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The plant breeder of today (and of tomorrow) needs to master concepts of traditional breeding and modern molecular breeding; in addition to have skills in molecular biology, bioinformatics, advanced statistics and project management.

emPLANT answers to this necessity and to the lack of qualified highly skilled plant breeders.

### **emPLANT** Consortium

The complementarity of the consortium members in terms of specializations, working methods, climatic specificities produces a program that could not be offered by one organization alone.

emPLANT, has been designed and is organized by a consortium of five European universities:

Institut Polytechnique UniLaSalle (LAS - France) Coordinating institution • University of Helsinki (UH - Finland) • Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV - Spain) • Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU - Sweden) • Ege University (EgeU - Turkey).

# **Employability**

emPLANT has the support of the world of work. The program has been developed to respond to the needs of the seed and plant companies in terms of knowledge and competences.

The contacts with the seed industry and associated structures during the two years (lectures, visits, internships) will facilitate the students' job insertion.





#### **Course structure**

The Consortium offers 6 possible mobility tracks to combine the specializations and strengths of all partners. All courses are taught in English except at UPV where courses are taught in Spanish.

research lab or in company

#### **BEGINNING** Joint Pilot Case / Project Management Semester YEAR 1 Basic knowledge UniLaSalle in crop production, genetics and breeding Enalish Enalish Semester 7 Joint courses on Intellectual Property Rights Joint courses on Big Data in Breeding Semester 3 Joint courses on Bioinformatics Specialisation Breeding of Breeding of Breeding of Grapevine & semester Forest Trees & Fruits (Trees) & YEAR 2 **Ornamentals** Fields Crops Vegetables Specialisation in UNIVERSITAT breeding topics POLITÈCNICA Semester 4 UNIVERSITY OF HEI SINKI Master thesis in English Spanish English

Final Conference and Diploma Ceremony

Max. 3 months Master thesis mobility (optional)

## **Admission requirements**

- Awarded Bachelor degree (or last year of BSc) in Agriculture/ Agronomy, Plant Biology, Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Master 1 Genetics. Molecular Biosciences or closely related fields
- Language proficiency: certified level B2 in English of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages except when English is your mother tongue

## **Participation costs**

- EU applicant: 4 500€/vear
- Non-EU applicant: 9 000€/vear

# **Scholarships**

- 28 full Erasmus Mundus scholarships (in applying during the 1st call)
- emPLANT Consortium scholarships
- Other funding options

# **Application**

• 1st call for applications: October 1st – January 15th

• 2<sup>nd</sup> call for applications: January 15th – February 28th

Apply online

START OF THE PROGRAM: FROM MID-AUGUST



«emPLANT is just like a dream come true for me. Studying programming + plant breeding + biotechnology + business aspects etc it has everything I always wanted to study. When passion matches to the potential of the program, you know that you are at the right place! I encourage all the future applicants to consider this program as their first priority.»

"Being part of emPLANT is being part of a program of excellence, attending to the most relevant problems in agriculture while living incredible adventures, making new friends, knowing new cultures ... is more than a master is a lifetime experience"









