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AGRINATURA is formed by NATURA, the former association of European universities dealing with agricultural research and education for development, and ECART, the consortium of European institutions working in agricultural research for development, in order to capitalize on their respective strengths and expertise.

AGRINATURA has two pillars - An **Association**, open to all European agricultural research and education organisations, and a **European Economic Interest Grouping (AGRINATURA-EEIG)**, as its operational arm.

AGRINATURA's goal is to make substantial European contributions to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Paris Declaration by:

- Playing a proactive policy advocacy role for agricultural research and education for development in Europe and worldwide
- Developing and strengthening strategic alliances and partnerships with and between the different stakeholders in development, both in the North and in the South
- Encouraging networking and partnerships between institutions, organisations and individuals
- Organising, facilitating and implementing joint participation in European and international programmes and projects.

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