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The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand (www.ait.asia) has been awarded a grant by the European Union for the implementation of the Action entitled: “*Sustaining and Enhancing the Momentum for Innovation and Learning around the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in the Lower Mekong River Basin*”. The contract between AIT and the European Union has been signed on 12th November 2012. The project implementation period is for 60 months with a total cost of approximately 3.4 million Euros. The European Union will contribute 85% of the total cost of Action (approximately 2.9 million Euros).

The main objective of the project is to contribute to enhance resilience of rainfed small-scale farmers of the Lower Mekong Region confronting climate change. The project will be implemented in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam:

The main applicant for this project is AIT along with its partners – FAO Regional IPM Programme in South and Southeast Asia, Oxfam America, and Institute of Development Studies University of Sussex in UK. The Associate partners for the project are the SRI-Rice secretariat of the Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD) in USA, and the University of Queensland in Australia.

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