

Call for experts in Monitoring & Evaluation of nutrition outcomes of policies and programmes (EN and FR language)

About the Nutrition Research Facility

The **Nutrition Research Facility (NRF)** is established under the Knowledge and Research for Nutrition EC project, aiming to respond to requests for evidence from decision makers, to support the design, the monitoring, the evaluation and the learning in relation to policies and programmes for **better nutrition outcomes** in low- and middle-income countries.

As a service to the European Commission (EC), the NRF works in priority with **decision makers** from the EC – including those posted in the Delegations of the European Union (EU), from EU Member States (in support of their international cooperation policies) and from EU partner countries.

It seeks to **stimulate the demand for scientific input** from decision makers (1), to **bring evidence through research** and analyses (2), to **provide expertise for the M&E** of policies and programmes (3) and to **share knowledge** with decision makers and build their capacity (4), thus creating a continuous dialogue between science and policy.

Ultimately, the NRF contributes to **improving the connection**, collaboration, communication and coordination between researchers and decision-makers and to **strengthening M&E systems** for tracking the nutrition benefits of policies and programmes.

Operated between 2020-2024 by **Agrinatura** – the European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development – the NRF relies on a small team of researchers from European academia, with the ability to mobilise scientific networks in Europe, in partner countries and internationally.

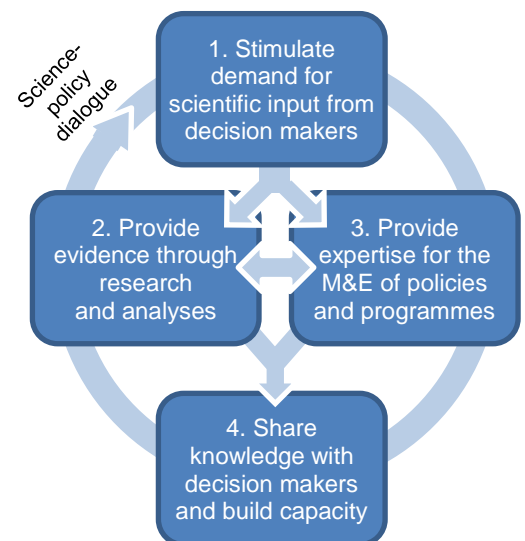
Amidst the many initiatives aiming at enhancing science-policy dialogue, the specificities of the NRF are (i) its **nutrition focus**; (ii) its **support to EU development policies** and (iii) its ability to mobilise **scientific networks** to conduct research. As far as possible, the NRF coordinates its activities with other relevant initiatives to **build synergies** and avoid any duplication of effort.

About AGRINATURA

AGRINATURA is Europe’s foremost alliance working in agricultural and nutritional research and development, including education, training and capacity strengthening. The AGRINATURA Association includes 30 universities and research & development institutions, as well as other organisations working in agriculture, natural resources management, food and nutrition, from 18 European Member States.

Within the Work Package 4 of the project – Support monitoring and evaluation of nutrition policies and programmes, AGRINATURA is looking for an expert to support the implementation of relevant activities, as per the following Terms of Reference (ToR).

The overall approach of the Nutrition Research Facility



Assignment	Monitoring & Evaluation of nutrition outcomes of policies and programmes
Duration of the assignment	Initially for 100 working days between December 2020 and September 2021, with possible extension for up to 400 working days until March 2024.
Place of assignment	The position could be home based and/or hosted by one of the AGRINATURA institution involved in the NRF (Agropolis International, France; Cirad, France; Instituto Superior de Agronomia/University of Lisbon, Portugal; Natural Resources Institute/University of Greenwich, UK; University of Ghent, Belgium) or another AGRINATURA member. Short but frequent travel/field missions in partner low and middle income countries may be necessary for the assignment (if the sanitary situation permits).
Objective of the assignment	The NRF aims to provide technical assistance to decision makers, donors and implementing agencies active in EU Partner Countries to support the M&E of nutrition outcomes of policies and programmes (work package 4 – WP4). The expert is assigned to support the activities under WP4. The expert will work under the oversight of the WP4 Leader and of the Team Leader/Deputy Team Leader of the NRF and in collaboration with other NRF long-term and short-term experts.
Specific activities to be performed under the assignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contribute to the development of the internal monitoring and evaluation of the project. 2. Contribute to the review of latest thinking, framework and tools to assess the effect of development interventions on nutrition outcomes. Contribute to the identification and assessment of training programmes in Europe and LMIC that build expertise with regard to M&E and to the development of training material. 3. Contribute to assessing the needs for M&E support from DEVCO Nutrition Team, EU Delegations and Partner Countries. Contribute to the provision of technical assistance for M&E of programmes with regard to exploration and analysis of nutrition outcomes. Produce computations and results related to nutrition and food security indices and models (CARI, IPC, diet diversity, diet quality...). Provide analytical support and conduct meta-analyses of different data sets, assess the quality of available evidence, and conduct statistical analysis using Stata /R/other statistical packages. 4. Contribute to the preparation of relevant deliverables, reports and documentation and to dissemination activities (publications, presentations, events...).
Required qualification, experience and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD degree in a field related to food systems, nutrition, epidemiology or statistics and at least 5 years of relevant professional experience (or a MSc degree and at least 10 years of relevant professional experience). • Experience in M&E of public policies, strategies and programmes in developing contexts. • Experience in data management and analysis and in using statistical software. • Proficiency in English and French. Knowledge of Spanish will constitute an advantage.
Applications	To apply, please send a detailed CV to Dimitrios.Petalios@UGent.be by December 11 th .