmental issues. Increased cooperation in the field of agriculture both in terms of research or development in rural areas is necessary for the future of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. However, other challenges await the Mediterranean and the 20th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration invites us to formulate new proposals. A greater synergy between entities operating in favour of Mediterranean development is thus a path to explore, as it is encouraging by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

In this perspective, the CIHEAM has decided to devote issue number 34 of its Watch Letter to two complementary issues: Mediterranean issues in the post 2015 development agenda and actions in favour of increased Mediterranean regional cooperation. The Watch Letter n°34 will give voice to political, economic and social actors of the Mediterranean but also to heads of international and regional organisations engaged in the region in the fields of development, cooperation and sharing of strategies. The CIHEAM's paper intends to provide useful multi-sectoral and prospective insights to better comprehend the possible future of the Post-2015 Development Agenda among Mediterranean societies. This publication aims at bringing skills, knowledge and commitments together.

Watch Letter 34 - Problématique générale

2015 est une année importante à l'échelle internationale mais également au niveau méditerranéen. Plusieurs grands rendez-vous stratégiques permettent de positionner les enjeux agricoles, alimentaires et ruraux au centre de l'agenda du développement. Il s'agit notamment de l'Exposition universelle de Milan intitulée « *Nourrir la planète. Une énergie pour la vie* » qui aura lieu de mai à octobre, de la définition des Objectifs de développement durable (ODD) dans le cadre du nouvel agenda global du développement post-2015 qui sera adopté en septembre lors de l'Assemblée générale annuelle des Nations-Unies, et de la 21^{ème} conférence des parties sur le changement climatique (COP21) qui se tiendra à Paris en décembre. 2015 est par ailleurs l'année internationale des sols, mais aussi celle où aura lieu le 7^{ème} forum mondial de l'eau en Corée du Sud. Les questions liées aux ressources naturelles, aux dérèglements climatiques, à la production agricole, à la croissance inclusive (sociale et territoriale) et à la sécurité alimentaire, socle de la sécurité humaine seront donc au cœur d'une année 2015 riche en événements et qui se veut donc celle des solutions pour un développement plus durable. A ce titre, il faut aussi mentionner la révision en cours, sous la coordination du PNUE/PAM, de la Stratégie méditerranéenne de développement durable (SMDD), dont la version 2.0 sera adoptée fin 2015.

Le débat sur le futur de la coopération régionale euro-méditerranéenne constitue également un fil conducteur de cette année 2015 qui marque le vingtième anniversaire de la déclaration de Barcelone. La politique européenne de voisinage cherche à mieux prioriser ses engagements sectoriels dans la région méditerranéenne. Les enjeux liés à l'emploi, à la jeunesse et à la cohésion territoriale restent déterminants et liés au développement agricole et rural dans les pays de la région. Il en est de même des négociations commerciales, des stratégies en faveur de l'égalité entre hommes et femmes et des initiatives menées pour la stabilité géopolitique du bassin méditerranéen. Les insécurités alimentaire, hydrique, foncière et climatique sont indissociables des problématiques économiques, migratoires et environnementales. Pour le futur du Partenariat euro-méditerranéen, plus de coopération en agriculture, que ce soit dans la recherche ou dans le développement des zones rurales s'avère sans aucun doute nécessaire. Mais d'autres défis attendent la Méditerranée et les 20 ans de la déclaration de Barcelone invitent à faire de nouvelles propositions. Une plus grande synergie entre les acteurs opérant en faveur du développement méditerranéen constitue à ce titre une voie à explorer, comme cela est encouragé par le Secrétariat de l'Union pour la Méditerranée (UpM).

Dans cette perspective, le CIHEAM a décidé de consacrer le numéro 34 de sa *Watch Letter* à deux problématiques complémentaires : les enjeux méditerranéens au sein de l'agenda du développement post-2015 et les invitations à l'action en faveur d'une coopération régionale méditerranéenne renforcée. Cette *Watch Letter* donnera la parole aux acteurs politiques, économiques et sociaux de la Méditerranée, mais également aux responsables des organisations internationales et régionales engagés dans la région autour des stratégies de développement, de coopération et de partage. Le document du CIHEAM entend proposer des clefs de lecture multisectorielles et prospectives pour mieux comprendre les futurs possibles de l'agenda du développement post-2015 au sein des sociétés méditerranéennes. Rassembler des compétences, des connaissances et des engagements sera donc l'objectif de cette publication.

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