



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MUSHROOM FARMING & VET LINKAGES

MUSH-LINK is an Erasmus+ project focused on promoting mushroom farming as a sustainable agricultural practice across Western Balkan (WB) countries by reinforcing the linkages between vocational education and training (VET) providers and the business sector.



Converts agricultural waste into nutritious food.



Supports food security, rural development, and bioeconomy growth.



Provides green and digital skills opportunities especially for youth and rural communities.

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The project runs from **January 2025 to December 2026** and brings together six key partner organizations from the EU and Western Balkans with a shared aim of improving skills, knowledge, and training opportunities tied to mushroom cultivation and the mushroom value chain.

"Growing like a mushroom"

Mushroom farming is recognized as an innovative and circular agricultural solution.

By strengthening VET and business sector partnerships, MUSH-LINK aims to create a foundation for sustainable agricultural practices that can boost local economies and diversify income streams for smallholder farmers.



Key Objectives

1. Strengthen VET Capacity

Develop and enhance vocational curricula, training materials, and teacher competencies tied to mushroom cultivation and related technologies.

This includes producing practical, hands-on learning tools for trainers and educators to support effective knowledge transfer.

2. Promote Business Linkages

Improve cooperation between VET providers and the private sector to ensure training aligns with real market and agricultural needs.

This support helps rural entrepreneurs to transform skills into viable income opportunities.

3. Boost Green & Digital Skills

Encourage learners and agricultural workers to adopt digital tools and sustainable practices – especially for modern mushroom cultivation systems that emphasize environmental stewardship and circular resource use.

Project Partners

Among the confirmed consortium members are:

- EKOFUNGI DOO (Serbia) – Project Coordinator
- Institut per Menaxhimin e Mjedisit dhe Territorit (Albania)
- Meraki People (Greece)
- Plantadjun (Montenegro)
- ESI Projects (Albania)
- University Haxhi Zeka (Kosovo)



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