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P r e s s r e l e a s e

***12 and 13 June 2018 at CIHEAM Bari
FILA Project Kick-off meeting***

The objective of the two-year project FILA is to strengthen and empower cross-border innovation networks through Fertilization Innovation Labs in Agro-food for improving the connection between research and SMEs (EIP approach). The kick-off meeting will be take place on 12 and 13 June 2018 at CIHEAM Bari.

FILA project is financed by the Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme “Italy-Albania-Montenegro”, established with the intent of boosting IPA cooperation in the lower Adriatic Seas, and facilitating the exchange of knowledge among regional and local stakeholders from the three countries.

The meeting will start on Tuesday 12 June at 4h00 p.m. with the workshop *European Partnership for Innovation*. Damiano Petruzzella (project manager) and Vincenzo Verrastro of CIHEAM-Bari, Massimiliano Schiralli from the National Rural Network– CREA, Luigi Trotta, Manager of the Division for competitiveness of agro-food chains, and Luigi Scamarcio from Puglia Region will participate in the meeting.

The second day of the meeting, on Wednesday 13 June, will open at 10h00 o'clock with the welcome address by the Director of CIHEAM Bari, Maurizio Raeli, and the representative of the Managing Authority of the programme/JS Interreg IPA Italy-Albania-Montenegro. The meeting agenda comprises the technical presentation of the project and the contributions of some representatives of the project partners.

CIHEAM Bari will lead FILA project in partnership with Puglia Region-Department for agriculture, rural and environmental development, Albanian Regional Development Agency 3 (Korce, Elbasan, Berat), AIDA (Albanian Investment Development Agency), Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre Thenopolis and the Ministry for development of enterprises of Montenegro.

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