

## 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)

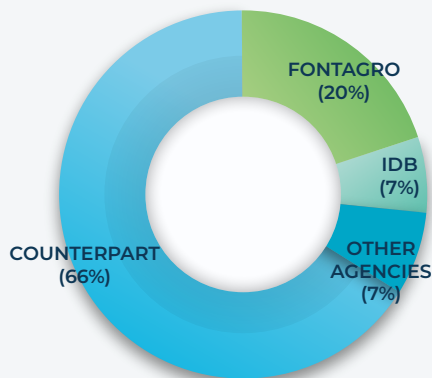
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

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

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

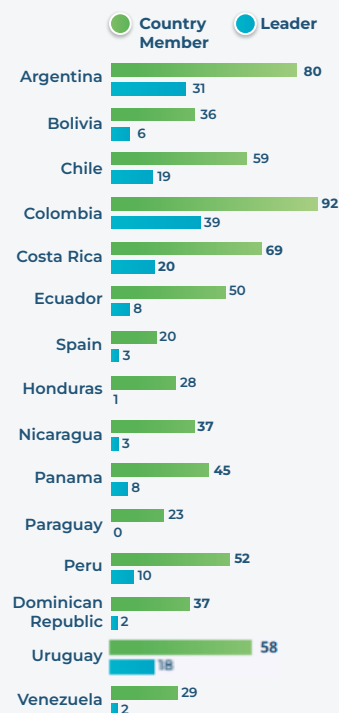
**Strategy III:** Food, nutrition, and health.

## SOURCE OF FUNDS

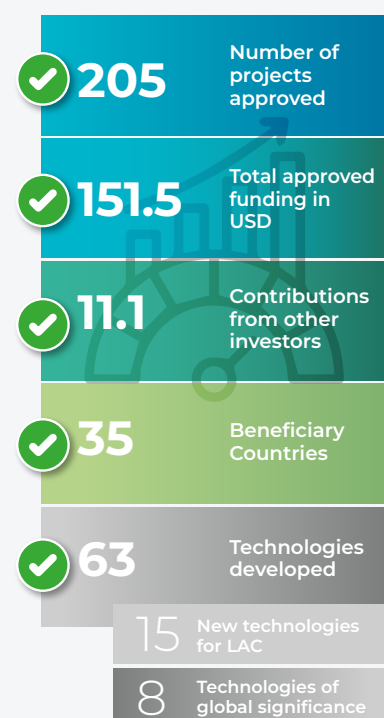


-  **Counterpart contribution**  
99,618,944
-  **FONTAGRO**  
30,879,468
-  **IDB**  
9,922,700
-  **Other Agencies** 11,137,346

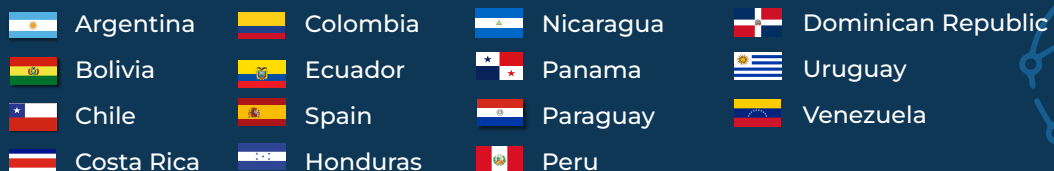
## PARTICIPATION AND ROLES IN CONSORTIA SINCE 1998



## FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



## 15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



## FONTAGRO IN URUGUAY <sup>(1)</sup>

Uruguay has been a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of USD 2.5 million. Over 26 years of membership, it has led 18 consortia with a total value of USD 14.9 million and participated in 58 consortia worth USD 50.5 million, of which FONTAGRO and other agencies contributed USD 16.0 million. These projects focus on research and technological development in areas such as efficient water use, organic production, risk management, livestock farming, and crops including rice, wheat, potatoes, barley, citrus, apples, and forage, among others. Key outcomes include:

1. Using improved pastures and sustainable soil management to enhance carbon sequestration, contributing to climate change mitigation in Uruguay's production systems.
2. Implementing grass management practices to maximize production and promote carbon sequestration in natural pastures. This initiative improved livestock production efficiency and reduced net emissions through integrated simulation models predicting environmental impacts.
3. Establishing a network to standardize greenhouse gas measurement methodologies across the region. Optimal carbon sequestration practices were identified, benefiting producers and researchers throughout Latin America.
4. Strengthening productive sustainability by integrating legumes into livestock systems, improving efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## 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 strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Substantial technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has been achieved nationally and internationally 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 global leaders such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), CGIAR, the Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the International Potato Center (CIP), the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), CIRAD, Columbia University's IRI, the Latin American Fund for Irrigated Rice (FLAR), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), The Ohio State University, and the Cooperative Program for the Technological Development of the Southern Cone (PROCISUR). These alliances provide access to diverse cooperation networks to advance research in the agri-food sector.
4. FONTAGRO-funded projects provide privileged and free access to cutting-edge technologies, contacts, publications, case studies, and international networks, fostering the dissemination and adoption of innovations in crucial areas.



## EJEMPLOS OF RECENT PROJECTS IN URUGUAY

YEAR		CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	UDL ESPAÑA	UNR (AR); INIA (UY); AAPRESID (AR); AACREA (AR); AFA (AR); FUCREA (UY); AUSID (UY);	Climate-resilient wheat.	\$602,051
2024	ARGENINTA ARGENTINA	INTA (AR); INIA (UY); INIA (CL); EMBRAPA (BR); IDIAF (DO);	Resilient production to mitigate climate change.	\$1,108,764
2024	INIA URUGUAY	INTA (AR); INTA (CR); GENTOS (AR);	Scaling innovation in pastoral systems.	\$902,790

<sup>(1)</sup> The values quoted correspond to total project amounts

2023	CEUTA URUGUAY	UNRN (AR); SARAS (UY);	Multifunctional landscapes in extensive agroecosystems.	\$600,693
2022	INIA URUGUAY	UNALM (PE); CONAGRO (PA); FLAR (CO); Otago University (NZ); USDA (US); IICA (CR);	Satellite methane monitoring in rice growing regions of Latin America.	\$882,374
2022	CEAZA CHILE	UNRC (AR); AGROSAVIA (CO); IIBCE (UY); INIA (UY); INTA (AR); FAGRO-UdelaR (UY); FAGRO UdelaR (UY); AGLS-NZ (NZ); AgResearch (NZ); ALAR (UY); SRMAC (CL); SAN (CL); FAICE (UY); CERES (AR); CERES (AR);	Platform for the transfer and efficient use of biologicals on Latin American farms.	\$720,483