

## ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is a unique co-financing fund that promotes the development of science, technology, and innovation in the agricultural sector of Latin America and the Caribbean. Since its establishment in 1998, it has become a forum for strategic topics in the region. FONTAGRO comprises 15 member countries and two key sponsors: the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which acts as the legal representative, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). With financial capital of approximately USD 100 million, it has co-financed over 200 projects, amounting to an investment of around USD 150 million.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Board of Directors (BD), composed of the member countries, is the decision-making body responsible for strategic directions.

## VISION

Our vision is to be an internationally recognized cooperation mechanism that sustainably strengthens agri-food and agro-industrial innovation among member countries.

## MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP)

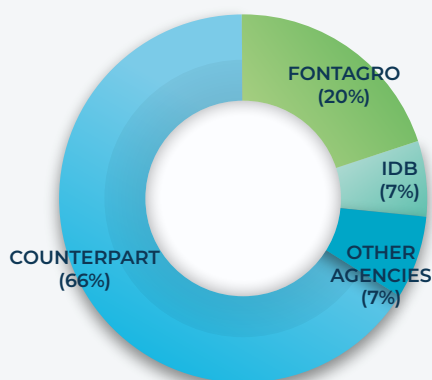
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:





**Strategy I:** Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

**Strategy II:** Productive systems, sustainable territories, and agroecosystems.

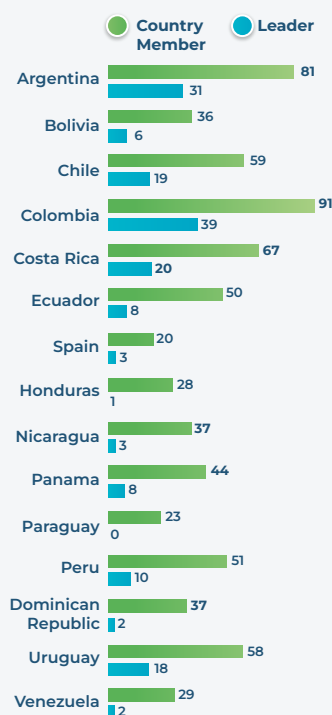
**Strategy III:** Food, nutrition, and health.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

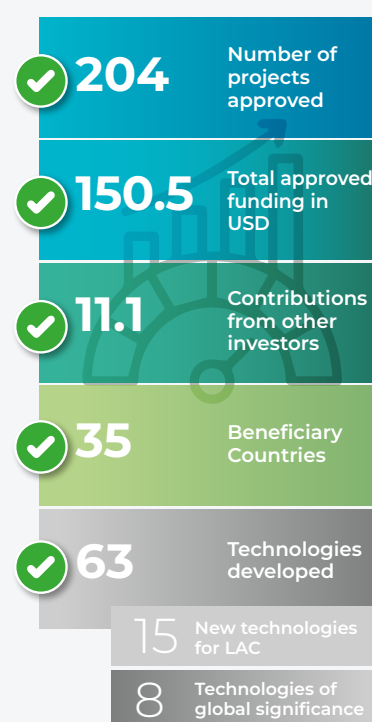


	Counterpart contribution 98,991,344
	FONTAGRO 30,479,468
	IDB 9,922,700
	Other Agencies 11,137,346
















## PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



## FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



## 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES

	Argentina		Colombia		Nicaragua		Dominican Republic
	Bolivia		Ecuador		Panama		Uruguay
	Chile		Spain		Paraguay		Venezuela
	Costa Rica		Honduras		Peru		

## FONTAGRO AND EMBRAPA

The Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA), founded in 1973, is primarily dedicated to generating new knowledge, most of which translates into products, processes, and services for the agricultural sector. Since FONTAGRO's creation in 1998, EMBRAPA has participated in 14 consortia representing a total of USD 11.3 million, of which USD 3.3 million was contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Of these, one was funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) of New Zealand, and two were co-financed by MPI and FONTAGRO. The projects in which EMBRAPA has participated have focused on research and technological development in wheat, beans, livestock farming, sustainable intensification, organic agriculture, climate change, gene editing, among others. Key outcomes include:

1. A network for exchanging information on livestock farming and climate change was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies in the region.
2. Wheat germplasm with APR (Adult Plant Resistance) to leaf rust was selected and distributed.
3. A gene editing platform was created in the Southern Cone through the consolidation of regional research capacities in soybeans, potatoes, cattle, and sheep.

## STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly improving process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capabilities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been carried out at both the national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, the promotion of more resilient agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic alliances have been established with leading global organizations such as INTA (Argentina); IDIAP (Panama); INIA (Uruguay); INIFAP (Mexico); the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia); CIMMYT (Mexico); INIA (Chile); INTA (Nicaragua); DICTA (Honduras); AGROSAVIA (Colombia); HARVESTPLUS (Colombia); CENTA (El Salvador); ICTA (Guatemala), among others. Through these alliances, access has been gained to multiple international cooperation networks, including the Global Climate Change Alliance, which involves 41 countries worldwide, and CGIAR.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thus promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH EMBRAPA

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	INTA (AR), INIA (UY), INIA (CL), EMBRAPA (BR), IDIAP (RD)	Building resilient agricultural systems to mitigate climate change.	\$1,108,764
2020	ARGENINTA (AR)	INTA (AR), IIBCE (UY), UNAL (CO), UFRO (CL), CSIC (ES), EMBRAPA (BR), IFAPA (ES), INIA (UY), UDELAR (UY), CONICET (AR), UNSAM (AR)	Greater agricultural production with lower nitrous oxide emission.	\$725,000
2020	ARGENINTA (AR)	PROCISUR, ACA (AR), GDM SEEDS, INTA (AR), INIA (UY), INIA (CL), IPTA (PY), AGROSAVIA (CO), INIAP (EC), EMBRAPA (BR), UDELAR (UY), AS. DON MARIO (AR), UBA (AR), PROCISUR (UY), CONSORCIO PAPA (CL)	Gene editing for improvement in plant and animal species.	\$1,143,163