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Innovation Networks for Cork, Resins & Edibles

Strengthening partnerships and innovation in Mediterranean NWFP value-chains

INCREDIBLE final conference

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Introduction:

Non-wood forest products (NWFP) such as truffles, mushrooms, wild nuts, aromatic plants or cork and resin have an important role among nature-based solutions for Europe's green economy. They are essential for rural economic activities and offer important sustainable alternatives to fossil-based products. The project '*Innovation Networks of Cork, Resins and Edibles in the Mediterranean basin*' (INCREDIBLE) addresses the gap between existing research and innovation knowledge on service systems for NWFPs in the Mediterranean. INCREDIBLE links knowledge and fosters collaboration among different groups of stakeholders, developing innovative business models and enhancing expertise in rural regions to develop inclusive economic strategies. The project designed and launched a hub of Innovation Networks (iNets), which join all the actors along the value chains of the most important Mediterranean NWFPs: cork, resins, mushrooms & truffles, nuts & berries, aromatic & medicinal plants.

Objective:

The **INCREDIBLE Final Conference** will explore and celebrate the outcomes of the project with a special emphasis on the flagship initiatives and important achievements of each iNet. This virtual event will also present the innovations that have originated from the project activities, displaying the strength of lasting partnerships formed throughout the project's life. The conference will also give special attention to the importance of making NWFPs more visible within EU thematic networks.

The conference is co-organised by the European Forest Institute (EFI), H2020 INCREDIBLE project coordinator, and Instituto Superior de Agronomia (ISA), Universidade de Lisboa.

Addressed to: The event is addressed to EU, national, regional and local stakeholders in NWFP value chains. In particular, we welcome associations of forest owners, producers and processors, consumer organisations, industries, NGOs, public institutions, etc.

Dates 15-16 April 2021

Venue: The INCREDIBLE final conference will be held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Language: English

Contacts: For any question relating to the event, please contact the Organising Committee at magatome@isa.ulisboa.pt

INITIAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 15th April 2021	
11:00-11:30	Opening: Welcome & introductory statements Introduction to the event from organizers and welcoming keynote presentation.
11:30-13:30	Session 1: Achievements: Policy forum debriefing and key INCREDIBLE outcomes The session will explore main INCREDIBLE knowledge-to-practice outputs including: policy recommendations at the EU, national and local levels developed through the INCREDIBLE policy forum, highlights from Crosscutting seminars & open innovation challenges, NWFP flagship initiatives deployed in the project. The session is concluded with a virtual round table to discuss the creation of a NWFP observatory for the Mediterranean area, as to solidify networks strengthened through the project and concretize the important role of NWFP within the Mediterranean policy agenda.
15:00-16:30	Session 2: INCREDIBLE Innovation festival This session will showcase the knowledge-to-action innovation cases compiled and gathered in the project repository platform, highlighting best-practices in NWFP value chains.

Friday 16th April 2021	
15:00-16:30	Session 3: The role of forests in EU Thematic networks: exploring lessons learnt A high-level discussion with EU representatives and sister thematic network projects (e.g. AFINET, Euraknos) about the future of forestry-based thematic networks and operational groups in the next EU programming period.