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## **INRGREF will host an international seminar to promote the sector of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants**

Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFP) can play an important role in supporting sustainable forest management and rural development. An international seminar about Aromatic and Medicinal Plants in the Mediterranean basin, organized by **National Research Institute of Rural Engineering, Water and Forestry (INRGREF)**. The seminar, held at **Centre de Promotion des Exportations de la Tunisie (CEPEX) on 27th & 28th of June 2018** will host partners from the 'Innovation Networks of Cork, Resins and Edibles in the Mediterranean basin' (INCREDIBLE) project and interested stakeholders. INCREDIBLE creates networks to share and exchange knowledge and expertise on NWFPs, promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and innovation to highlight the value and potential of NWFPs in the region.

To foster this collaboration, INCREDIBLE has created five Innovation Networks (iNets) that will contribute to knowledge-sharing on NWFPs. The scoping seminar for Aromatic and Medicinal Plants will be carried out in Tunisia. The meeting will include different conferences and work sessions to launch this Aromatic and Medicinal Plants iNet, which will bring together the main stakeholders of the sector and provides an opportunity to join and contribute to the iNet design. The AMPs iNet will be consolidated as a network oriented towards resilient innovation through collaborative work over the next three years and beyond.

The programme will be published at <http://www.inrgref.agrinet.tn/>. Access to the scoping seminar is free, but prior registration is required through [\[Registration Form\]](#). In case you are interested in being part of the iNet, but can't attend this meeting, do not hesitate to contact us and join the iNet by contacting the iNet coordinator : Ibtissem Taghouti ([ibtissem.taghouti@gmail.com](mailto:ibtissem.taghouti@gmail.com)).

### **About INCREDIBLE project**

INCREDIBLE addresses the gap between existing research and innovation knowledge on service systems for NWFPs in the Mediterranean. In particular, INCREDIBLE links knowledge and fosters collaboration among different groups of stakeholders, developing innovative business models and enhancing expertise in rural regions to develop inclusive economic strategies.



INCREDIBLE also targets the public / wider society with the message that forests, managed sustainably by the inhabitants of rural areas, are a great source of wealth that provides us with cork, resins, aromatic and medicinal plants, and edible products such as wild nuts and berries or mushrooms and truffles. Socio-economic activity in our forests also contributes to wildfire fire prevention.

To achieve this, INCREDIBLE is developing Innovation Networks (iNets) around five different groups of Mediterranean NWFPs: cork; resins; mushrooms & truffles; nuts & berries; aromatic & medicinal plants. Each iNet aims to gather best practices (both practical and science-based) related to NWFP production, processing and trade channels.

INCREDIBLE project brings together universities, research centres and professional organisations (owners & managers), coordinated by the European Forest Institute. Thirteen entities from eight countries will contribute knowledge and expertise on various aspects related to NWFPs.

The institutions involved in INCREDIBLE are:

- European Forest Institute (EFI) (coordinator)
- Forest Research Centre in the National Institute for Agricultural and Food research and Technology (INIA, Spain)
- Union of the Mediterranean Forest (UNAC, Portugal)
- ETIFOR, srl, (ETIFOR, Italy)
- Croatian Forest Research Institute (CFRI, Croatia)
- Forest Science Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC, Spain)
- University of Ioannina (UOI, Greece)
- National Research Institute of Rural Engineering, Water and Forests (INRGREF, Tunisia)
- Service Center and Forestry Promotion and its industry of Castile and Leon (CESEFOR, Spain)
- Instituto Superior de Agronomia (ISA, Portugal)
- Centre national de la propriété forestière (CNPf, France)
- Esset Energy Systems (ESSET, Belgium)
- Agenzia forestale regionale per lo sviluppo del territorio e l'ambiente della Sardegna (FoReSTAS, Italy)

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