

Inclusion of vulnerable groups in rural areas by environmental awareness and social entrepreneurship through mycology



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FUNGIPRENEURS: Transforming lives in rural Europe

FUNGIPRENEURS, a pioneering project, is sowing the seeds of change by raising social inclusion through environmental awareness and mycological entrepreneurship. With a consortium of six European partners (Austria, Cyprus, Ireland Spain and Portugal), this initiative takes a novel approach to empower vulnerable groups in rural areas, including women, youth, the elderly, migrants, ethnic minorities, small farmers, and seasonal agricultural workers.

The **FUNGIPRENEURS Training curriculum**, a cornerstone of this transformative project, is designed to equip adult educators and organizations supporting social inclusion with the skills needed to guide marginalized communities. The curriculum is aligned with the European Qualifications Framework designed for EQF level 6, emphasizing advanced knowledge, skills, and autonomy.

Empowering Change: FUNGIPRENEURS Training Curriculum unveils the path to mycological entrepreneurship and social inclusion, guided by innovative roadmapping methodology

Mycology, the study of fungi, takes centre stage as the curriculum unfolds through seven comprehensive learning units. These units cover essential topics such as roadmapping methodology, social inclusion strategies, environmental awareness, the marketable value of mycological resources, green skills development through mycology, social entrepreneurship for sustainability, and digital literacy skills.

In total, the FUNGIPRENEURS Training curriculum comprises 70 hours of blended learning, combining both traditional and online approaches. Each learning unit is meticulously crafted to provide adult educators with the necessary expertise to navigate the intersection of environmental awareness, mycology, and social entrepreneurship.

By recognizing fungi not just as organisms in forests but as potential sources of income and sustainability, FUNGIPRENEURS is planting the seeds for a **greener more inclusive future**.



FUNGIPRENEURS consortium at Lisbon for intermediate transnational project meeting

On the 14th of November, the project managers from FUNGIPRENEURS (Portugal, Austria, Cyprus, Ireland and Spain) met in Lisbon for a meeting hosted by Mindshift.

During this gathering, partners presented the final version of the training curriculum. Later, they discussed the progress of the E-learning platform and website and agreed upon the next steps for the development of the FUNGIPRENEURS online courses.



FUNGIPRENEURS project website is fully operative

The FungiPreneurs project website is fully operative at www.fungipreneurs.eu, a significant milestone in its mission to promote **environmental awareness** and **social entrepreneurship**. This online platform provides comprehensive information about the project's goals, progress, and collaborations, aimed at supporting vulnerable communities through sustainable mycology. The website enhances the project's accessibility and outreach, ensuring its innovative approaches in sustainable development reach a wider audience globally.

