

LEgume GEnetic REsources as a tool for the development of innovative food TEchnological system

LeGeReTe













PULSES GOOD FOR PLANET AND GOOD FOR THE PEOPLES

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LONG TIME FOR PREPARATION AND COOKING







They have a long shelf life

When stored in airtight containers, pulses can last months, even years, without spoiling.



Are good for you!

Pulses are high in dietary fibre thus, they can help_ prevent obesity, reduce blood pressure and reduce the risk of heart disease.



Good news for poor farmers

Pulses' many advantages mean that in times of poor harvest or natural disasters pulses can provide a buffer for farmers.



'Clean'crops: do not emit greenhouse gases

Pulses have been shown to emit hardly any greenhouse gases (lentils emit 0,9%).



Need less water to grow

Pulses need 20 times LESS water than animal products to grow.

Source: FAO, 2016

Help other crops to grow

Crops planted alongside pulses reap the benefits and grow faster. Pulses are also deep rooting, which means they do not compete with other crops for water.

Help fertilize soil

Pulses help nitrogen accumulate in the soil. They also release hydrogen gas into the soil, another positive impact on soil biology.



Cost less to grow

Pulses represent a substantial cost savings for the farmer as they don't have to buy nitrogen fertilizers.



Pulses = Zero Waste

Every part of the pulse can be used: the pods can feed people, the shoots used for animal feed or left on the soil as green manure.

LeGeReTe aims

• Preserve and study legume biodiversity



- Identify legume genotypes suitable for low-input farming systems and characterized by superior traits (agronomical, nutritional, technological)
- Provide useful genomic information to breeders
- Develop novel technological applications for legumes, ultimately leading to innovative legume-based foods and food ingredients so as to increase legume consumption
- Improve economic and environmental sustainability through life cycle assessment (LCA) and Life Cycle Costing (LCC) indicators



LeGeReTe flowchart





LeGeReTe





Two Departments:

- 1. Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (DiSAA)
- 2. Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods (DEMM)

General Coordinator LEGERETE Prof. R. Guidetti

Researchers involved: Prof. A. Banterle, Dr. R. Beghi, Dr. E. Ricci.

Work Packaged engaged:

WPO: Coordination and Project management WP5: Economic and Environmental Sustainability assessment for semi-industrial scale up WP6: Educational and Results dissemination

Who



Two Departments:

- 1. Soils, Plant and Food Science" (DISSPA)
- 2. Biosciences, Biotechnologies and Biopharmaceutics" (DBBB)



WPO: Coordination and Project management WP1: Set-up and genetic analysis of the project core collection WP2: Identification and selection of valuable legumes accessions characterized by high nutritional and technological value WP3: Assessment of the potential beneficial effect of the selected legume accessions by "in vitro" and "in vivo" approaches WP4: Development of technological applications of the selected legume accessions

WP6: Educational and Results dissemination





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Department of Agrarian, Food and Environmental Science

Work Packaged engaged:

Researchers involved: Prof. C. Lotti WP1: Set-up and genetic analysis of the project core collection WP6: Educational and Results dissemination



People involved: Dr. F. Colamussi

Fields: agronomical competences

Work Packaged engaged:

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The Gastronomic laboratory



People involved: Mr. V. Abrusci Work Packaged engaged:

WP4: Development of technological applications of the selected legume accessions WP6: Educational and Results dissemination

Industrial transformation



People involved:

Dr. D. Petrolla

Work Packaged engaged:

New partner

WP4: Development of technological applications of the selected legume accessions WP5: Economic and Environmental Sustainability assessment for semiindustrial scale up WP6: Educational and Results dissemination







The Communications Plan

New partner



Work Packaged engaged:

WP6: Educational and Results dissemination

People involved: Dr. L. Paparella

BRC, IFS, ISO 22000 assessment.





Polo per la Qualificazione del Sistema Agro-Industriale

People involved: Dr. E. Ferrari

Work Packaged engaged:

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LeGeReTe starting material





DISSPA-UNIBA germplasm collection

- Chickpea (Cicer arietinum L.),
- Lentil (*Lens culinaris* M.)
- Faba bean (Vicia faba L.)
- Pea (Pisum sativum L.)

The DISSPA-UNIBA collection

Theor Appl Genet (2011) 123:1425–1431 DOI 10.1007/s00122-011-1677-6

ORIGINAL PAPER

Pea powdery mildew *er1* resistance is associated to loss-of-function mutations at a *MLO* homologous locus

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Characterization of Low-Strigolactone Germplasm in Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) Resistant to Crenate Broomrape (*Orobanche crenata* Forsk.)

