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LEAP4FNSSA

Project

Overview

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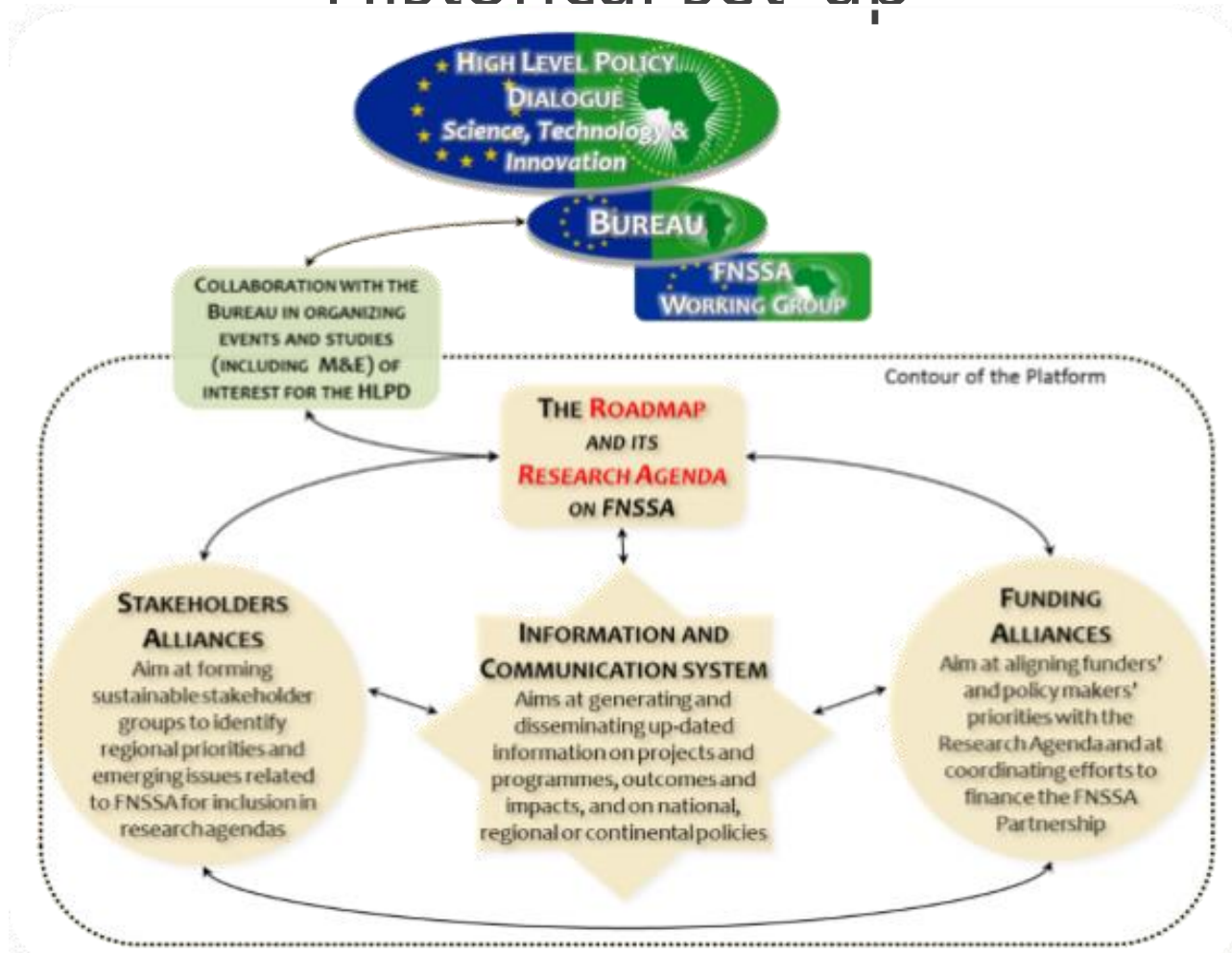
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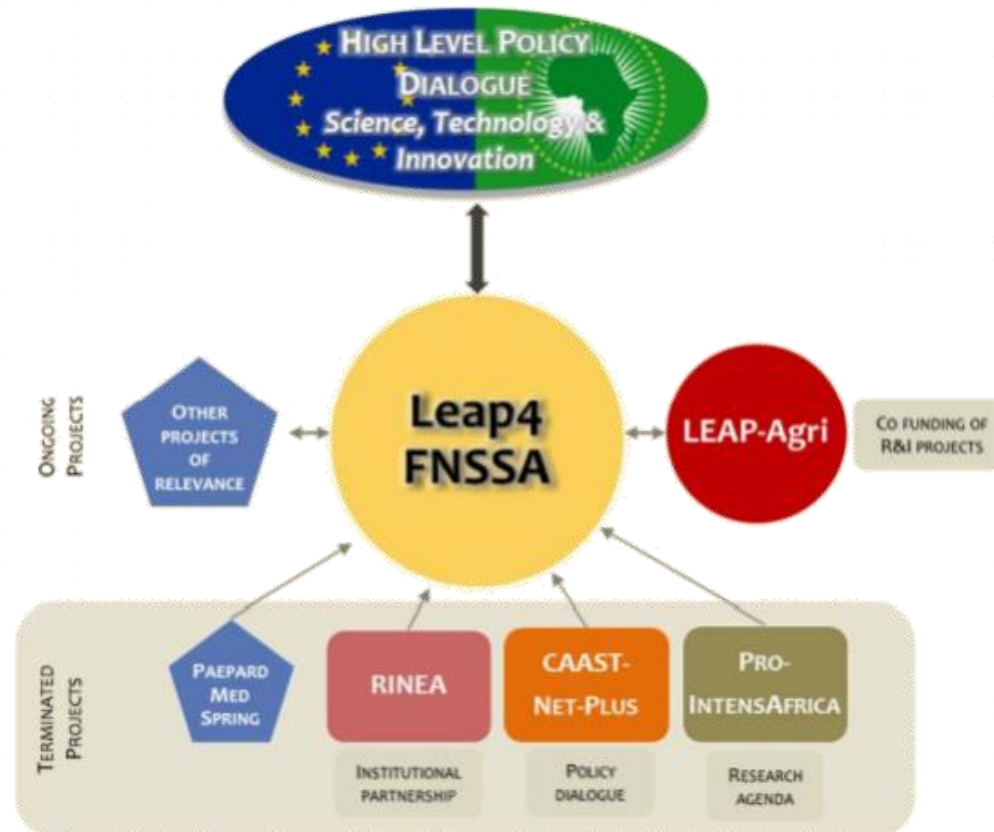
Long-term EU - AU Research
and Innovation Partnership
for **Food and Nutrition Security**
and **Sustainable Agriculture**

