

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)

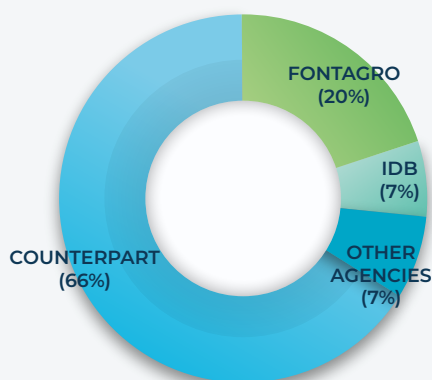
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:


Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

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

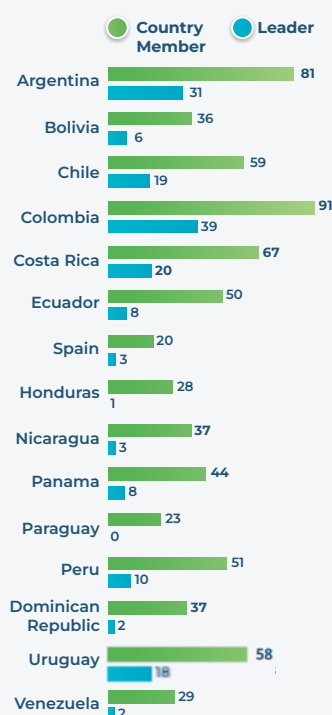
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

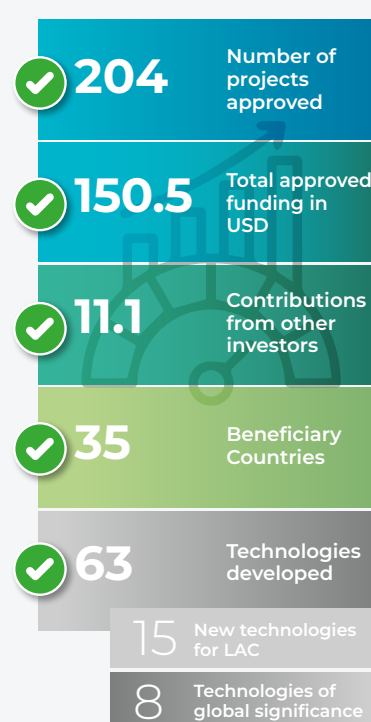


	Counterpart contribution 98,991,344
	FONTAGRO 30,479,468
	IDB 9,922,700
	Other Agencies 11,137,346
















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 INTA ARGENTINA

The National Agricultural Technology Institute of Argentina (INTA), founded in 1956, generates knowledge and technologies to serve the agribusiness sector and other areas of society through its extension, information, and communication systems. The results of the Institute's research and services enable Argentina to realize greater potential and create new opportunities to access regional and international markets with high-value-added products and services. Since the establishment of FONTAGRO in 1998, INTA has participated in 88 innovation platforms, representing a total of USD 78.6 million, of which USD 22.3 million were contributed by FONTAGRO and other agencies. Among these consortia, 12 were funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand (MPI), and 8 were co-financed by MPI and FONTAGRO. Furthermore, INTA has led 27 of these consortia, totaling USD 25 million. Projects involving INTA have focused on research and technological development in wheat, corn, rice, fruit crops, forages, livestock, beekeeping, sustainable intensification, organic agriculture, climate change, irrigation, gene editing, and more. Key outcomes include:

1. A network for information exchange on livestock and climate change was established, standardizing greenhouse gas measurement methodologies across the region.
2. An experimental platform was developed with simulation models of plant-animal interactions and field records on livestock production dynamics, natural grassland use, and biodiversity.
3. Precision agriculture technologies, such as drones and sensors for real-time monitoring of crops and soils, were implemented. These tools have allowed producers to optimize water, fertilizer, and other resource use, promoting more sustainable and efficient agricultural practices.
4. Training programs on the use of digital tools, including data analysis platforms and geographic information systems (GIS), have been promoted. These training programs have enabled producers and technicians to improve data-driven decision-making, advancing modern and sustainable agriculture.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems across Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly increasing process efficiency and effectiveness while enhancing researchers' capacities.
2. Substantial 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 such as EMBRAPA (Brazil); INIAP (Ecuador); IDIAP (Panama); INIFAP (Mexico); INTA (Costa Rica); 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); CATIE (Costa Rica), among others. These alliances have provided access to multiple international cooperation networks, such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA), involving 41 countries worldwide, and the CGIAR.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects offer privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, thus promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations on critical issues.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS WITH INTA ARGENTINA

YEAR	LEAD INSTITUTION	CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	INTA (CR)	DICTA (HN), IDIAP (PA), INIA (PE), INTA (AR), CORTEVA, UF (EE.UU), MPI – GRA (NZ)	Integration of sorghum cultivation into the production systems of the Central American Dry Corridor.	\$773,500
2024	INIA (UY)	INTA (AR), INTA (CR), GENTOS (AR), MPI – GRA (NZ)	Integration of sorghum cultivation into the production systems of the Central American Dry Corridor.	\$902,790
2024	ARGENINTA (AR)	INTA (AR), INIA (UY), INIA (CH), EMBRAPA (BR), IDIAF (RD), MPI – GRA (NZ)	New Horizons in AgTech: Scaling innovation in pastoral systems in Latin America and the Caribbean.	\$1,108,764