



The **MUSHLINK – Promoting Mushroom Farming in Western Balkan through strengthening linkages between VET providers and the business sector** project is pleased to announce an open **Call for Participants** for the upcoming **VET Providers Training Programme on Sustainable Mushroom Farming and Circular Bio-Economy**.

This intensive 5-day training is designed to strengthen the capacity of vocational education and training (VET) providers to deliver high-quality, market-relevant training in mushroom production, sustainable agriculture, and green entrepreneurship.

Training Dates

14–18 September 2025

Location

EKOFUNGI School facilities, Belgrade, Serbia

Duration

5 working days (6 hours per day)

Target Group

- VET teachers and trainers in agriculture and food production
- Curriculum developers and education staff
- Agricultural advisors and training coordinators
- Professionals interested in integrating mushroom farming into VET programmes

Training Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Strengthen technical knowledge in mushroom cultivation and production systems
- Introduce circular bio-economy principles and climate-smart agricultural practices
- Develop practical skills in substrate preparation, inoculation, and climate control
- Support participants in designing mushroom-based business models
- Enhance collaboration between VET providers and the agricultural business sector

What the Training Includes

Participants will benefit from a **blended learning approach**, including:

- **Lecture sessions** on mushroom biology, sustainable production, climate-smart farming, and mycelium-based bio-products



- **Demonstration sessions** on commercial mushroom cultures, growing unit organization, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), and business pitching
- **Hands-on workshops** covering substrate preparation, spawn handling, disease control, and business plan development
- Study visits to production units applying circular bio-economy principles

All training materials, handouts, and evaluation tools will be provided. Participants who successfully complete the programme will receive a **Certificate of Participation**.

✔ **Participation Requirements**

Applicants should:

- Have basic agricultural knowledge or relevant teaching experience
- Be committed to completing the full 5-day programme
- Be willing to transfer acquired knowledge within their institutions

✦ **How to Apply**

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

- A short CV
- A brief motivation statement (max. 300 words) explaining their interest and expected impact

Applications should be sent by email to:

[Insert contact email address]

🕒 **Application Deadline**

📅 **31 July 2025 (End of July)**

Selected participants will be notified in August 2025.