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## Project Title

# International Master of Science in Rural Development

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## Project Summary

The IMRD joint MSc degree offers students the opportunity to study advanced theories, strategies and visions on agricultural policy, and rural development and economics from a truly international perspective. The 2 year master programme (120 ECTS) is jointly organized by 14 leading international universities in agricultural economics and rural development. IMRD offers a combination of basic and specialized theoretical and practical training in technical, economic and social sciences thought by worldwide international experts. Through advanced theoretical classes, case studies, field experiences, internships and applied thesis work students are well prepared for both academic and professional careers. Our program will train students to become:

- a trained expert in integrated rural development, specialized in agricultural economics, rural sociology, policy and decision making; with a competitive advantage on the international job market;
- a MSc with a unique international comparative theoretical knowledge in rural development and agricultural economics theories and policies, combined with practical skills for assessing rural problems and the formulation and implementation of adequate solutions;
- a good communicator well equipped to perform a high level PhD and/or function in the (non-)governmental labor market;
- part of an international network of specialist in agronomics and rural development

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