

## INTACT RISE-MSCA PROJECT TO SUPPORT TRUFFLES AROUND THE WORLD

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The INTACT project: "Innovation in truffle cultivation, preservation, processing and wild truffle resources management" aims at establishing a multi-lateral network of research and innovation staff active in the sustainable use of both wild and cultivated truffles, including the cultivation, pre-treatment, preservation, and processing of the truffles. Particular attention it is paid at issues related to the juridical and normative framework for traceability legislation for each country involved and to rules on collecting wild truffles in Europe. The research capacities are strengthened through the exchange of knowledge and expertise on a shared research and training program providing a stronger transnational cooperation and better connections between actors committed to research and production on the truffles value chain. The joint Intersectoral and Interdisciplinary exchange program involves 19 Beneficiaries and Partners, with a range of scientific activities from technical skills exchange and training to methodological development and planning of future new research. It involves more than 100 people including researcher, young researcher, administrative, manager and technical staff and will have a sizable impact above and beyond those involved in the exchanges. The consortium is coordinated by the National Council of Research of Italy and the program will run over 4 years, until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

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