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ECOBASE Eco-Friendly Nature-based solutions to mitigate soil degradation

Project Launch

The **ECOBASE** project was designed aiming to:

- address soil degradation in the EU's ADRION region by developing sustainable solutions harmonized with EU legislation.
- combat soil degradation, while also providing innovative tools for policymakers and farmers.
- promote sustainable regional development, environmental sustainability, and biodiversity, enhancing the quality and safety of food products.

> **Project Duration:** 36 Months (01/09/2024-31/08/2027)

> **Total Budget:** 1.417.769,79 €

> **Interreg Funds:** 1.205.104,31 €

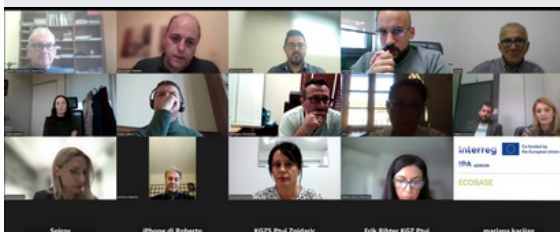
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> Project Partners

- University of Patras (Lead Partner), EL
- Chamber of Aetoloakarnania, EL
- Padova Chamber of Commerce, IT
- Municipality of Gjirokastrë, AL
- Centre for Climate Change, Natural Resources and Energy of University of Donja Gorica, ME
- University of Belgrade, Faculty of Agriculture, RS
- Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Institute of Agriculture, MK
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, ME
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises, SI
- Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, Agriculture and Forestry Institute Ptuj (KGZ Ptuj), SI

> Associate Partners

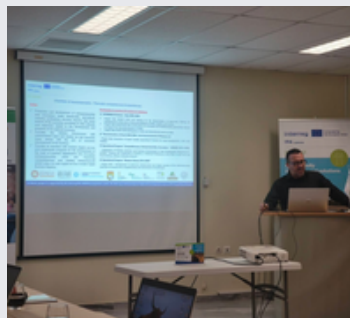
- Region of Western Greece, EL
- Agri-Food Partnership of Western Greece, EL
- Agricultural Cooperative of Fruits & Vegetables, Grains and Olive Oil of Amaliada, EL



Project First Meetings

The Chamber of Aetoloakarnania project team, participated to the project first meeting, held online on November 21st, 2024, and to the first physical project meeting (kick-off meeting), that took place on January 30-31, 2025 in Patras, organized by the University of Patras, ECOBASE Lead Partner.

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Info Points

The Chamber of Aetoloakarnania has established five (5) information points, about the project, its objectives and activities, as well as to support producers, processors, and all interested individuals and potential stakeholders in the primary sector in participating in the project's actions.



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Mission Soil Manifesto

ECOBASE Supports Soil Manifesto: Recognizing the importance of caring about soil health, the Chamber of Aetoloakarnania published an article on the project website, as a call for action to the general public, to express their support to the European Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe', by signing and further promoting the Mission Soil Manifesto



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Questionnaire on regional soil health challenges and needs

With the aim to investigate the perceptions of the productive bodies of the agri-food sector on soil health-quality indicators and soil degradation, a dedicated questionnaire has been developed by the project. The Chamber of Aetoloakarnania, in cooperation with the University of Patras, invited its network to actively contribute to this effort, by providing their valuable input in this survey.



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