



# *EU support to agricultural and rural development in the Neighbourhood South*

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# Importance of agriculture and rural development in the Neighbourhood

Significantly contributing to GDP, export and employment

Priority area of cooperation in Action Plans/Partnership Agreements

## Challenges in the Neighbourhood South:

Low production;

high impact of food price volatility;

unsustainable production patterns, water scarcity, soil loss

# Principles for supporting agriculture/rural development in ENP countries

- Aligned with National Development Strategies
- Build on existing policies, strategies and programmes (national/regional/local), linked to action plans and association agendas
- Avoid «stand alone projects», outside national and regional strategies
- Comprehensive participatory approach crucial
- Develop synergies with other programmes, in particular regional development programmes
- Ensure proper coordination between different ministries involved

# Support to agriculture/rural development

## Morocco (PAPSA)

- EUR 70 million budget support to Pillar II of the Moroccan « Plan Vert » benefiting small-holder farming

## Tunisia (PAPS)

- EUR 57 million budget support to the public policy of water resource management for agricultural and rural development to ensure sustainable use of water

## Egypt

- EUR 22 million for the "Support to Agricultural SMEs"
- EUR 10 million for the "Support to Rural Development"



# The European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development ENPARD

A new policy framework to support agriculture and rural development,

supporting the strategic modernisation of the agricultural sector,

to increase domestic production of safe food in a sustainable way.

# Reasons for ENPARD in the South

- Very high dependency on food imports
- High subsidy burden for public budgets
- Disparities in local/regional development
- Rural poverty and internal migration
- EU is a key partner in agricultural trade

# Objectives of ENPARD

- To improve rural livelihoods
- To increase productivity of the farming and herding sectors, while also contributing to raising quality standards
- To develop organizational and institutional capacities in the ENP countries and improve adherence to the principles of good governance.

# Combination of measures under ENPARD

## Axis 1 – Enhance local food security and rural development patterns

- a. Support to sustainable production, processing and marketing of farm and livestock products;
- b. Diversify rural economies and strengthen local capacities to cope with and adapt to change;
- c. Support community-based initiatives.



# Combination of measures under ENPARD

## Axis 2 – Improve agricultural production and quality standards

- a. Setting of an adequate enabling environment, from land tenure to market regulations;
- b. Ensure adequate improvement and development of rural infrastructure and logistics;
- c. Investments in processing and marketing of agricultural/livestock products

# Combination of measures under ENPARD I

## Horizontal capacity building tool:

1. Capacity building of stakeholders of rural development strategies (e.g. farmers, civil society, water users).
2. Institutional capacity building of national and local administration.

# What is offered?

## The EU offers

- a dialogue on ENPARD to all partner countries
- To share EU experience in reforming agriculture and rural areas also in pre-accession countries
- Assistance to partner countries in preparing and implementing long-term agricultural and rural development strategies

# Cooperation modalities within ENPARD

## National Sector Development Strategy

Technical  
cooperation  
TAIEX,  
Twinning

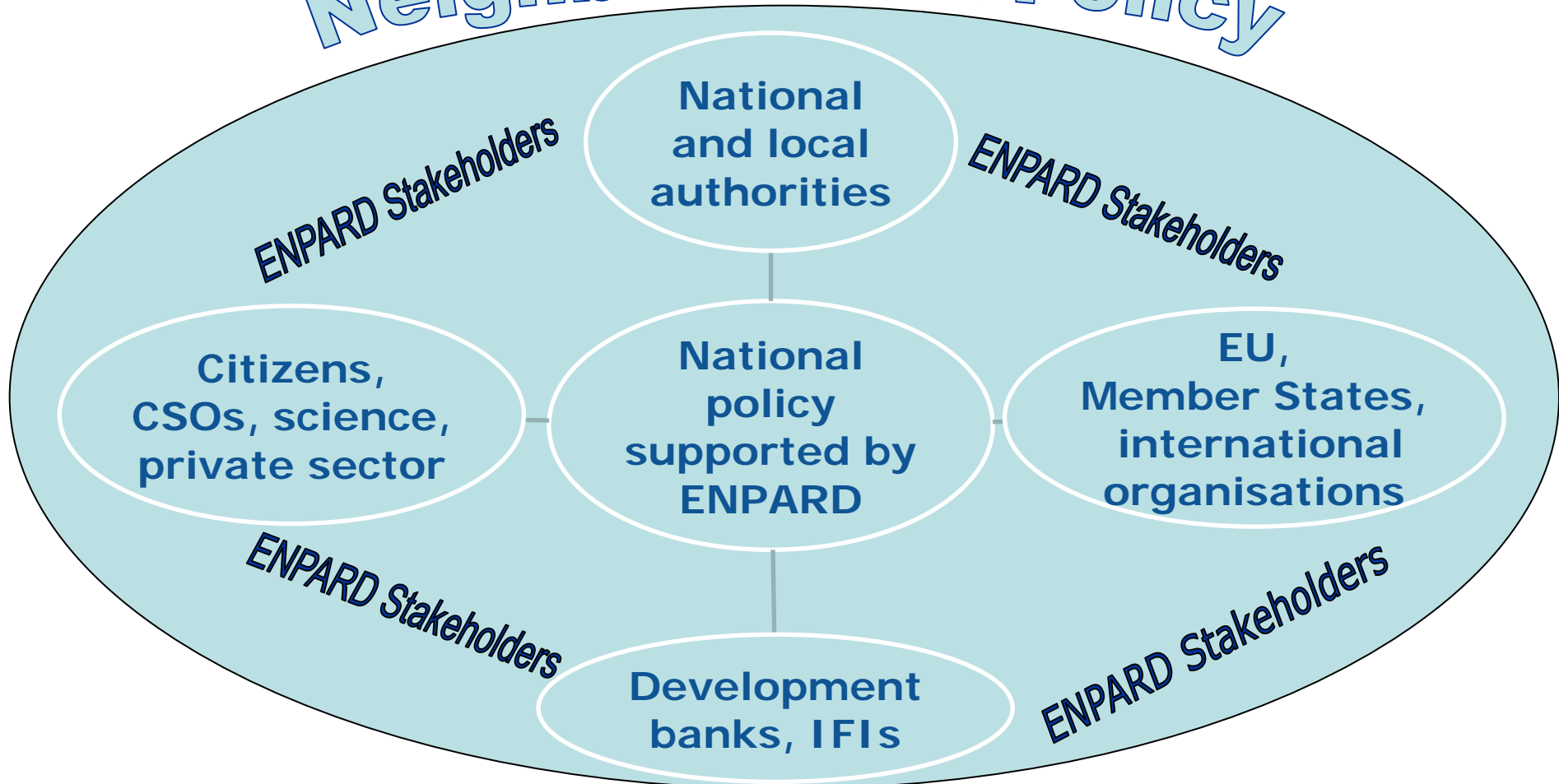
Sector  
Budget  
Support

Loans  
Blended  
financing/  
Innovative  
financing  
PPP

Donor-  
funded  
project  
approach

National/  
regional  
development  
projects

# Neighbourhood Policy



## ENPARD interventions in the short-term 2012-2013

- Promoting policy dialogue on medium- to long-term strategies for the development of agriculture and rural areas
- Capacity building initiatives, pilot activities
- Complementing current programmes
- Analysis of current agriculture and rural development policies with support of CIHEAM



## **EU contribution to ENPARD in the medium-term 2014 – 2020**

Multi-annual programming for 2014-2017 :  
begins 2012/13

EU contribution:

The full development of ENPARD can be financed from ENI country bilateral envelopes for which agriculture/and or rural development is a priority.