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## IGZ and ZALF head the Coordinating Office of the BMBF program “Agricultural Systems of the Future”

Another success for Brandenburg’s non-university research institutes: The Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ) in Grossbeeren and the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) in Muencheberg were selected as the central coordinating bodies for “Agricultural Systems of the Future”. This underlines the nationwide competence of both institutions in the field of agricultural and nutrition research. Prof. Monika Schreiner and Dr. Philip Albers are responsible for the office at the IGZ and Senior Researcher Thomas Weith and Ulf Weddige are responsible at ZALF.

The central coordinating office supports communication and cooperation between the eight successful consortia working on innovative solutions for future-oriented and sustainable agriculture throughout Germany. The Coordinating Office will be funded for five years with almost 1.6 million euros.

The core tasks of the Coordinating Office are primarily to facilitate synergies between the eight research consortia through active networking. In addition, it contributes to increasing the national and international visibility of the research projects and to the dialogue on future agricultural systems in society as a whole. This is achieved, among other things, through strategic, target-group-specific technical communication. In addition, the Coordinating Office supports the research and implementation strategies of the consortia in the scientific accompanying projects.

Through the “Agricultural Systems of the Future” program, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research is setting the course for agricultural production in the sense of the bio-economy and a transformation process for society as a whole on the path to sustainable and resource-efficient agriculture.

Information on funding at:

<https://www.agrarsysteme-der-zukunft.de>

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Mission of ZALF is to deliver solutions for an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable agriculture – together with society.

As a contribution to overcoming global challenges such as climate change, food security, biodiversity conservation and resource scarcity, we develop and design crop systems, integrated in their landscape contexts, that combine food security with sustainability. Therefore we process complex landscape data with a unique set of experimental methods, new technologies and models as well as socio-economic approaches.

ZALF research is integrated systems research: starting from processes in soils and plants to causal relationships on the field and landscape level up to global impacts and complex interactions between landscapes, society and economy. [www.zalf.de](http://www.zalf.de)

**About the Leibniz Institute for Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ) in Großbeeren, one of the institutes of the Leibniz Association:**

The IGZ conducts basic plant science research with a view to possible applications in vegetable and ornamental plants and the use of plant biodiversity. [www.igzev.de](http://www.igzev.de)