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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the fourth issue of the BIOSHIELD Project newsletter.

- **BIOSHIELD** consortium organised conferences and biotech fairs with the participation of academics, university students, policy makers, and environmental NGO and biotechnology sector representatives,
- **BIOSHIELD** consortium created synergies between university students and disseminated project results in other European countries.



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BIOSHIELD Conferences

A series of conferences were organised across the partner countries to bring together researchers, students, biotechnology professionals, environmental organisations and other stakeholders.

Student Interactions

Department of Food Technology of University North hosted students from the University of Maribor, introducing them to University North and delivering a lecture as part of BIOSHIELD Module 5 – Phytoremediation

European Level Outreach

Vaso Kachrimanidou (Ionian University) attended the FoodWaStop COST Action CA22134 Training School in Cesis, presented their work with the **BIOSHIELD** and introduced the project results.

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➡ The conferences were hosted by Democritus University of Thrace and Ionian University in Greece, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMÜ) in Türkiye, University of Maribor in Slovenia, and University North in Croatia.

➡ Each event provided a valuable platform for exchanging knowledge, presenting perspectives from different sectors and exploring innovative approaches to climate-related challenges.

➡ The conferences were accompanied by Biotechnology Fairs, where students had the opportunity to present and discuss their own research ideas. These fairs created a dynamic space for students to move beyond theoretical learning.

➡ Throughout the events, academics, biotechnology sector representatives, environmental associations and foundations, and students engaged in discussions on “What can agricultural biotechnology do to help us respond to the climate crisis?”



VISIT FROM UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR STUDENTS

In May, Department of Food Technology of University North hosted students from the University of Maribor. Assoc Prof Dr Dunja Samec introduced them to our University, and delivered a lecture as part of BIOSHIELD Module 5 – Phytoremediation.

Later on, the students joined forces with students from University North to take part in planting University North Food Forest, followed by visits to:

- Herešin composting facility
- Podravka
- Food Museum



BIOSHIELD PRESENTED AT FOODWASTOP COST ACTION

Vaso Kachrimanidou from Ionian University participated in the FoodWaStop COST Action CA22134 Training School, held in Cēsis, Latvia, where she presented the work carried out within the BIOSHIELD project and introduced its key results to participants.

The Training School provided a valuable opportunity to share BIOSHIELD's work with an international audience and to exchange perspectives on innovative approaches related to sustainable biotechnology and climate-related challenges.

