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Dear all,

We are approaching rapidly the 3rd Research Week in Parma, Italy, where we'll welcome around 140 participants for an inspiring and dynamic gathering. This will be a unique moment to connect, reflect, and look ahead together.

In early May, the EU GREEN alliance presented its interim report in front of the two external evaluators and a member of the European Education and Culture Executive Agency. Generally speaking, the discussions went well and the feedbacks of the evaluators were positive and constructive.

This is a powerful acknowledgment of our collective effort, and it fuels our motivation as we prepare for what's next. The Parma event will be the perfect occasion to share results, showcase progress, and align for the future.

We're also proud to host the grand finale of the 3-minute fame contest in Parma. PhD students will have to pitch their thesis in 3 minutes in front of a live jury.

With a packed agenda of exchanges, presentations, and celebration, Parma promises to be a milestone moment. Let's make it count.

[Find all the program and attendants here.](#)

Let's get ready for an unforgettable event!

EU GREEN Research Team



BioFungiFood: Innovative procedures against emerging fungal species under challenging climate change conditions for healthy and safe vegetables.

On April 7 and 8, the University Research Institutes in Badajoz hosted international workshops organized by the **University of Extremadura** within the framework of **EU GREEN**. These events are part of the **BIOFUNGIFOOD** seed project. The discussions were about developing innovative procedures to detect, evaluate and control emerging fungal species that affect plants in different countries, especially under conditions of climate change.

Five universities from the EUGREEN Alliance are participating in this project: the University of Extremadura (Spain), the University of Évora (Portugal), the University of Wrocław (Poland), the University of Angers (France), and the University of Gävle (Sweden).



COOBASED: a cooperative-centered approach to developing alternative and sustainable food supply chains.

On April 8 and 9, the University of Extremadura hosted an international workshop organized by the University of Extremadura as part of the seed activity COOBASED. It aims to understand new solutions and initiatives that can help foster a more sustainable European food system, based on the promotion of organic foods through local cooperative networks.

Six universities from the EUGREEN Alliance are participating in this project: the University of Extremadura (Spain), the University of Évora (Portugal), the University of Wrocław (Poland), the University of Parma (Italy), the Atlantic University of Technology (Ireland), and the University of Gävle (Sweden).

Spotlight on Successes

"3-minute fame" : 101 candidates from the alliance have competed in the first stage of the contest



For its first edition, the 3-minute fame contest gathered 101 participants from all the alliance. The PhD students had to showcase their thesis by presenting it in a maximum of 3 minutes in a concise and engaging manner to a diverse audience.

In the first stage of the contest, each university has selected internally students who will compete during the final stage of the contest through

a video application.

The event aims to encourage PhD students to disseminate their research in a clear and accessible way in just 3 minutes, and to promote the creation of a European network between doctoral students and researchers from the nine partner universities of the alliance.

The winners of the internal phase have won their place to participate in the EU GREEN Summer School, which will be held in Parma (Italy) from 9th to 13th June 2025. This will also be the occasion for the finale of the contest “3-minute fame”, where finalists from all EU GREEN universities will pitch their thesis live in front of a live jury.

Topics presented by the PhD students ranged from *"The aesthetics of the macabre reflected in classical musical works"* to *"Fertilizers from food waste: a sustainable way to improve vegetative and productive performance of different crops"*.

This action is led by the EU GREEN PhD council, which consists of scientists & experts in the field of doctoral education who are working to enhance and intensify the collaboration in the field of doctoral training within the Alliance.

MSCA Postdoctoral fellowship: find your supervisor within EU GREEN!

The objective of PFs is to support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research. The Postdoctoral Fellowships action targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors.

The EU GREEN universities are seeking high profile Postdoctoral applicants for the next MSCA PF session which deadline is fixed in september 2025. The MSCA PF are open to any research topic and focus on the training and improving the researchers' careers, through international, intersectorial and interdisciplinary approaches.

[Find your supervisor here](#)

MSCA Doctoral Network - information session

Event Details:

Date: 02 June, 2025

Time: 9.30 – 10.30 AM (CET)

Location: The event will be conducted online and in English. The Zoom link will be sent to you after registering and shortly before the event.

We are pleased to invite you to an information session on the MSCA Doctoral Networks, hosted by the OVGU Research Funding Advice. This session will provide an overview of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks, outlining funding opportunities, application procedures, and best practices for successful proposals. It is open to all EU GREEN alliance members.

What to Expect:

- ✓ Key insights into the MSCA Doctoral Networks program
- ✓ Guidance on eligibility, application process & funding rules
- ✓ Q&A session

This event is ideal for researchers, administrative staff, and project managers interested in international and intersectoral research collaborations.

To confirm your participation, please register via the following link.

<https://eveeno.com/182690084>

BioUNIVERSITY initiative

The project, coordinated by UNIPR, aims to monitor the biodiversity of the EUGREEN partners' campuses through citizen science, fostering collaboration between researchers and citizens. It targets both the university community (students, researchers, technical and administrative staff) and the wider public who, for various reasons, use and enjoy the green areas of our universities.

At this stage, we are looking for one or two representatives from each university who would be willing to join a working group. The group's

purpose is to ensure that the project is properly adapted to both EUGREEN's goals and the specific needs of each partner institution. We plan to hold online meetings approximately every two months to monitor progress and collaboratively develop the various phases of the project. The experience already gained at UNIPR will be extremely valuable in guiding the different steps.

Currently, the representatives are:

- **PARMA** (Cristina Castracani – Coordinator)
- **MAGDEBURG** (Antonio Roselli)
- **ÉVORA** (Carlos Godinho)
- **GÄVLE** (Lars Hillstrom)

We kindly ask the remaining partners interested in participating to nominate a representative to be included in the working group. The deadline for submitting the list of participants is set for **31 May 2025**, while the group's first meeting will take place on Thursday, **26 June at 3:00 PM CET via Teams**.

The next steps will involve setting up the project on the iNaturalist platform and planning the recruitment strategy for project participants.

Job offers

PostDoc position in the field of heat engineering in Magdeburg, Germany - More details available [here](#).

PhD position in the field of epidemiology and occupational health sciences (Angers, France & Gävle, Sweden) More details available [here](#).

PhD co-direction - Immunosuppressants condition fungal geneticevolution in transplant recipients (Extramadura, Spain and Angers, France) More details available [here](#).

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