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



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Train-the-trainers: The Fungipreneurs Capacity Building

The Consortium met in Tenerife on 10, 11 and 12 July 2024 to participate in the FUNGIPRENEURS Training Activity.

The 3 days-session consisted of a capacity building to train-the-trainers on the use and transferability of the FUNGIPRENEURS e-Learning Platform, Toolkit and Training path.



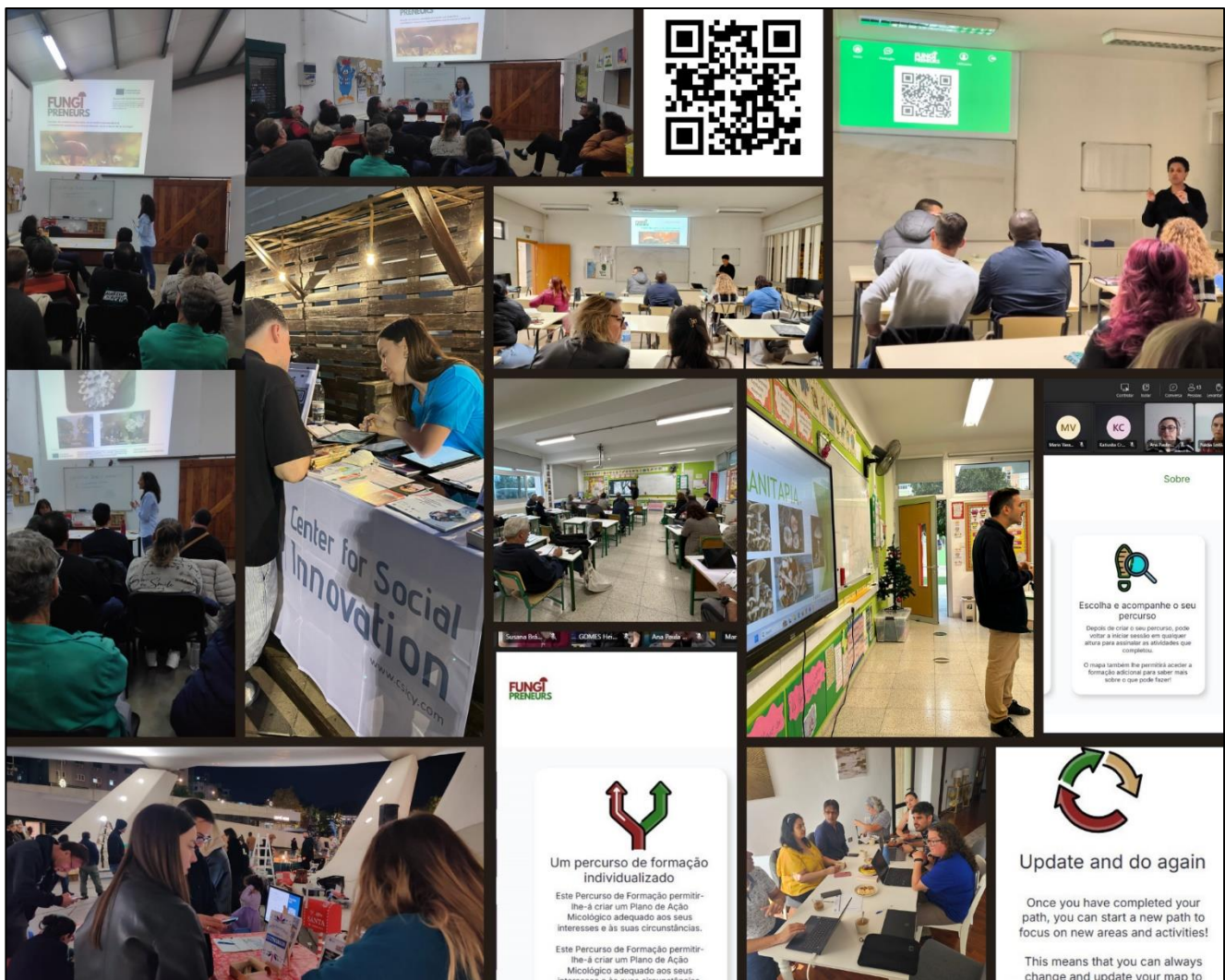
Participants were trained on the **seven e-learning units** (Roadmapping methodology as a tool to create easy-to-follow training itineraries, Social inclusion of vulnerable groups in rural areas, Environmental awareness, Fungi ecosystems and marketable value of mycological resources, Mycology for green skills development, Social entrepreneurship for sustainability and social impact and Digital literacy skills and competences through mycology), on the **FUNGIPRENEURS Toolkit** which is a set of resources and materials designed to support the educational process for educators and instructors to deliver knowledge effectively and for students to learn this knowledge quickly and efficiently and on the **FUNGIPRENEURS Training path** that helps users to plan and work on social entrepreneurship through mycology.

The interactive and practical approach of the FUNGIPRENEURS training activity enhanced participants' knowledge, skills, and confidence about the contents and the tools developed within the project. Moreover, these sessions promoted collaboration and networking which will lead to creating new opportunities and strengthening future partnerships.

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FUNGIPRENEURS: Empowering Communities Through Sustainable Mushroom Entrepreneurship in Europe

FUNGIPRENEURS has successfully empowered vulnerable communities across Europe, promoting **social inclusion, environmental awareness and sustainable entrepreneurship**. Through hands-on training and digital learning tools, participants - especially unemployed youth, women and small-scale farmers in rural areas - gained valuable skills in fungal entrepreneurship.



During the project, hundreds of people were informed about the initiative, and over **100 participants** actively engaged with the online training platform. The pilot activities in all partner countries highlighted the importance of adapting the training material to meet different needs, ensuring greater accessibility and impact. Collaboration with **local stakeholders, entrepreneurs** and **NGOs** further enhanced the relevance and sustainability of the project.

Although initial hesitations were observed due to unfamiliarity with mushroom-based businesses in some countries, hands-on demonstrations and **customized workshops** proved to be particularly effective in engaging participants. The exchange of best practices between partner countries enriched the learning experience and introduced innovative approaches to **sustainable entrepreneurship**.

Beyond the individual participants, FUNGIPRENEURS raised broader awareness of sustainable business opportunities in **rural areas**, contributing to long-term social and economic inclusion. The success of the project inspired interest from local organisations and businesses, paving the way for future initiatives promoting green skills and responsible entrepreneurship across Europe.

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