

## NEWSLETTER N.1

### *Introducing the European project EcoChestnut!*



The EU chestnuts market has been experiencing a strong growth in demand for organic chestnut products for the last 10 years. This demand is unsatisfied in volume, so it has to rely on non-EU imports to be satisfied.

In this context, EcoChestnut aims at enhancing the competitiveness of the European chestnut farmers & chestnut products producers, offering an **innovative vocational training process** to support both the development of organic chestnut production in Europe and the development of better marketing competences in chestnut producers.

- How to produce organic chestnut production?
- How to use biological and biodynamic treatments in chestnut farming?
- How to develop a marketing strategy?
- How to promote sustainable agricultural farming as a driving force for rural development in Europe?

Ecochestnut supports chestnut farmers & chestnut products producers to enter the market of organic chestnuts & chestnut products!

**This training Course EcoChestnut** will be available online in all the languages of the project.

Visit the new website of the  
project EcoChestnut !

[www.ecochestnut.eu](http://www.ecochestnut.eu)



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## Let's meet the Partners of EcoChestnut!

The project is developed by 7 partners from Greece, Spain, Portugal, France & Bulgaria, with specific and complementary expertise:

**Petra Patrimonia Corsica**, project leader – France, is a business support program designed for entrepreneurs to ease their growth and integration into a market economy. [cde-petrapatrimonia.com](http://cde-petrapatrimonia.com)

**Polytechnic Institute of Braganca** – Portugal, is a higher education public institution with a defined mission in creating, transmitting and diffusing technical-scientific and professional knowledge.  
[portal3.ipb.pt/index.php/pt/ipb](http://portal3.ipb.pt/index.php/pt/ipb)

**Mediterranean Centre of Environment** – Greece, is a non-profit organisation that promotes sustainable local development based on preservation and enhancement of natural and cultural heritage.  
[www.medcenv.org](http://www.medcenv.org)

**Regional Natural Park of Corsica** – France, represents a labelled perimeter that extends over 51% of the island of Corsica. It aims to protect and valorise the rich natural and cultural heritage of the area. [www.pnr.corsica](http://www.pnr.corsica)

**University of Vigo** – Spain, is a leading university, which is growing as an international reference in innovation and research. [www.uvigo.gal](http://www.uvigo.gal)

**DAKOM** – Bulgaria, is a private organization in the field of consultation of companies. One of its main priorities is to put forward and implement project initiatives on local, national and EU level to foster innovative approaches.  
[dakom-bg.com](http://dakom-bg.com)

**Agricultural cooperative of Melivia** from Greece produces, packages and promotes the main local productions of the region, on the slope of the Olympus-Kissavo mountains, that are chestnut, cherry and apple.

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