**AGRI-FOOD** AS A DRIVER FOR SUSTAINABLE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

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**THE INNOVAGRO TRANSNATIONAL INITIATIVE**

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**EXPECTED RESULTS FROM THE EVENT**

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