

## DEVELOPING A POOL OF NOVEL AND ECO-EFFICIENT APPLICATIONS OF ZEOLITE FOR THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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ECO-ZEO aims at the development of a new pool of green crop protection products, based on zeolites, delivering a wide range of beneficial effects including:

Reduction of water consumption
Increase of crop yield
Crop protection and tolerance to abiotic stress
Lower chemical input
Healthier conditions to workers in agriculture
and agrochemical sectors

Evaluations focus at crops with potentially high environmental and socio-economic benefits, business opportunities and scientific impact.

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ATTRIBUTES	FACTS	ECO-ZEO impact
WATER	Unsustainable water consumption, in particular in Southern Europe.	Improved water efficiency.
AGRO-BIODIVERSITY	Balance of the agro-ecosystem that is threatened by standard practices.	Negligible ecotoxicity. Reduction of impact on soil microorganisms, predators and pollinators.
CONTROL OF PESTS AND DISEASES	Regulatory framework sets stricter criteria for approval of PPP's. Directive on sustainable use of pesticides.	Sustainable, complementary active ingredients will be used in ECO-ZEO formulations.
CROP YIELD	Possible reduction in CAP budgets. Expected increase in world population.	Increase of crop yield through sustainable means.

The ECO-ZEO consortium is constituted by 10 participants from 8 different countries covering Research Organizations (IRTA, BATEM, LEI and UGENT), Industry (Agriphar and FITO), Agro-biotech SMEs (TERRA, FERRER and CEMAS) and the EU Association of farmers (AREFLH) as a necessary background to ensure successful development of new Sustainable Crop Protection Strategies.

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