



Les Vins du Sud-Ouest, partners in the European Ecospherewines project

Presented on March 13 in La Coruña (Spain), this European project aims to enhance the ecological value of vineyards in south-western Europe, to help them adapt to climate change.

- Coordinated by the Juana de Vega Foundation, dedicated to agronomic research, the project has a budget of 1.6 million euros, 75% of which is funded by the European Interreg Sudoe program, which promotes transnational cooperation in south-western Europe.

- It brings together 13 institutional, scientific and professional partners from three countries: France, Spain and Portugal. The two French partners are the Institut français de la vigne et du vin (IFV) and the Interprofession des vins du Sud-Ouest (IVSO).

The Ecospherewines project involves the creation of two pilot sites, one in the cross-border Douro basin between Spain and Portugal, the other in the Gaillac vineyards (81) in south-west France. These units will make it possible to measure the benefits of the presence of interconnected agro-ecological infrastructures (e.g. hedges, copses, wetlands) in strengthening a vineyard's capacity to adapt to climate change.

The project partners intend to facilitate the implementation of adaptation strategies at vineyard scale by characterizing and assessing the added value generated by the implementation of interconnected agro-ecological infrastructures. Ultimately, the Ecospherewines project will contribute to the transfer of solutions between vineyards aimed at increasing their natural resilience capacities.

For Vins du Sud-Ouest, the Ecospherewines project is part of a structured climate strategy, which also includes the SO'ADAPT project to model the consequences of climate change in each vineyard of the Sud-Ouest region, and the deployment of the Wine Pilot tool to implement a decarbonation strategy at every level of the vineyard.

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Interreg Sudoe, the European Union's main funding body, is a program designed to encourage cooperation between the countries of south-west Europe, particularly on environmental issues. "Initiatives such as Ecospherewines help to tackle transnational challenges and find common answers, in which collaboration is essential", stresses Gloria Lázaro, Project Manager at the Interreg Sudoe joint secretariat.

"Agro-ecological infrastructures naturally enhance a vineyard's ability to resist and adapt to climatic hazards. They reduce their impact, for example by attenuating temperature peaks or the risks of water stress, or by promoting the vineyard's ability to overcome a climatic episode. Les Vins du Sud-Ouest were present at the launch of the Ecospherewines project in A Coruña, because we are convinced that agro-ecological infrastructures are a lever for preparing our vineyards for the climatic conditions of the future."

- Joël Boueilh and Christophe Bou, IVSO co-presidents

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ECOSPHEREWINES PROJECT PARTNERS

Spain: University of La Coruña, ITER Research, Groupement européen de coopération territoriale Duero-Douro, Mariñas Coruñesas Biosphere Reserve, Plate-forme technologique du vin (PTV), Institut technologique agricole de Castille et León (ITACyL), Bodega Pagos de Brigante

Portugal: Associação para o Desenvolvimento da Viticultura Duriense (ADVID), Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Duorum Vinhos

France: Institut Français de la Vigne et du Vin (IFV), Interprofession des vins du Sud-ouest

