Transnational Quality Education for Organic Food Safety [SAFE-ORGfood]

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The project
Food safety remains a critical issue in the food chain. The Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs requires all food business operators to implement a system based on HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) principles developed by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The number of organic food processing plants and the interest in the subject of food safety by their representatives is expected to significantly increase in the coming years. One of the problems faced by the university teachers seeking to teach about organic food safety is that the present teaching programmes and materials (publications, manuals, guides) are mostly targeted at the production of conventional food, and do not take into account specific conditions of organic producers. The number and range of educational resources available for organic food safety teaching in Europe is extremely limited.
The SAFE-ORGfood project will support cooperation between 5 European universities to develop, implement and widely disseminate innovative, comprehensive teaching materials on food safety in organic production, thus in a consequence, will improve the quality and effectiveness of university teaching in the targeted subject. The SAFE-ORGfood outputs will also increase the overall university teachers’ awareness of the importance of including organic food safety aspects in their everyday lecturing.

The project will:

✓ begin with an in-depth analysis of the food safety knowledge among organic stakeholders (O1),
✓ followed by the development of teaching materials such as i.e. handbook with theoretical background for food safety in organic production (O2),
✓ ready-to-implement manuals with practical solutions on organic food safety (O3),
✓ e-learning materials (O4)
✓ and on-line video (O5) on food safety in organic production,
✓ and finally by implementing them in everyday teaching activities at participating universities and disseminating during 5 project Multiplier Events and other ambitious dissemination activities.

Transnationality of the project will allow the biggest strengths of teaching approaches and strategies of participating universities to be extracted, analysed and put together in the project activities and outputs. The project outcomes and implementation actions will move the current EU higher education closer towards safe organic production and societal needs (also with respect to the sustainable development goals) as well as towards the needs of the strongly evolving European organic food market.

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Interdisciplinary, multinational project consortium
5 Universities from 5 EU countries

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