

EUROPEAN QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCES FOR THE VEGAN FOOD INDUSTRY

Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliance

CONTEXT

Consumer trends towards more sustainable and healthy diets are boosting the development of **new processes and technologies** applied to plant-based raw materials. As a consequence, the food industry is **expanding in plant-based products**, including those that did not exist before (e.g. cereal or nut drinks and new alternatives to meat and dairy products). Additionally, the **increased sustainability requirements**, together with **digitalization** and **automatization** trends, are quickly changing the work environment making it more challenging to develop new and up-to-date skills of workers.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the project is to **support** the fast-changing sector of **plant-based processing** (vegetables, fruits, cereals, legumes and nuts). by responding to the urgent needs **on upskilling of staff competences and mobility of professionals in Europe**.



IMPACT

- **More competitive food industry**, quickly adapting to the fast-changing consumer needs;
- **Increased mobility of** food industry professionals in Europe

KEYWORDS

Plant-based Food, Innovation in Education, Green and Digital Skills, Work-based Learning

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ACTIVITIES

The following activities will be implemented:

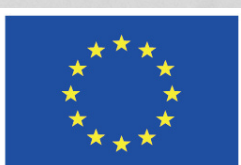
- **Innovative and scientifically updated training;**
- **European certification scheme for training and job profiles;**
- **Sector Skills Alliance on training** for the vegan food industry;
- **Tools and services** such as a stakeholders' database and an apprenticeship scheme;
- **Food skills portal** open to students, educators, food industry professionals and food companies, to **facilitate the outcomes** of the project.

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