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**Valorising the Diversity of the Fig Tree, An Ancient Fruit Crop for Sustainable
Mediterranean Agriculture – FIGGEN**

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Abstract

Figgen Project's coordinator is Prof. Tommaso Giordani of University of Pisa (UNIPI). Other partners are - Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC) Spain, - Centro de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnológicas de Extremadura (CICYTEX) Spain, - Université de Tunis El Manar (UTM) Tunisia, - Çukurova University (CU) Turkey. FIGGEN aims to evaluate performances and genetic variability of fig varieties integrating new knowledge and technologies in assessing biodiversity with knowledge coming from local farmers and stakeholders. This will be obtained: a) exploring, valorising and evaluating genetic variability of fig genotypes on available Spanish, Tunisian and Turkish fig collections using a genotyping by sequencing approach; b) phenotyping fig genotypes to identify plants with traits wanted by stakeholders and most suitable to be cultivated in drought/salt conditions; c) identifying genomic loci linked to yield and drought/salt adaptation performing Genome Wide Association Study (GWAS) d) disseminating project's products and results to stakeholders to maximize project impact. Selected genotypes will be the best adapted to environmental conditions coming from climate changes and will be introduced within traditional agricultural systems to obtain mixing cropping systems as agroforestry.

Key words: Biodiversity, *Ficus carica*, GWAS, drought/salt adaptation, climate changes