



Toolkit for learning about traditional orchards

More than 80 percent of all traditional heritage orchards have disappeared across Europe within the past 60 years. In the same way the skills and knowledge associated with traditional orchards and local heritage varieties of fruit trees, including their rich biodiversity and cultural heritage, are declining over Europe. However new orchard social enterprises are increasingly being established over many parts of Europe.



In most regions lack of marketing and loss of expertise has severely threatened their viability, as well as all the other economic, social and political forces against traditional orchards. But they have unique and multiple values especially for biodiversity. So the focus of this project is education about the value, conservation and sustainable management of these invaluable orchards and ways of processing and marketing their fruit.

We have developed some innovative learning and teaching resources which are copyright free and easily downloadable. We hope that this will motivate and guide more people and groups working together to set up, manage and use traditional orchards and their heritage fruit trees both as commercial and social enterprises. But above all we hope that it will educate a new generation of skilled and knowledgeable orchard enthusiasts and growers. Our target audience is all learners, educators and trainers of land-managing community organisations and social enterprises, as well as farmers, smallholders, and fruit growers.

The Toolkit includes:

Case studies of organisations that educate about traditional orchards.

A learning and teaching guide about the traditional management and use of fruit trees and orchards.

Examples of education programmes, events and courses provided by the partners.

Videos about the traditional management and use of fruit trees and orchards.

A network of traditional orchardists and orchard organisations across Europe.

<https://coreorchard.wixsite.com/core>

Partners

The CORE Orchard European Project is a two-year Erasmus + Partnership project with partners in the UK, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Poland.

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