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Excellence hub in green technologies:
Introducing innovation ecosystems in the
Mediterranean food value chain



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Objectives

O1: To develop excellent and sustainable place-based process innovation ecosystems in Malta and Greece that contribute to the production of added-value food products and reduce waste along the food chain.

O2: To create joint R&I strategies in teaming, and to develop concrete action and common investment plans for R&I in food processing.

O3: To create R&I pilot projects demonstrating food processing and valorisation activities that reach a TRL 7.

O4: To create new business opportunities, especially for SMEs in the fields of waste processing and functional food production.

O5: To achieve improved knowledge transfer and development of entrepreneurial skills, while up-taking innovative green technologies in food processing valorisation.

O6: To develop new competencies and skills for researchers, entrepreneurs and professionals in R&I domains of food science, creating poles of attraction for talent in Greece and Malta.

O7: To raise public and scientific awareness by effectively disseminating and exploiting project results through scientific events open to all stakeholders, including industrial/commercial user groups.

EXCEL4MED aims to:

- **Develop high-impact strategies**
- **Strengthen business collaboration**
- **Advance waste valorisation techniques**
- **Enhance food supply chains**



EXCEL4MED is an ambitious project that aims to establish an **Excellence Hub in Mediterranean fruit supply chains**.



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