



## LIN – invitation to get involved

Dear Stakeholder,

We know that you are already aware of the Legume Innovation Network (LIN). To date, it has been something of a fledgeling concept formed out of the TRUE and Legvalue projects funded by Horizon 2020, but the projects are ending in 2021 with a series of 8 webinars, “European Legumes in Transition” starting on 14<sup>th</sup> April, being an important part of their conclusion. These webinars will see the LIN's formal launch, providing connectivity for individuals, organisations and other networks with interests in legume crop innovation on a platform ([www.legumeinnovation.eu](http://www.legumeinnovation.eu)). The LIN is intended as a complimentary platform to bring unity to the somewhat fragmented legume sector.

We are seeking your commitment to the continuation of the LIN. This commitment is seen as a declaration of intent to ensuring the continuation of the LIN with the overall aim of increasing the crop area of pulses in Europe and increasing the level of protein crop self-sufficiency.

The LIN should retain an enduring focus on innovation and issues spanning the legume supply networks and should ensure a wide membership base that embraces all aspects of:

- input and production, commodity processing and food technologies;
- trading markets, retailing plus new and emerging markets;
- cultural aspect including ‘sustainable consumption and environmental impacts’;
- socio-economics, governance and policy development.

Whilst LIN is borne out of formalised projects, and it has always been the view that it should be co-owned by others in 2021, thereafter continuing to evolve to meet the needs of those within the network. We propose that a core of interested parties commit to a founders meeting create a ‘constitution’ and allocate nominal responsibilities.

Having already expressed interest in the LIN we are seeking your sign up to participate in a founders meeting to take the LIN forward.

When a core group has been identified, it is intended that a first online discussion should take place shortly after the final webinar in the series in May / June 2021.

I look forward to receiving your reaction and your continued engagement with the LIN.

Yours sincerely

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