

Project VitaGLOBAL

“A Global Network for Agricultural Sciences and Viniviticulture: Internationalising through Joint Programmes”

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Project VitaGlobal - “A Global Network for Agricultural Sciences and Viniviticulture: Internationalising through Joint Programmes” – aims at sharpening university contribution to local development, specifically by proposing a curriculum development project that targets a growing agricultural sub-sector for all of the Partner regions involved: vitiviculture and enology.

Wider Objective:

- To develop a global university network, connecting diverse geographic regions with limited pre-existing cooperation, in order to enhance study programmes that contribute to local development, specifically in food science and viniviticulture, foci these universities share.

Specific Objectives:

- To consolidate a diverse international network of higher education institutions (HEIs) with a common interest to contribute to local development and a shared commitment to food science, viniviticulture and oenology, as a basis for academic cooperation and industry partnerships.
- To build the capacity of HEIs to sharpen their impact on local development in the viniviticulture sector, via multi-lateral knowledge transfer and in conjunction with industry and other socio-economic partners.
- To build capacity to develop joint programmes in agriculture, viniviticulture and oenology at the masters and doctoral level, so as to internationalise and integrate curricula, widen mobility opportunities for students and staff and ultimately internationalise the university contribution to local development.

Duration: 3 years – 2018 - 2021

VitaGLOBAL Consortium:

Project consortium includes 17 institutions. Among them are 6 institutions from EU countries (Spain, Italy, France, Portugal), 7 – from Latin America (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay), 2 - from South Africa and 2 – from Georgia.



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Project VitaGLOBAL brings together university partners and networks from diverse regions (Europe, Georgia, South America and South Africa) interested in contributing to local development by building joint study programmes in agricultural science and, specifically, vitiviniculture, which are of strategic economic importance to their countries and regions. The project will build capacity to develop joint programmes in vitiviniculture and oenology at the masters level, which is seen as a means to internationalise and integrate curricula, widen mobility opportunities for students and staff and ultimately internationalise the university contribution to local development.

Work groups looking at specific expertise from each partner in the viticulture sector will develop study modules, in collaboration with local industry partners, which will be piloted in existing programmes of partner universities. Multi-lateral knowledge transfer and training events will be provided to teaching and administrative staff of partner universities, to generate teaching and administrative capacity in joint programmes. A diverse international network of higher education institutions with a common interest to contribute to local development and a shared commitment to agri-science, vitiviniculture and oenology will be an outcome, which will sustain collaborative activities after the project.

Modules to be developed:

Viticulture

- 3) Sustainability in viticulture treatments, including precision viticulture and irrigation (Coordination UPorto, Piloting: UNCuyo, U Stellenbosch, CPUT)

Wine Technology

- 6) Science and technology of sparkling wines (Coordination: URV, piloting: UTalca, SU, UNdeC)
- 2) **New tendencies in Microbiology, Wine ageing and Wine Safety** (Coordination: UBx, piloting: TeSaU, GTU, Udelar)

Wine economy

- 4) Wine marketing and economic sustainability (Coordinating UCuyo, Piloting: UNju; UCH, UNCuyo, CPUT, Udelar)
- 1) **Wine tourism innovation** (Coordination URV, piloting: TeSaU, GTU, UNdeC, UNCuyo, UCH, CPUT)
- 5) Sensory analysis related to consumer appreciation (Coordination: UNIBO, piloting: UNJu, UNdeC, UTalca, UNCuyo)

More detail information about Project VitaGLOBAL and its activities is available on [VitaGLOBAL official website](#).

