

## HORIZON 2020 - Partner Profile Form Expression of Interest

### 1) ORGANISATION INFORMATION

<b>Organisation name (English)</b>	<b>Croatian agricultural agency</b>
<b>Organisation name (Croatian)</b>	<b>Hrvatska poljoprivredna agencija</b>
<b>Organisation acronym (English)</b>	<b>CAA</b>
<b>Organisation acronym (Croatian)</b>	<b>HPA</b>
<b>Organisation address</b>	<b>Poljana Križevačka 185, 48260 Križevci</b>
<b>Organisation website</b>	<b>www.hpa.hr</b>
<b>Type of organisation (Enterprise, SME, Academic, Research institute, Public body, Other - specify)</b>	<b>Public body</b>
<b>Department/Unit/ Laboratory</b>	<b>Quality Control Agricultural products Division Central Laboratory for Milk Quality Control Department for honey quality control Department for animal feed quality control</b>
<b>Contact person (incl. Title)</b>	<b>PhD Nataša Pintiћ Puķec</b>
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### Description of the organisation (up to 500 characters)

Activities of the Croatian Agricultural Agency consists of the following tasks and activities:

1. assisting farms when applying for realizing financial support to agriculture and rural development
2. participation in the affairs of the control system of payment of financial assistance to agriculture and rural development ;
3. organization and implementation of the labeling of domestic animals ;
4. testing the quality of agricultural products ;
5. development and implementation of quality systems in agriculture and food industry ;
6. development of livestock production:  
assisting in the implementation and management of the implementation of the breeding breeds of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, equine, rabbits, birds, bees and other animals that have breeding and farming purposes (hereinafter referred to as domestic animals ; testing of all types and breeds of domestic animals; selective breeding and processing of data and calculation of breeding values for all valid breeding animals of domestic animals; participation in the development and implementation of protection and conservation of native and endangered breeds and strains of domestic animals ; assistance in organizing the transport of breeding animals and issuing certificates of origin for breeding animals ; assisting in establishing the association of breeders of domestic animals ; organizations livestock exhibitions and festivals, and exhibitions of agricultural products; preparation of development programs of livestock production and the monitoring of their implementation; development of technology and investment studies livestock production and monitoring and assistance in their implementation ; marketing and promotion of livestock production; information and training of producers; development of technical and economic analysis; expert opinions to the Ministry of Agriculture in the area of livestock policy and cooperation with scientific institutions in improving livestock production and other activities that contribute to the development of livestock production;
7. participation in the affairs of the implementation of measures in livestock market orders;
8. managing unique registries of domestic animals in the form of computer databases;
9. perform other duties in accordance with special regulations

### Description of the department/unit/laboratory (up to 500 characters)

A system of quality control of milk in Croatia and the Central laboratory for quality control of milk (CLMC) was established in 2002 as part of Croatian livestock centre within which is opened the Quality Assurance Department of Livestock Products. The central laboratory is accredited in accordance with HRN EN ISO / IEC 17025 in 2004.

Shortly after the establishment of the Laboratory (CLMC) Operating unit for controlling and evaluating half carcasses of domestic animals at slaughter houses (CESH) was officially established and began with labour. Work unit (CESH) is accredited as an inspection body in accordance with HRN EN ISO/IEC 17020 in 2008.

Within the Department of quality control of livestock products there are also Department for animal feed control and Department for quality control of honey. Both accredited according to HRN EN ISO/IEC 17025.

By transforming the name of Croatian Livestock Centre in Croatian agricultural agency in 2009 there have been some changes within all departments, including the Quality Assurance Department of Livestock Products which got wider significance and transformed into the Department of quality control of agricultural products (DCAP).

Part of the Department is also laboratory for DNA analysis in animal husbandry. Department employs 60 staff of which 15 highly educated (including D.Sc.), while other employees have the secondary school qualifications.

Cooperation with European laboratories, eg. Muva Kempten, MIH Huefner, B.I.P.E.A., General Chemical State Laboratory of Greece, IRMM JRC, Fapas, QSE, Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture-Brno.

## 2) SPECIFIC INTEREST (Call, Topic) and EXPERTISE OFFERED

### Relevant topic(s) in the Work Programme (Thematic area, Call, Topic)

- **SFS-19-2014: Sustainable food and nutrition security through evidence based EU agro-food policy**
- **SFS-13-2015: Biological contamination of crops and the food chain**
- **SFS-18-2015: Small farms but global markets: the role of small and family farms in food and nutrition security**

### Description of the expertise offered related to the topic (up to 1000 characters)

Assisting farms when applying for realizing financial support to agriculture and rural development. Testing the quality of agricultural products. Providing analysis of milk for milk payment at the level of Republic of Croatia.

Participation in national beekeeping programme. Providing laboratory analysis of honey. Improvement and development of management of feeding domestic animals by carrying out the analysis in the laboratory for quality control of animal feed.

Development of technology and investment studies of livestock production and monitoring and assistance in their implementation.

Information and training of producers.

Expert opinions to the Ministry of Agriculture in the area of livestock policy and cooperation with scientific institutions in improving livestock production and other activities that contribute to the development of livestock production.

**Keywords describing the expertise offered related to the topic (up to 10 words)**

Laboratory analyses of milk, honey, animal feed, accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17025 and 17020, controlling and evaluating half carcasses of domestic animals at slaughter houses

**Experience in previous Framework Programmes (participation in projects)  
(Thematic area, Call, Topic, Project full title & acronym, Role in the project)**

Programme Slovenia-Hungary-Croatia, Phare CBC INTERREG IIIA Neighbourhood Programme 2004-2006; Project "Hygiene milk from cows to market – MILK"

**Experience of cooperation with the industry - incl. SMEs  
(Programme, Thematic area, Project full title & acronym, Type of cooperation)**

none

**I agree to have this partner profile (expression of interest) published and shared**

**YES**