

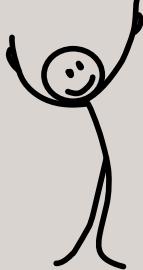
DIVERSICROP NEWSLETTER

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Diversity is good for nature and for our well-being. Agriculture is dominated by few crop species, and local specialization further depletes diversity at national and local levels. DIVERSICROP addresses this, enabling future engagement with crops such as rye, chickpeas and peas by understanding their ancient history, existing germplasm and limitations, nutrition importance and policy aspects.

1.

CONFERENCE (4-5 MAY 2026) “CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS: INTERDISCIPLINARY INSIGHTS FROM DIVERSICROP, RECROP AND PANGEOS”



DIVERSICROP, in collaboration with two other COST Actions (PANGEOS and RECROP), will host a conference from 4-6 May 2026 at the Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague.

Local organiser- Prof. David Honys

Sessions:

1- Resilience; 2- Sustainability; 3- Biodiversity; 4- One Health.
Round table discussion on future EU opportunities.

Apply here - <https://forms.gle/Gj2oJn6fifCHCF4f9->

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 31ST JANUARY 2026

See the PANGEOS website page with provisional program at
<https://pangeos.eu/prague-czech-republic-4-6-may-2026/>.

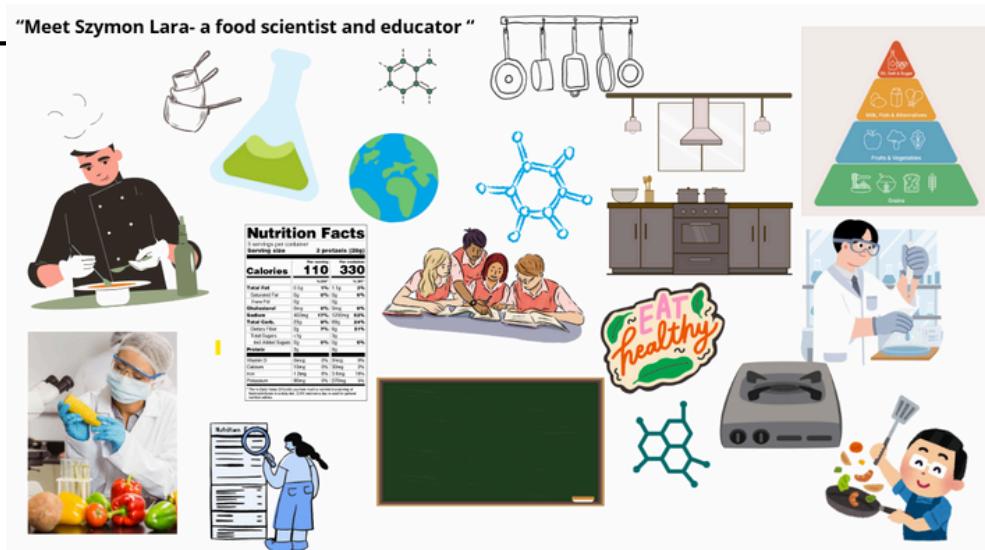
After screening of applicants from the three Actions, selected participants will be required to officially register to the conference website (in preparation).

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW... PLEASE REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST AND APPLY TO ATTEND OUR CONFERENCE!!!!

2.

DIVERSICROP- ANIMATION VIDEOS

DIVERSICROP is developing a series of six animated videos for release in early 2026. Designed for a general audience, these videos seeks to raise public awareness about the importance of crop diversity. By turning complex scientific research into accessible, storytelling-driven content, our videos will connect the lab with the living room and inspire a deeper appreciation for agricultural variety.



OUR COOKING BOOK WAS SELECTED AS BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLE BY THE COST SCIENCE COMMUNICATION OFFICE

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A cookbook to tickle the senses and blend heritage with innovation

The DIVERSICROP COST Action is working to harness the potential of underutilised crops to promote sustainable food production. Europe's need for sustainable, nutritious food puts overlooked crops like rye and legumes, which are key for healthier diets, into the spotlight. DIVERSICROP addresses this, reviving neglected crops by understanding their ancient history, current germplasm and limitations, and policy engagement.

This network is committed not only to their scientific work but also to making scientific knowledge accessible. And what better way to engage non-experts than through food, an internationally understood language that transcends cultural, linguistic, and social barriers. With an ongoing project to collect recipes for dishes, DIVERSICROP want to show how rye, pea, and chickpea are used in kitchens across Europe (and beyond). From old family favourites to bold new creations, this is where tradition meets creativity and where science communication takes on a whole new approach.

5.

YEAR 3- EVENTS SUMMARY

Our third Action has officially kicked off. We have organised three Training School events:

- 1. Data mapping and visualization from 17/03/2026 to 18/03/2026 in Alicante (Spain), led by David Gil and Meriel McClatchie.
- 2. Science & Policy Training School from 08/06/2026 until 10/06/2026 in Budapest (Hungary), led by Béánt Balázs, Aparajita Banerjee and Ivana Radic
- 3. Cooking classes Training School, coming in early July....

Follow the link below for upcoming events:
<https://diversicrop.eu/>



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



We wish everyone happy holidays to you and your family.

May we all have a prosperous New Year of 2026 full of health and success!

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