

Improving the access of farmhouse and artisanal cheese and dairy producers and sellers to training programmes adapted to their specific needs, using networking and mobility around Europe

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FACE in itinere is a project carried out by FACEnetwork and **funded by Erasmus+**. It will put in place a specific web platform where, at European level, dairies and shops willing to receive interns and professional visitors will be able to register and to be visible for everyone in the sector. The idea of developing this web platform came from the observation that it is not easy for people searching for internship in the sector of farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy processing or selling to find useful contacts and information. Thus, this platform will make it easier for future cheesemakers or sellers to travel around and gain experience and for current producers and sellers to visit or host European colleagues.

In addition, the web platform will also list specific training courses for current and future cheese and dairy producers and /or sellers, provided by different types of schools or training centres across Europe. Finally, the programme will study the strengths and weaknesses of the existing training system and propose improvements.

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During the first year of programme, from September 2019 to August 2020, the team (20 partners from 15 countries) realised an important operational work in order to prepare the structure and the background of the web platform, as for example: identification and contacting of dairies, shops, education and training centres in each country; writing (and translating) of common questionnaires to collect the relevant information regarding these dairies, shops, training providers to be listed in the web platform; study of the conditions and rules regarding the internship in each country; promotion of the programme in each country, concrete realisation of the IT tool, its layout and graphic design, etc...







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From now on the platform is open to everyone to everyone in the sector.

From that date, the link: **www.itinere.eu** will give access to:

- small scale dairies and shops offering potential internship places
- information on courses dedicated to small scale and traditional cheese and dairy production

For the users, it will be possible to search by country, language, products, milk type, experience and various other criteria. When interested, they can contact some dairies and shops on the platform through contact forms.

@ dairies, shops, training providers: please note, it remains possible to register and join the platform when you want to offer visits, internships or courses.

► Feel free to inform students, producers, sellers and trainers of your networks!

We hope that many of you will visit and participate in the platform on **www.itinere.eu**. The more this tool will be used, the more we will be able to assess the efficiency of the training system, and improve it if necessary. The hope of this programme and this platform is to contribute to more exchanges, more mobility and more professionalism in the sector of European traditional and artisan dairy.



KEY FACTS

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