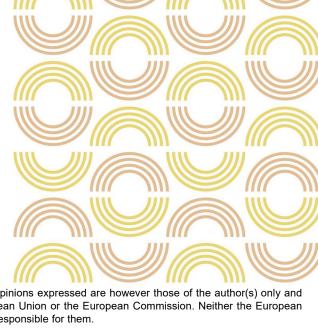


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Microbiome -engineered microcapsules for the biocontrol of crop fungal disease

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- Environmentally -friendly food production
- Clean environment and zero pollution
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-5: Creating smart and attractive tools to enhance healthy and sustainable food provision, eating and treating of food at home
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02-1-two-stage: Increasing the availability and use of harmless inputs in organic farming

Other topics of interest:

- HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02-4-two-stage: Tackling outbreaks of plant pests
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-CircBio-01-5: Programmed biodegradation capability of biobased materials and products, validated in specific environments









Project idea

- Validation of a novel Biocontrol agent (BCA) for the targeted biocontrol of soil-borne fungal pathogens.
- Combined bacterial-fungal consortium encapsulated in an active state and synergistically acting against a target fungal pathogen.
- Easy-to-deliver formulation that is effectively protecting a target pathosystem, a crop species, and its associated soil-borne fungal pathogen).
- Application targeted at vegetable growers (cost versus benefits).
- Unine, HE-Arc, FiBL (Switzerland)









Main expertise offered / sought

- Unine: Microbial consortium creation and characterization
- HE-Arc: Microencapsulation
- Idea already validated through an Innosuisse funding
- Role as partner (CH cannot act as coordinator)
- Looking for partners willing to act as coordinator and active in the field of biocontrol agents (from formulation development to field testing)









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