12. CoEX

Adaptative Governance for the Coexistence of Crop Diversity Management Systems

OBJECTIFS

The CoEx project is a **multidisciplinary project** that brings together scientific, political and civil society actors, around the **study of the seed system**. The objectives of the project are :

- to **understand the gap between regulations and laws on seeds and genetic resources and the reality on the ground** in the diversity of cultivation practices and seed use in West Africa (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger) ;
- to propose **governance mechanisms** that better take into account the diversity of crop management practices and methods.

ACTIONS

The CoEx project is structured in 3 work packages (WPs), the first WP1 being based on the **analysis of regulations and modalities of seed governance systems** (access and management). WP2 is analysing the **diversity of cropping practices and seed use** in the field. WP3 proposes **seed management governance mechanisms**. For this, the project implements up to **13 African and French Master's courses and 2 co-financed theses**.

RESULTATS

The first year allowed us to refine the originality of the scientific project around the issues of scaling up and reflexivity on the practices of intermediary actors/institutions. This work required the development of a solid **methodology** based on : (1) the experiences of previous projects in the same areas and on related themes; (2) interdisciplinary collaboration to develop sampling strategies and appropriate statistical analysis methods.

PERSPECTIVES

In parallel, co-funding was obtained for two projects (SEARS and Dynaversity H2020), in addition to co-funding for a thesis in Economics.
Among the strong points of the project, highlighted at the mid-term meeting, are :

- scientific multidisciplinarity;
- the societal impact;
- the strengthening of the South-South partnership dynamic between scientific and professional actors.

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