

## **Working plan for the Wild nuts & berries innovation network (iNet)**

In the Scoping seminar held last June in Coruche Portugal, thanks to the participation of stakeholders from the chestnut, pine nuts and seeds, strawberry tree fruit and the general forest sectors, the INCREDIBLE network has identified priority issues and knowledge gaps for the sector.

Issues for the Wild nuts and berries iNet	Cross-sectorial issues and knowledge gaps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Improved production by good practices in plantations and forest management</li> <li>· Integrated control of pests and diseases</li> <li>· High quality product processing standards</li> <li>· Labelling and certification schemes (forest certification, organic food, etc.)</li> <li>· Innovating in marketing and increased consumer awareness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Improving focused research and interregional knowledge flows</li> <li>· Having better, stronger, more comprehensive governance frameworks for NWFPs</li> <li>· Increasing effective communication for greater social awareness</li> </ul>

The INCREDIBLE network is now joining efforts to link knowledge and foster collaboration, to develop innovative business models and to enhance the expertise of rural regions towards the development of inclusive economic strategies. The Wild nuts & berries iNet needs your participation to achieve these objectives, as you may have interesting information, experiences and opinions that may benefit the NWFPs sector.

For this reason, we invite you to participate to the following events we are preparing from now on until September 2020, listed in the table below.

Dates are approximate and locations are susceptible to change. Keep updated at: <https://incredibleforest.net/content/inet/wild-nuts-and-berries/events-and-news>.

In behalf of all iNet partners, I hope that these events will be of your interest and that you will be eager to participate.



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When	What	Where
<b>Interregional workshops</b>		
Identify and contextualize knowledge available, highlight key innovation opportunities and identify persisting gaps and research priorities.		
7-8 March 2019	<i>Combining wild nuts &amp; berries' economic development and product quality</i>	Marseille (France)
12-14 June 2019	<i>Wild harvested nuts and berries in time of new pests, diseases and climate change</i>	Palencia (Spain)
13-14 Nov. 2019	<i>Enhanced production of edibles from forests and orchards</i>	Tunis (Tunisia)
<b>Science-to-practice events</b>		
Experience NWFPs knowledge on the ground, peer-to-peer exchange, transfer of knowledge, dissemination of lessons learned among local actors.		
Continuously	Keep informed at <a href="https://incredibleforest.net/events">https://incredibleforest.net/events</a>	Several locations
<b>Cross-cutting seminars</b>		
Bridge knowledge gap and create cross-sectorial partnerships to support NWFP actors in the development of innovative solutions.		
April 2019	<i>Integrating NWFPs in territorial marketing and ecosystem service value chains</i>	Padova (IT)
October 2019	<i>Innovative business and entrepreneurship in NWFPs sector</i>	Barcelona (ES)
April 2020	<i>ITC tools for improved NWFPs value chains and market intelligence</i>	Soria (ES)
<b>Open innovation challenge</b>		
Explore potential solutions from the research community and identify innovation opportunities.		
July to September 2019	<i>Recruitment through an application form.</i>	online
October to December 2019	<i>Selection of the candidates and winners communication.</i>	online
Spring 2020	<i>Business and social innovation acceleration service (training) award for winners.</i>	Padova (IT)
<b>Collection of knowledge from research and practice</b>		
Collect relevant information on NWFPs resulting innovative knowledge and easy accessible end-user material in a knowledge repository.		
Continuously	<i>Contact your local contact point if you want to collaborate.</i>	online
January 2020	<b>Policy forum</b> Generate policy recommendations on regulation, commercialization and other aspects of NWFPs.	Sardinia (IT)
September 2020	<b>Final conference</b> Dissemination of the results, and project reporting.	To be confirmed