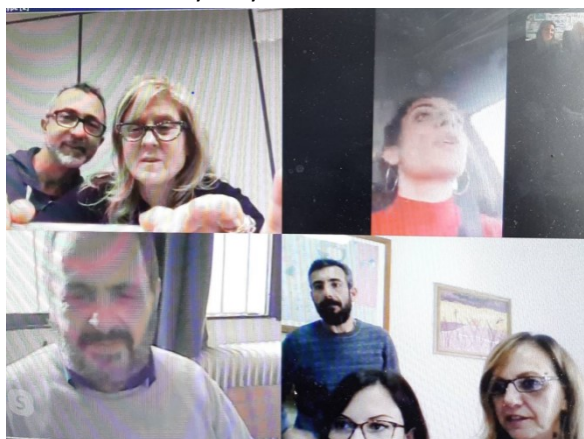


Press Release of INNO.TRITATION Project: “Innovative use of olive, winery and cheese waste by products in animal nutrition for the production of functional foods from animals”

The INNO.TRITATION Project skype meeting was successfully held on 19th December 2019. The INNO.TRITATION Project, which is implemented from April 2019 and will last 24 months, is co-funded by the Interreg V-A Greece-Italy Programme 2014-2020, by European Union, through the European Regional Development Fund (E.R.D.F.) by the National Funds Greece and Italy, with a total budget of 602,725.25 Euro. The Project faces the common challenge of using agro-industry wastes of massively produced such as Olive, Winery and Cheese by products, in both (Italy and Greece) in animal nutrition for the production of bioactive feed ingredients and functional foods for animals in a sustainable and eco-friendly way.

The meeting was attended by all project partners (Chamber of Arta as Lead Partner, University of Ioannina – Department of Agriculture, University Aldo Moro of Bari and National Research Council – Institute of Sciences of Food Production (ISPA)). The Project team has recognized the work done so far is with connection to its main objective, that is to produce higher quality products, using low cost ingredients (from waste), in an innovative way thus rendering the local agro-industry more competitive and on the other hand, preserving the environment by reducing agro-industry wastes of the industries involved.



In particular, the meeting provided a detailed description of all the methodologies used to create the silage from olive leaves, olive oil, grape and cheese waste. The final product will be evaluated qualitatively and will be tested in animals (broilers, laying hens, pigs, sheeps and goats), checking the possible role in growth parameters, zootechnical parameters and meat quality aspects.

The next meeting between the partners is planned for March 2020, awaiting the first results of the qualitative evaluation.

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