



# Egypt - Integrated Water & Food Security

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## TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL



- Support the Egyptian Government in NWRP – 2037 and SADS for 2030 implementation.
- Foster strategic policy dialogue.
- Water sector reform.
- Establish a more resilient food system.

### Improve the natural resources management:

- NWRP 2037: improve Freshwater Availability; Water Quality; Water Use Management; Enabling Environment.
- Protect the natural resources of the cultivated areas: integrated farming, pest management, agricultural practices.
- Promote Resource Efficiency (efficiency indicators and tools).

### Support the socio-economic development of the rural areas:

- Local participatory approaches.
- Mitigate water scarcity.
- Provide efficient agricultural extension services.
- Improve livestock wealth.
- Innovative solutions for generating income (rural women).
- Access to education and training.

### Improve the rural community's livelihood - smallholder farmers, their families, cooperatives, and associations.

Raising awareness for the public (advocating water reforms).

Gender mainstreaming and youth empowerment.

Digitalization

## MODALITIES/TOOLS

Innovative private sector financing (e.g. venture capital and private equity funds investments by EIB and other EDFIs)

Blending of grants and loans

Twinning and technical assistance

Grants

## COMMON AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Food

Water

Agriculture

Climate change and environment

### TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Improving environmental protection and strengthening rural communities by addressing the main challenge faced by agriculture, (water productivity and scarcity), while adapting to climate change.
- Integrating the key regulatory and people-to-people dimensions to provide an effective socio-economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic impact.

\*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress



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## NATIONAL CONTEXT

### Agriculture:

- Main source of income for ≈55% of the rural population.
- 60% of the national food demand being met by domestic production.
- Increasing scarcity of water in the context of high population growth.

### National policies:

- Food security strategy
- Egypt National Water Resources Plan (NWRP – 2037)
- Sustainable Agriculture Development Strategy (SADS) for 2030

**More than 70% of poor people are concentrated in rural areas (Decent Life Initiative – Hayat Karima).**

## GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



Agenda 2030

EU Green Deal

Paris Agreement

\*\*SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)