

# **COST Action CA22142 - Beneficial root-associated microorganisms for sustainable agriculture**

Workshop on non-academic and stakeholder-driven topics

**'Root beneficial microbes - fit for a changing agriculture?'**

Évora, Portugal - September 19-20, 2024

University of Évora – Colégio do Espírito Santo – Room 131

## Provisional Program

<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
14:00 H	<b>Welcome</b> Vice-Rector University of Évora Cost Action Chair - Benoit Lefebvre
14:10 H	<b>Definitions and regulation for biostimulants and biocontrol agents</b> Imke Hutter - Management - Head of R & D, INOQ GmbH
14:30 H	<b>What convinces or prevents the use root promoting microbes</b> Farmer - João Coimbra, maize producer, Quinta da Cholda
14:50 H	<b>Gaps in the information across commercial chain</b> Trader - João Caço, Executive Director, Hubel Verde
15:10 H	<b>Biological solutions and development of new products</b> Producer – Juan Fernando Mejia, Global Head of Microbial Science Syngenta Biologicals
15:30 H	<b>Coffee-break</b>
16:00 H	<b>How are root promoting microbes pondered in consultancy services</b> Consultant - Salih Çali, Agricultural Consultancy (Freelance)
16:30 H	<b>Benefits and risks of microbial inoculants</b> Günther Brader, Austrian Institute for Technology (AIT)
17:00 H	<b>Microbial ecology meets plant genetics - Overcoming performance inconsistencies for advanced biocontrol and resistance breeding applications</b> Pierre Hohmann – University of Barcelona; Managing Director & Founder · BonaPlanta
17:30 H	<b>Discussion</b> Moderator - Matteo Galli, TransMIT GmbH

## 20<sup>th</sup> September

9:00 H	<b>Welcome</b> Cost Action Chair - Benoit Lefebvre
9:10 H	<b>Perception and reality of beneficial interaction networks – indigenous vs. inoculated microbes, evidence and beliefs</b> Marcela Mendoza Suárez – University of Aarhus
9:40 H	<b>Management of native AMF inocula within cropping systems</b> Isabel Brito – University of Évora
10:10 H	<b>IBMA - International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association</b>
10:30 H	<b>Coffee-Break</b>
11:00 H	<b>EBIC - European Biostimulants Council</b> David Barton - Senior Consultant at the EBIC Secretariat
11:20 H	<b>Discussion and Wrap-up</b> Moderator - Matteo Galli, TransMIT GmbH
12:30 H	<b>Lunch</b>