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Set-up and genetic analysis of a project core collection

Aims:

- Selection of a highly variable legume collection (project core collection)
- Characterization of the core collection for agronomic traits, including suitability to low input farming systems
- Merge DNA and phenotypic information to identify genomic regions underlying agronomic traits



From 1st to 33th



Genetic characterization of the legume collection

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PLos one

A Robust, Simple Genotyping-by-Sequencing (GBS) Approach for High Diversity Species

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Peterson et al. 2014

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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CrossMark Genotyping-by-sequencing of a melon (Cucumis melo L.) germplasm collection from a secondary center of diversity highlights patterns of genetic variation and genomic features of different gene pools

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WP1 DNA data analysis and selection of the project core collection



Identification of genomic regions underlying phenotypic traits



WP1

Pavan et al. 2017



Selection of legume accessions with high nutritional and processing value

Aims:

- To determine the nutritional and physico-chemical features of the core collection and present data in the LeGeReTe Cardbook
- To identify the accessions whose wholemeals and/or protein extracts have the best nutritional and technological value in food processing





WP2

Chemical and nutritional characterization of the selected accessions

- Proximate composition
- Total dietary fiber
- Beta-glucans
- Fatty acid and aminoacid profile
- Bio-functional compounds (phenolics and carotenoids)
- Antinutritional factors (tripsin inhibitor activity and phytic acid content)



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Exploitation of the nutritional and functional characteristics of traditional Italian legumes: The potential of sourdough fermentation

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WP2

Assessment of the properties of wholemeal flours and protein extracts

- Production of wholemeal flour and protein extracts
- Physico-chemical properties (water absorption index, water solubility index, oil absorption capacity, bulk density)
- Functional properties (emulsion activity, stability and pasting properties)





Shuang-kui Du et al., 2014; Klupsaité et al., 2015



Assessment of potential beneficial effect of selected legume accessions

Aims:

• To test the effect on health of a panel of accessions in terms of antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activity







Assessment of potential beneficial effect of selected legume accessions

Selected legume accessions



In vitro studies



Evaluation of the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects of selected legume water extract in a human hepatocyte Hep-G2 cell line

Legume accessions displaying the best response *in vitro* will be evaluated *in vivo*

In vivo studies



Evaluation in a murine model of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)

WP4 Development of technological applications of the selected legume accessions

Aims:

- Production of the "LeGeRe" burger and the "LeGeRe" sauce
- Use of legume flours and protein extracts as additives or food ingredients in one vegetable-based food and in one meat-based food





Set up of innovative legume-based foods: burger



WP4



The effects of the type of cereal on the chemical and textural properties and on the consumer acceptance of pre-cooked, legume-based burgers

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Different formulations of ready-to-eat or ready-to-cook preparations will be considered, such as those recalling the traditional Apulian dish "chicories with fava bean purée"



WP4 Use of legume flours and protein extracts as food ingredients and additives

Legume flours and protein extracts will be used as additives or food ingredients in at least one vegetable-based food and one meat-based food





WP5

Economic and Environmental Sustainability assessment for semiindustrial scale-up

- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Study of consumer attitudes towards innovative legume-based products and acceptance of innovation







Environmental Sustainability assessment



Based on the ISO standards 14040, 14041, 14042, 14043 and 14044, the LCA will be developed in four phases:

- Phase 1: purpose of the analysis and functional unit
- Phase 2: inventory
- Phase 3: analysis
- Phase 4: mitigation proposals





WP5

Economic Sustainability assessment

Two different levels of analysis towards innovative legume-based products and acceptance of innovation:

- 1. Small group of people with the aim of developing a questionnaire for 500 people, grounded in the Theory of Planned behaviour (Ajzen, 2005).
- 2. A sample of 1000 consumers in Italy, France and Spain to evaluate their interest for the developed products; the study will be performed applying choice experiment theory (Hensher, et al., 2005).



Results will support market strategies and positioning of the innovative products developed.



WP6

Educational and Results dissemination

- Website and social networks
- Scientific publications
- Presentations in national and international congresses and exhibitions (TuttoFood, etc.)
- Demonstration days (including schools)
- LeGeReTe cardbook about legume accessions
- Final event



Scientific publications and Congress communications



Conclusions

The synergistic cooperation among Partners will hopefully increase legume consumption

