



**The laboratory of Plant Biotechnology and Plant improvement (Center of Biotechnology of Sfax) organizes**

**Workshop**

**Improving durum wheat stress resilience and nutritional quality under climate change in the Mediterranean region**

Dr. Mohamed Najib SAIDI (Tunisian principal investigator of **EXPLOWHEAT** - Exploring durum wheat genotypes to minimize drought stress impact on grain yield and nutritional quality), is delighted to invite you to the Workshop of PRIMA project **EXPLOWHEAT**. The workshop will be held on 21-22 September 2022 in Sfax, Tunisia.

The meeting is structured over two days: presentations will be concentrated in the first day, while the second day will be devoted to internal project meeting. The program will provide opportunities for open discussion sessions.

**EXPLOWHEAT** will provide the identification of more resilient genes and/or crop genotypes able to cope with suboptimal water, and with unbalanced nutrient availability deriving from drought, in order to underpin improvement of crop management strategies for future agricultural use. The final goal will be to maximize grain yield and quality under agriculturally unfavorable conditions (i.e. drought, unbalanced nutrient supply) in an environmentally sustainable way.

**PARTNERS**



Center of Biotechnology  
of Sfax



University of Tuscia



University of Torino



Ferhat Abbas University  
of Setif

## Workshop Agenda

21/09/2022

<b>09.30-10.00</b>	<b>Welcome addresses</b>
Sfax University rector	Prof. Abdelwahed MOKNI
Director of CBS	Prof. Slim TOUNSI
Director of LBAP	Prof. Faical BRINI
<b>10.00-10.10</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>
PRIMA Project Officer	Prof. Ali RHOUMA
<b>10.10-11.20</b>	<b>Opening lectures</b>
PRIMA GENDIBAR and INPLANTOMICS Twinning projects	Prof. Moez HANIN (ISBS, Sfax)
Tunisian wheat genetic resources conservation and management for a sustainable agriculture	Prof. Ramzi CHAABENE (National Genbank, Tunisia)
Durum wheat breeding in Tunisia	Dr.Ines YACOUBI (CBS, Tunisia)
<b>11.20-11.40</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.40-13.00 EXPLOWHEAT Presentation and Reports of the project Partners</b>	
EXPLOWHEAT Overview: objectives, approach, impacts	Prof. Stefania ASTOLFI
University of Tuscia (Viterbo, Italy)	Dr. Giulia QUAGLIATA
Center of Biotechnology of Sfax (Sfax, Tunisia)	Dr. Mohamed Najib SAIDI
<b>13.00-14.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
University of Torino (Torino, Italy)	Dr. Moez Maghrebi
University of Torino (Torino, Italy)	Prof. Gianpiero VIGANI
Ferhat Abbas University of Sétif (Sétif, Algeria)	Dr. Abdelmalek LAOUAR
<b>15.30 -16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break with open discussion</b>

**Group Photo + Closing Session**

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**22/09/2022**

**09.30-10.30**

**EXPLOWHEAT plenary meeting**

10.00-11.00

Visit of LBAP and CBS Analysis service Platform

11.00-16.00

Cultural excursion (Medina of Sfax) and lunch