

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)

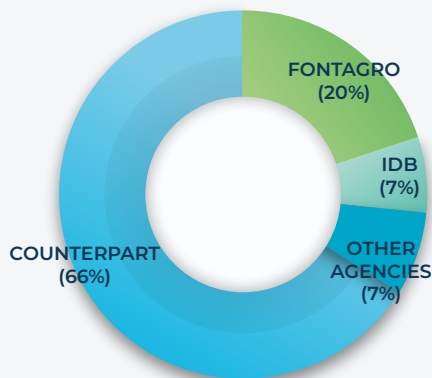
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:



Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

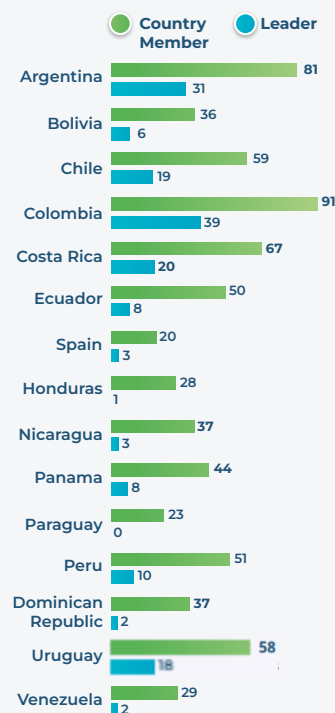
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

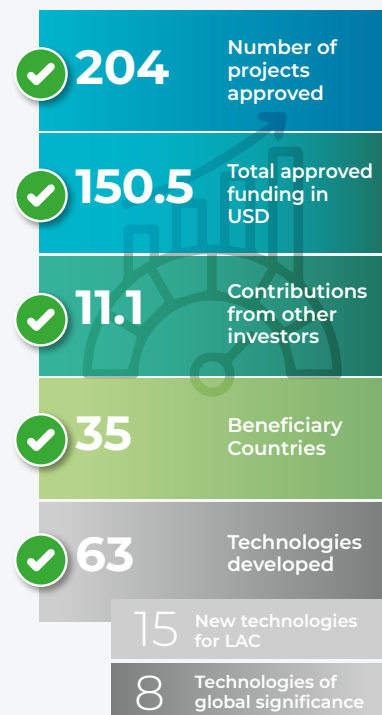


	Counterpart contribution
	98,991,344
	FONTAGRO
	30,479,468
	IDB
	9,922,700
	Other Agencies
	11,137,346
















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 INIA CHILE

The Agricultural Research Institute of Chile (INIA), established in 1964, generates and transfers strategic knowledge and technologies to foster innovation and enhance the competitiveness of Chile's agri-food sector. Since the creation of FONTAGRO in 1998, INIA has participated in 50 innovation platforms, representing a total of USD \$41.6 million, of which USD \$13.9 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Among these projects, one was funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand (MPI), and six were co-financed by MPI and FONTAGRO. Additionally, INIA has led 14 of these consortia, totaling USD \$13.1 million. The projects in which INIA has participated have focused on research and technological development in potatoes, rice, fruit crops, forage, livestock, sustainable intensification, organic farming, climate change, irrigation, gene editing, and more. Key outcomes include:

1. Development of projects that implement advanced precision agriculture technologies, such as the use of sensors and drones for crop monitoring. These technologies have optimized resource use, such as water and fertilizers, improving efficiency and reducing environmental impact in various agricultural areas.
2. Promotion of genetic improvement projects to develop crop varieties more resistant to drought and extreme temperatures. These varieties have been introduced in vulnerable areas, contributing to food security and the sustainability of production systems.
3. Strengthening the capacities of farmers and technicians through the use of digital tools, such as data analysis platforms and geographic information systems (GIS). These tools enable detailed monitoring and more precise decision-making, promoting sustainable agricultural practices tailored to local conditions.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly enhancing process efficiency and effectiveness and strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Major technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved at both national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, promoting more resilient agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic alliances have been established with leading global organizations, including EMBRAPA (Brazil); INIAP (Ecuador); IDIAP (Panama); INIA (Uruguay); INIFAP (Mexico); the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (Colombia); CIMMYT (Mexico); INTA (Argentina); INTA (Nicaragua); DICTA (Honduras); AGROSAVIA (Colombia); HARVESTPLUS (Colombia); CENTA (El Salvador); ICTA (Guatemala), among others. These alliances have provided access to multiple international cooperation networks, such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), which includes 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, promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations on crucial topics.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH INIA CHILE

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	AGROSAVIA (CO), Ulagos (CL), IDIAP (PA), UNPRG (PE), UTN (AR), Rustikas (UY), INTA (CR), CONASE (PA), INIA (UY), CIP, INIA (CL), ACOMEBIO (PE), Agroquímicos Caballero (PA), UTN (AR),	Use, production, and trade of seed potatoes in Latin America and the Caribbean.	\$817,581
2024	INIAP (EC)	IICA, INIA (PE), AGROSAVIA (CO), INIA (CL), CIP	Potato purple top complex in the Andean Region.	\$697,641
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	INTA (AR); INIA (UY); INIA (CH); EMBRAPA (BR); IDIAP (RD), MPI – GRA (NZ)	Resilient production to mitigate climate change.	\$1,108,764