

TERMS OF REFERENCES

Community-based seed enterprise pioneer

Main purpose

Access to high quality seeds in remote mountain areas is often difficult. A strategic solution is to ensure the establishment of community seed enterprises. Community-based seed enterprises are well established systems in East Africa; however, they are not common in the Mediterranean Region. The selected farmer will engage in establishing a community-based seed enterprise for the multiplication and sale of the new cultivars as part of the PRIMA project *MountainHER*. It is foreseen that these “informal” units will be guided to achieve official legal recognition

Main responsibilities

- Production of G1 seeds obtained from individual spikes collected from spikes of selected entries
- Multiply G1 seed to obtain R1 and R2 seed ready for selling while maintaining homogeneity
- Ensure absence of seed pests or diseases
- Ensure proper seed storage
- Engage in seed marketing strategies to create awareness about the new available varieties

Education, qualifications, and experience

- Wheat and/or barley farmer with more than 5 years of experience
- Own a farm or rent fields with at least 2ha available for seed multiplication with ensured rainfall or irrigation facilities
- Own machinery and equipment to properly manage a cereal field (tractor, planter, combine, fertilizer/pest management applicators, etc.)
- Have available a covered working space of at least 1000m² and/or having access to a silo for storing seeds
- Owning or having access to seed treatment equipment would be desirable
- Experience in farmer field days (hosting or attending) would be appreciated
- The farmer should be part of the local farmers’ cooperative or farmers’ association and should be well respected
- Entrepreneurial spirit would be desirable

