

EcoOils Transnational meeting at Tiedra De Lavanda, in Spain! - USAL

On December six partners met at **Tiedra De Lavanda** (Valladolid, Spain) **to discuss the results of the Intellectual Outputs of the course.**

In a face-to-face transnational meeting. We worked on the completion of the content materials, animated tutorials, expert interviews, and case studies, and how to implement and translate documents in the virtual learning platform.

After a day of work, we visited the interpretation center and the distillery with a guided visit learning about how to produce pure organic lavender essential oil using implementing principles of circular economy to minimize energy, water and product waste.

Transnational meeting ended midday of Wednesday, December 7th at the historical library of Colegio de Fonseca, where partners discussed dissemination and management activities of the EcoOils project.



historical library of Colegio de Fonseca

"Trading of organic aromatic plants through producers' cooperation" - MCE

Continuing its series of online professional mini-conferences, the **Mediterranean Center of Environment organized the 4th meeting in Greece on the 1st of December, inviting Mr. Vassilis Mitsopoulos, president of the Kozani's Saffron Producers Cooperative.** He shared with us the interesting experience of this Cooperative founded in 1971 in the area of Kozani, North of Greece, with the objective of better marketing and promoting the excellent Greek saffron. Nowadays, the Cooperative has 1,000 members/ saffron growers. It has developed a certified Organic cultivation of saffron and exports to 28 countries around the world. The Krokos Kozani Saffron has also been registered as a PDO product since 1999.

See more on the cooperative:
<https://safran.gr/en/>



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The lavender on the spot!



Union des Professionnels des Plantes à Parfum, Aromatiques et Médicinales (PAM de France) is a Professional organisation of producers, cooperatives and companies involved in MAP.

The lavender in Bulgaria - AVA

The history of lavender in Bulgaria dates back to the beginning of the last century, when the culture was imported to the country. In 2008, the growth of lavender production jumped several times due to several factors incl. the widespread lavender in the country and in other areas with more favorable soil. **Since 2012, Bulgaria has been in first place in the world in terms of production and export of lavender oil. In the last year alone**, for example, Bulgaria has produced nearly 200 tons of lavender oil.

The Bulgarian lavender even has its own page - <https://www.lavandula.bg/en/>. The aim of the website is to collect and systematize the most important information about the lavender and its derivatives products - its importance, farming methods, applications and others. Part of Lavandula.bg's mission is to collect in one place and to give you directly all of the available information about the plant, needed by the users, customers, scientific organizations, farmers and anyone interested in lavender.

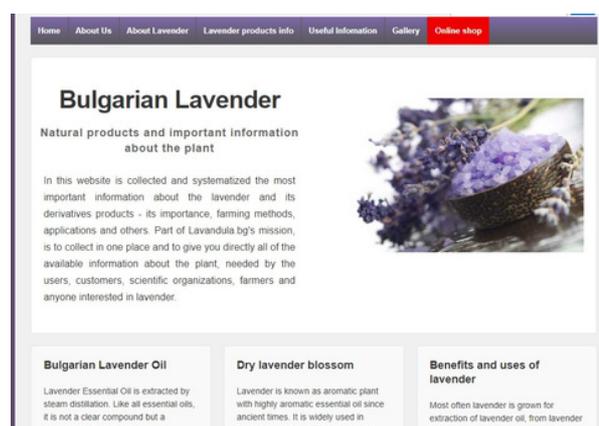
Lavender, on the way to UNESCO - UESS

The candidacy to UNESCO world heritage site of "Lavenders landscape: scents and poetry" has been launched on July 4th 2022 in Provence - France. This project is led by the European University of Flavours and Scents (UESS), the Committee of Aromatic and Medicinal Plant (CPPARM), the Union of Professionals of Aromatic and Medicinal Plants in France (PPAM de France) and the Commandery of lavender.

This candidacy is a collaboration between producers of three departments of the south of France: Alpes de Haute-provence, Drôme and Vaucluse. Indeed, about 28 889 ha of lavender and lavandin are cultivated in these territories, which represents 87% of the national area (source:FranceAgriMer).

Lavender landscape are typical of Provence and are also linked to local products: essential oils, perfumes, cosmetics and many others.

The registration in the UNESCO World list would be a recognition of the expertise of farmers and an asset for the local economy. There is still a long way to go in order to meet all the requirement of this procedure. Lavender worth it!



www.lavandula.bg/en/

Next step for our project!

- The EcoOils training program will be tested in each country during March 2022.
- Partners will meet in Forcalquier, France for the last Transnational partners meeting on 22 & 23 March 2023.

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