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## FUNICE

# Agricultural use of beneficial microorganisms in the aspect of environmental protection

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Under field conditions plants interact with a diversity of microorganisms, however, both conventional and organic agriculture already affected the soil microbiome leading to decrease of soil quality, nutritional value of crops and creating the necessity to use a range of chemicals such as fertilizers and pesticides to avoid spread of unwanted pathogenic microbes. Project Funice addresses local communities that are involved in ecological production of food and will help to optimize organic agriculture, ensuring sustainability and lower concentration of pesticides used. Shortage of information to the farmers, and lack of application technology are prevalent. Development of the microbial products is hindered due to the lack of understanding not only among farmers but also policymakers and often among school teachers educating future farmers. The strategy is to bridge the gap between research and farmers, to embed academic knowledge into the policy process from the beginning. International cooperation will help to exchange experiences in solving problems and will stimulate sharing the microbial strains that can be of importance under changing climate.

## RECENT EVENTS

FUNICE project has started! On 3 of February 2021, the first meeting of our project took place. Meeting took place on-line with the participation of representatives of all partners of the project from France, Turkey, Poland, and Spain.

The kick-off meeting was devoted to the presentation of the project's aims and objectives as well as for developing the work plan for the entire project. The most important issues were set for the first 6 months of the project implementation. According to the application, the partnership will work on the first IO for 6 months and discuss the next IO during the next meeting in Poland in May 2021. The IO3 will be being evaluated for the whole project time.

**Micoryza is the coexistence of plant roots with fungi.**



**Our logo is related to the subject of the project.**



### *Shortly about the project:*

The FUNICE undertaking will accomplish its objectives by creating 4 fundamental outcomes):

- IO1: preparing training methodology and training programme
- IO2: specialized, innovative training content of micoryza
- IO3: creating Open Educational Resources (OER)
- IO4: specialized handbook of micoryza utilization

Apart of those results project will execute pilot sessions in all partner countries as well as dissemination conferences done near the end of the project.

## What next?

After elaboration of the Intellectual output 1, we will begin the work on the second part of the project products which is specialized training content of micoryza and pilot testing. It will focus on development of the high quality training content for FUNICE target group. This work will be realized another 6 months and will contain development of the content and complex testing by the beneficiaries of our project.

## Comming events

14-15.10.2021

2ND CONSORTIUM MEETING

Partners agreed to meet next time in Cracow and discuss next of the intellectual output development. During this meeting the partners will share also their opinions about the first period of the project lifetime.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

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