



Novel integrated strategies for worldwide mycotoxin reduction in food and feed chains

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CALL DETAILS:

KBBE-2007-2-5-05: Reducing mycotoxin contamination in the food and feed chain

Call: FP7-KBBE-2007-2A

Project Duration: 48 months

Total Budget: 7.189 million euro

Instrument: Large collaborative project

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ABSTRACT:

MYCORED aims at developing strategic solutions to reduce contamination by mycotoxins of major concern in economically important food and feed chains. Several toxins and commodities are considered in the project, such as: aflatoxins in dried fruit, fumonisins in wheat/maize food and feed chains and ochratoxin A in the grape-wine and wheat chains. Novel methodologies, efficient handling procedures and information, dissemination and educational strategies are considered in a context of multidisciplinary integration of know-how and technology to reduce mycotoxins exposure worldwide.

ANTONIO LOGRIECO EXPLAINS:

• **How did you get involved in FP7 and in the project?**

We were already familiar to the FP from already existing contacts acquired through other FP5, FP6 and FP7 projects. In this project we are the coordinator.

• **Did you use the NCPs services during the proposal stage?** Yes, it took about one year and a half to complete the writing of the proposal. Italian NCPs at APRE have provided input in the second phase of proposal writing of the MycoRed project. Being a large Integrated Project, the call was a two-stage submission. When the proposal passed the first stage, APRE assisted in further developing the proposal. APRE helped us to structure the proposal in a way that would allow evaluators to easily get the message of this ambitious proposal. APRE provided suggestions regarding the wording (consistent language), the use of schemes and tables

(flow charts, Pert chart, tables for events), the length (conciseness) and the presentation of the Work Packages. Furthermore, the Italian NCP organization developed the project logo to enhance the overall impression of the proposal in the eyes of the evaluators. This logo has since been adopted by all partners.

• **Any suggestions for other partners from your experience?** Create a strong scientific network and collaborate with other high level institutes/colleagues.

• **What's the secret of your success?** A well organized and experienced research team having scientific excellence in the specific research field and with a strong European/international network. We strongly recommend to participate or to be linked with the European Technology Platforms.