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Historical set-up



Link with past, current and future AU-EU initiatives





Leap4FNSSA a Coordination and Support Action

- Establish a sustainable '**Platform**' for the efficient and coherent implementation of the AU-EU Research and Innovation Partnership as described in the **Food and Nutrition Security, and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)** Roadmap.
- The purpose of LEAP4FNSSA is to be the enabler, the catalyser of this transformation of the FNSSA Partnership into a bi-continental Platform.



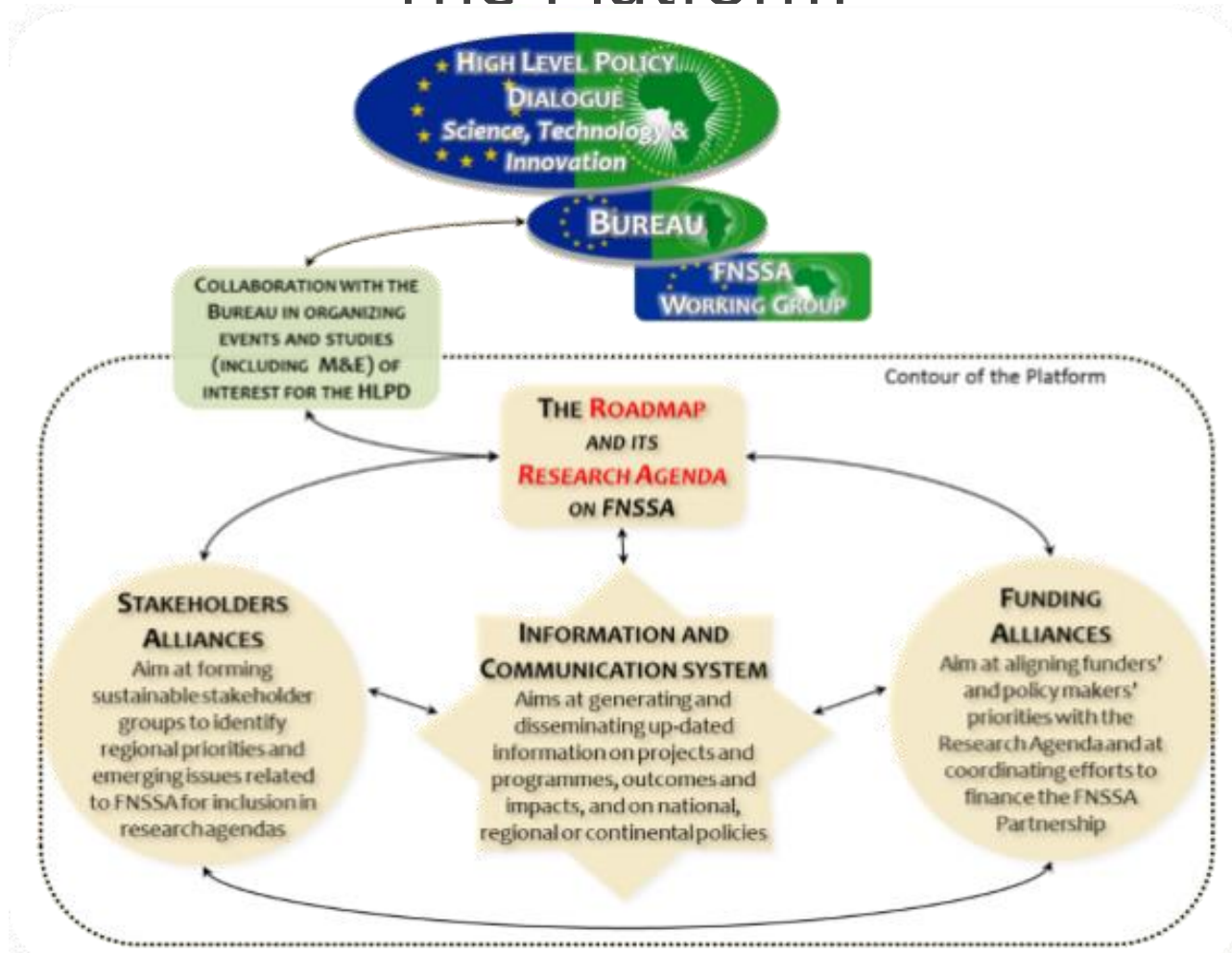


Objectives

- **Increase the synergies and coherence** between actors, research and innovation projects, initiatives and programmes, through the development of institutional alliances and clusters of projects
- **Develop a learning environment and a large knowledge base**, including monitoring and evaluation activities, creating communication and links between different initiatives to improve STI cooperation
- **Establish a long-term and sustainable governance and funding mechanism for the Platform**



The Platform



Main Actions

SUPPORT

- Supporting the Bureau of the AU-EU HLPD in implementing the FNSSA Roadmap.

CREATE

- Creating strategic alliances of actors committed to align their R&I activities to the FNSSA Roadmap.

STRENGTHEN

- Strengthening the knowledge base to increase the efficiency of the AU-EU Research and Innovation Partnership on FNSSA.

FACILITATE

- Facilitating within the relevant FNSSA research and innovation networks.

Participating Countries

35 partners from / 23 Countries

Europe 20 partners, 15 countries Africa 15 partners, 8 countries

- » France --- CIRAD, ANR
- » Netherlands --- WR
- » Ghana --- FARA, CSIR-GH
- » Germany --- BLE, DLR, UHOH, Go Africa
- » Finland --- LUKE, JYU
- » Czech Republic --- CULS
- » South Africa --- NRF, ARC, DST
- » Denmark --- UCPH
- » Egypt --- MHESR, KEF
- » Nigeria --- IITA
