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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

PROGRAMME

All times are in CEST time zone (Brussels time). Access will open 5 minutes before each session.

Thursday 15 April 2021

	<p>Session 1</p> <p>INCREDIBLE achievements: policy recommendations and key project outcomes</p> <p>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 and 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 concretise the important role of NWFP within the Mediterranean policy agenda.</p>
11:00-11:15	<p>Opening: welcome & introductory statements</p> <p>Inazio Martinez de Arano (EFI) Margarida Tomé (ISA)</p>
11:15-11:40	<p>Introductory keynote presentation</p> <p>Jenny Wong (Director of Wild Resources Limited)</p>
11:40-11:50	<p>Policy recommendations on NWFP</p> <p>Sara Maltoni (FORESTAS) Álvaro Picardo (Junta de Castilla y León)</p>
11:50-11:55	<p>Interlude</p>
11:55-12:40	<p>Innovation in NWFP thematic networks: highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging dialogues and exchange of knowledge: Sven Mutke (INIA) • Increasing transparency in resin supply chains: Aída Rodríguez (CESEFOR) • Traceability of NWFP: Anton Brenko (CFRI) • Promoting marketability: Conceição Santos Silva (UNAC) • Supporting policy making: Kalliopi Stara (UOI)
12:40-13:25	<p>Round table and debate: towards a NWFP observatory for the Mediterranean area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamed Daly-Hassen (National Agriculture Observatory, Tunisia) • Adriano Raddi (Catalan Forest Observatory, Spain) • António Gonçalves Ferreira (Cork Oak and Cork Observatory, Portugal) • Vladimir Nikolić (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Serbia) • Klemens Schadauer (European National Forest Inventory Network)
13:25-13:30	<p>Conclusions of Session 1</p>

	<p>Session 2: INCREDIBLE Innovation festival</p> <p>This session will showcase the knowledge-to-action innovation cases compiled and gathered in the project <i>Knowledge repository for Non-Wood Forest Products</i>, will present the seven finalists of the INCREDIBLE knowledge contest, participants will vote to select winner, and you will learn the trajectory of the entrepreneurs that received the support of the INCREDIBLE acceleration service in February 2020.</p>
15:00-15:05	Introduction
15:05-15:25	<p>Knowledge exchange: the <i>Knowledge repository for Non-Wood Forest Products</i> Joana Paulo (ISA)</p>
15:25-16:20	<p>INCREDIBLE knowledge contest: presentation of the seven finalists, voting and winner announcement Benjamin Chapelet (CNPF) Inazio Martinez de Arano (EFI) Finalists of the INCREDIBLE knowledge contest</p>
16:20-17:25	<p>Open innovation to establish NWFP businesses: legacy of the INCREDIBLE open innovation challenge, followed by Debate: how to support entrepreneurship and the uptake of innovation in NWFP sectors? Nicola Andrighetto and Jacopo Giacomoni (ETIFOR) Entrepreneurs supported by the INCREDIBLE acceleration service</p>
17:25-17:30	Conclusions of Session 2
17:30-18:00	Optional: breakout rooms in Zoom available for direct exchanges with the available entrepreneurs having participated in acceleration service and finalists of the knowledge contest

Friday 16 April 2021

	<p>Session 3: The role of forests in EU Thematic networks: exploring lessons learnt</p> <p>A high-level discussion with EU representatives and linked thematic network projects about the future of forestry-based thematic networks and operational groups in the next EU programming period.</p>
14:00-14:05	Introduction
14:05-14:30	<p>Keynote presentation: new repository on thematic networks and future calls (tentative) Inge Van Oost (Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development)</p>
14:30-14:55	<p>Keynote presentation: non-wood forest products: the Portuguese context Cristina Santos (Chief of Forest Management Division at ICNF)</p>
14:55-15:00	Interlude

15:00-15:50	Round table and debate: forest thematic networks - lessons learnt <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFINET H2020 project: Rosa Mosquera (University of Santiago de Compostela)• INCREDIBLE H2020 project: Inazio Martinez de Arano (EFI)• Non-Wood Forest Products IUFRO Task Force: James Chamberlain (USDA Forest Service)• Euraknos H2020 project: Pieter Spanoghe (Ghent University)
15:50-16:00	Conclusions of Session 3 and End of Final Conference