Thematic Actions

Coordinating Universities for the Proposal: UCM and UPM

Title of Action	Developing Safety and Technology Sub-units for IMDEA-Alimentación		
Participating partners	UPM, UCM, INIA, Madrid City Council, CSIC	Other participants	Department of Education, Department of the Environment, Housing and Territorial Development of the Community of Madrid, ISCIII and MARM
Personnel involved (indicate institution)	UPM, UCM, INIA, Madrid City Council, CSIC		
Start date	2009	End date	2015
Cluster	Agri-food and Health	Other clusters	
Areas of action	Teaching Improvement and EHEA Deployment / Research / Knowledge Transfer / Local and Regional Interaction		
Location	Moncloa Agri-Food Corridor		
Infrastructures involved	- IMDEA-Food-Safety - IMDEA-Food-Technology		
Keywords	Food; Food Safety; Food Technology		

Objetives:

The objective of this project is to re-activate the previously confirmed IMDEA-Food infrastructures and to exploit the interaction of the Agri-food and Health cluster in the surroundings to foster the institutional relationships formed by the IMDEA institutions, while also achieving common objectives, such as excellence in research at an international level

Description of the action:

Part of the IMDEA-Food programme activities consist in launching the areas named Safety (UCM) and Technology (UPM) as part of a coordinated project of research excellence between the proposing Institutions and collaborating institutions (UCM, UPM, CSIC, UAM and the Department of Education of the Community of Madrid).

The international research conducted in the agri-food area of IMDEA-Food shares its objectives with the Campus of Excellence, in particular with the Agri-food and Health Cluster. The territorial interaction that is planned in the campus aims to coordinate the activities and optimise the use of common resources in order to obtain better end results.

Key planned results:

The planned results are based on:

- Optimising the use of resources and infrastructures.
- Attracting research staff.
- Developing coordinated International projects.

Rationale for the action:

The re-activation of the IMDEA Institutes aims to attain the optimal exploitation of infrastructures that have been created for high-quality research. Moreover, its interaction with the Campus of Excellence will undoubtedly favour a greater interaction with the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), the environment and society.

International aspects:

Attracting research staff from abroad will enhance the development of international research projects. Likewise, the relationship of IMDEA-Food with the Campus will foster international relationships in both organisations.

Planned impact:



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The main planned will be the strengthening and internationalisation of the IMDEA-Food: Safety and Technology based on interaction with the Campus with the wider environment, since the institutions involved in IMDEA-Food and the Agri-food and Health cluster are shown to be coincident in many aspects. When also considering the aims of the Campus – improving teaching and research results; creating a new and integral social model; fostering technology transfer – the coordination between IMDEA-Food and the Agri-food and Health cluster will enhance the results obtained