

Valorizing non-wood forest products for healthy consumption patterns

6th Forest Innovation
Workshop

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Project: INCREDIBLE (Innovation Networks of Cork, Resins and Edibles in the Mediterranean basin)

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Operational Groups

- **BBbioNets** Operational Groups overview (Italy) Patrizia BORSOTTO (CREA)
- **ResinLAB (Spain)** Blanca VALVERDE (COSE)
- **Platisor (Portugal)** Luis BONIFACIO (INIAV)

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Goals of the Table Discussion

Improving the understanding on the presented cases

Identifying opportunities to spread the idea or establish cross-border cooperation through relevant EU and other programmes or instruments, for example activities within the European CAP Network;

Indicating intentions/opportunities for cross-border cooperation (which regions; intended partners to implement/further improve the innovation issue);

Collecting new ideas related to the topic/innovation challenge, in addition to the aspects dealt with by the presented cases.

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Cases presented

- **INCREDIBLE:** Thematic network (multi-actor project). The main goal was the valorization of non-wood forest products. In the context of the project the full value chain ecosystem was mapped and evaluated to identify the main problems;
- **BBioNets:** Thematic network (multi-actor project) Main goal is to work on biomass management. They count with 70 organizations and 12 OGs involved;
- **GORESINLAB:** The project develop an innovation to improve the mechanization of resin extraction and a data observatory to improve transparency and knowledge transfer;
- **PLATISOR (GO):** Management of cork oak to control pest outbreaks. The project outputs (innovations) were communicated in several seminar to the interested stakeholders.

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Cooperation

- OGs can provide information about the needs on the ground and practical innovations. Horizon projects can test and scale-up them at supranational level;
- Thematic Network are needed to disseminate the innovations of the OGs → increasing number of OGs and decreasing number of TN;
- Support projects that have cascade funding
- The OGs that have a better performance should be financed at longer term secure their continuity
- Instruments (conferences, seminars, invited speakers, living labs) that allow people to get together and share experiences in situ;
- Cross border OGs could be an interesting alternative (administrative barriers !!!);
- Very flexible instruments that allow people interaction, share easy to understand messages, examples of practices and experiences. Promote interregional cooperation (e.g. international study visit).

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New ideas

- How to scale up the innovations of the OGs, test their replicability and increase impact. Study visit as a potential tool;
- Accurate evaluation of costs and benefits of the application of an innovation in the management plan or practice;
- There is a need to identify niches or develop labels or certifications to increase the value of non-wood forest products to face competing products from alternative sources (e.g. imported pine nuts, hydrocarbon resin, etc.);
- Community or alternative certification processes should be explored to increase the value of products;
- Current social conflicts (e.g. outsourcing the field work) should be addressed by social sciences and tackled by social innovation;
- How to evaluate the success or value of an OGs (various criteria);
- Analyze the possibility of setting (material) quotas for some bio products to stimulate their production. Could be a buster and increase the value chain.