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OPEN EAT Project is ON!



The **OPEN EAT project 2024-1-RO01-KA220-VET-000249064** brings together a partnership of leading vocational education providers, research institutions, and industry experts from multiple European countries. Its main goal is to develop **high-quality training and educational resources** that address the prevention, detection, and management of contamination in cereals and cereal-based products, focusing on pesticides, heavy metals, nitrogen compounds, and other safety risks, including those associated with cereals imported from Ukraine.

Over the next few years, the project will deliver:

- A **comprehensive curriculum** for professionals and specialists in agriculture, food technology, food safety, and nutrition.
- **Guides** covering contamination prevention, analytical detection methods, and health risk management.
- **Learning, teaching, and training activities** to transfer knowledge and skills to industry professionals and VET learners.
- **Multiplier events and dissemination activities** to ensure results reach stakeholders, decision-makers, and professional networks across Europe.

By combining **scientific expertise, vocational training, and European collaboration**, OPEN EAT aims to improve food safety standards, support professional development, and foster innovation in the cereals sector. All outputs will be freely accessible online and integrated into partner training programs, ensuring a long-term impact for professionals, educators, and stakeholders.

Stay tuned for updates as we roll out the curriculum, guides and organize workshops and events to share our findings and best practices.

Despre proiect

OpenEAT reunește un parteneriat internațional pentru consolidarea educației, formării și gradului de conștientizare în sectorul alimentar, cu accent pe siguranța alimentelor, prevenirea contaminării și dezvoltarea competențelor profesionale. Proiectul urmărește, de asemenea, să răspundă provocărilor specifice generate de războiul în curs din Ucraina, prin stimularea cooperării transnaționale și a schimbului de cunoștințe.

Parteneriatul proiectului

- **ROMPAN** – Patronatul Român din Industria de Morărit, Panificație și Produse Făinoase (Coordonator) – România
- **ANSES** – Agence Nationale de la Sécurité Sanitaire de l’Alimentation, de l’Environnement et du Travail – Franța
- **FINS** – Institute of Food Technology, Universitet u Novom Sadu – Serbia
- **ULST** – Universitatea de Științele Vieții „Regele Mihai I” Timișoara – România
- **UNIBA** – Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro – Italia
- **Institute of Climate-Smart Agriculture, National Academy of Agrarian Sciences** – Ucraina

Obiectivele proiectului

Obiectiv general:

Dezvoltarea unui parteneriat transnațional și implementarea unor inițiative comune de educație și formare, ca răspuns la provocările generate de războiul din Ucraina.

Obiective specifice:

- **OS1:** Dezvoltarea de măsuri pentru reducerea contaminării cerealelor și a produselor conexe.
- **OS2:** Creșterea competențelor profesioniștilor prin mobilități mixte pe termen scurt (LTT – Learning, Teaching, Training).
- **OS3:** Creșterea gradului de conștientizare în rândul specialiștilor, autorităților, factorilor de decizie și consumatorilor privind siguranța alimentelor și contaminarea acestora.

Kick-Off Meeting – Bucharest, 30-31 January 2025

The project officially launched with a two-day Kick-Off Meeting in Bucharest, bringing together all partners to align on objectives, roles, timelines, and expected outcomes. Key discussions focused on:

- Presenting project objectives, work packages, and responsibilities
- Defining milestones, reporting procedures, and communication channels
- Identifying challenges and planning mitigation strategies
- Strengthening transnational collaboration and networking

The meeting laid a strong foundation for a structured, efficient, and collaborative project implementation.

During the first months of implementation, the **OpenEAT project** achieved important progress within **Work Package 2 – Elaboration of Intellectual Outputs**, in full alignment with the approved project plan and implementation schedule. Project partners focused on developing high-quality, transnational outputs addressing the contamination of cereals and related products, ensuring both scientific credibility and practical relevance for professionals in the agri-food sector.

Building on the transnational needs analysis carried out at the start of the project, the partnership jointly developed a **training curriculum for specialists in agriculture, food technology, food safety, and nutrition**. Developed between **January and March 2025** and coordinated by the **University of Life Sciences “King Mihai I” from Timișoara (ULST)**, the curriculum sets out clear learning objectives and structured thematic modules designed to strengthen professional knowledge and skills in contamination prevention and risk reduction.

At the same time, the partnership initiated work on **three Good Practice Guides**, each addressing a key dimension of cereal contamination:

- **Guide 1** focuses on **measures to prevent and reduce contamination with pesticides, heavy metals, and nitrogen compounds**. Developed between **March and July 2025**, this guide integrates scientific evidence, regulatory frameworks, and practical industry solutions, with contributions from all project partners.
- **Guide 2**, coordinated by the **University of Bari “Aldo Moro”**, focuses on **analytical methods for the detection and quantification of contaminants in cereals and related products**. This guide is currently **under elaboration**, with partners contributing their technical expertise to ensure accuracy, reliability, and alignment with current analytical standards.
- **Guide 3** addresses the **health risks associated with contaminants in cereals and related food products**. Coordinated by **ULST**, work on this guide is ongoing, and it is expected to be **finalized by February 2026**.

Together, these intellectual outputs represent a significant step toward achieving the OpenEAT project’s objectives, supporting education, professional training, and awareness-raising activities that will continue throughout the project’s implementation.

Contact

Pentru mai multe informații despre proiectul **OpenEAT – I eat to live or I live to eat**, activitățile desfășurate și rezultatele obținute, vă invităm să ne urmăriți online:

◆ Coordonator de proiect:

ROMPAN – Patronatul Român din Industria de Morărit, Panificație și Produse Făinoase

◆ Website proiect:

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