- » Hungary --- SIU
- » Ethiopia --- UNION AFRICAINE
- Spain --- INIA
- Sweden --- SLU
- Uganda --- ASARECA, RUFORUM
- Kenya --- MEST, NASAC
- Italy --- CIHEAM-IAMB
- Burkinafaso --- FONRID
- Senegal --- MESRI-DFRSDT
- Austria --- BOKU
- Greece --- KINNO
- United Kingdom --- GreenwichU, ACU
- Portugal --- FCT

Work Packages

WP1 Support to the FNSSA Partnership and the HLPD Bureau

WP2 Actors, Alliances, and Policies to align R&I activities to FNSSA Roadmap

WP3 Information Generation and Knowledge Management

WP4 Dissemination and communication

WP5 Management and coordination

WP6 Ethics requirements

Expected impacts

- **A substantial contribution to the implementation of the AU-EU HLPD Road- map on FNSSA by organizing and offering relevant and efficient support to the AU-EU HLPD Bureau.**
- **A structured long-term Partnership between diverse actors dedicated to the implementation of the HLPD Roadmap, including a governance system for the Platform.**
- **Coherence, synergy and optimization of R&I projects and programmes in the FNSSA domain by creating a true cluster of projects.**
- **Innovation in agricultural systems based on the utilization of R&I**



What's in it for European and African Universities ?

- **The FNSSA Roadmap includes a cross-cutting priority on R&I capacity strengthening**
- **Some European and African Universities are already involved in the Project Consortium**
- **The proposed Platform will be opened to all European and African Universities willing to align their activities to the FNSSA Roadmap and to increase their collaborations (between continents and between institutions)**
- **European and African Universities are already invited to participate and keep track of Project activities (events, website and Agora, newsletter) and to manifest their interest to join the proposed Platform (notion of "pioneers")**

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Merci !
Thank you !



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