



# Botanicals Risk Assessment training in the Mediterranean Area

## BRAMA

**Priority 4** Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance

**Measure 4.1** Support to mobility, exchanges, training and professionalism of young people

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## Project in brief

Botanicals and botanical preparations, thanks to their health benefits, are proving to be one of the economically and scientifically most promising sectors of the bioeconomy. The Mediterranean area can provide the natural resources (indigenous species, growing conditions) and business environment for further development in this field. However, due to a fierce international competition, the ever increasing demand of consumers for natural products needs to be supported by quality control and adequate risk assessment of botanicals and botanical preparations as well as scientific and technical excellence. To this end, **BRAMA** will focus on the training and professionalisation of a group of experts (researchers, inspectors and technicians) in the field of safety evaluation and risk assessment of botanicals.

## Beneficiary

Hylobates Consulting Srl (Italy, Lazio)

## Partnership

1. University of Ioannina (Greece, Ipeiros)
2. Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority - Ben Hayyan International Laboratories (Jordan, Al-Aqaba)
3. National Research Centre (Egypt, Al Buhayrah)

## Specific objective

To promote a sandwich PhD\* for a group of researchers and training modules for inspectors and technicians regarding risk assessment of botanicals and guide them to official recognition through the highest European standards (registration as European toxicologists)

## Expected results

- Young researchers, inspectors and technical trained on state-of-the-art and novel methods in risk assessment of botanicals and botanical preparations
- Improved controls of botanical preparations, through better knowledge and technologies, at SMEs and regulatory bodies level
- Increased awareness about quality assurance and safety of botanical products at SMEs and consumers' level

## Target groups

- Young scientists
- Young inspectors
- Young technicians

## Final beneficiaries

- Employers of trained experts: research institutions, universities, companies and public authorities
- Botanicals industry

## Duration

40 months

## Budget

- Total budget: € 1.706.844
- Programme contribution: € 1.536.160 (90%)
- Project co-financing: € 170.684 (10%)

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\* In a sandwich PhD program, PhD candidates do not spend their entire study period at the same university. Instead, the PhD candidate spend the first and last periods of the program at their home university, and in between conduct research at another institution.