

Sustainable Innovation of Microbiome Applications in the Food System

Deliverable 8.2

Portfolio of Communication Material





Summary

The objective of deliverable 8.2 (Portfolio of Communication Material) is to facilitate SIMBA's communication and dissemination actions by developing a portfolio of communication material for the promotion and widespread awareness of the project and its achievements to a large audience over the course of the full project.

The SIMBA portfolio of communication material has been developed to facilitate the promotion of the project and disseminate the project's objectives and findings to a variety of stakeholders and possible end-users. It is intended to help partners communicate the project and its results in a consistent and efficient manner. The first step in developing the SIMBA portfolio of communication materials started with developing a strong project logo/brand. Developing a strong brand is an important element of the project, the recognition and perception of a brand is highly influenced by its visual presentation. A brand's visual identity is about the overall look of its communication.

Based on the brand developed, Work Package 8 leader, AquaTT, have developed the portfolio of communication material for SIMBA, including the project logo, the accompanying brand guidelines, templates for PowerPoint and poster presentations, the project factsheet, a generic project presentation (ppt), pull-up banner, website and Twitter account. The SIMBA website is the main tool for promoting the project and disseminating the project's objectives, work plan and results to a wide audience including all possible end-users.

All material and tools will be maintained and updated if necessary, and further resources will be developed over the course of the project in line with project's Description of Action (DoA) as well as in response to project results and stakeholder requirements.

This deliverable report presents an overview of all communication tools that have been developed for project promotion since the start of the project. Most elements were scheduled to be developed by M6. All scheduled activities have been achieved before this due date. Other project elements such as the project e-newsletter, website, press releases and social media will be on-going activities until the end of the project.





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1. Objective

The SIMBA portfolio of communication material has been developed to facilitate the promotion of the project and disseminate the project's objectives and findings to a variety of stakeholders and possible end-users. It is intended to help partners communicate the project and its results in a consistent and efficient manner. The project portfolio of communication material includes:

- Project logo and associated branding guidelines
- Factsheet
- PowerPoint template
- Poster template
- PowerPoint presentation of the project
- Pull-up banner
- Public project website
- Project Twitter account
- Press releases
- E-newsletters
- Video

2. Rationale

The function of the SIMBA portfolio of communication material is to provide a range of tools and materials to promote the project objectives, activities and results. Developing a strong brand is an important element of the project; the recognition and perception of a brand is highly influenced by its visual presentation. A brand's visual identity is something that people instantly recognise and associate with the project any time they see it and is subsequently important for project awareness. Effective visual brand identity is achieved by the consistent use of particular visual elements to create distinction, such as specific graphic elements, fonts and colours.

4. Results

4.1. Project Logo

The project logo is an integral part of the brand, it is included in all project promotional material. The SIMBA logo is constructed using a combination of bold lettering, colours and symbols signifying key aspects of the project such as the microbiome, agriculture, aquaculture, the circular economy and the positive impact the project is expected to have on numerous societal challenges, such as food insecurity. The SIMBA project logo has two versions: one including the full project name and one without.





Figure 1: Colour logos

Full colour logo (option 1)



Full colour logo (option 2)



Figure 2: One colour logos

One colour logo (option 1)



One colour logo (option 2)







The suite of logos is available on the project intranet (Tiimeri) and can be requested from WP8 leader AquaTT (contact: SIMBA communication officer (<u>jane@aquatt.ie</u>). Guidance on the SIMBA logo can be found in the SIMBA Brand Guidelines (Appendix 1).

4.2. Project Brand Guidelines

The SIMBA brand guidelines (Annex 1) offer the means by which all partners in SIMBA can achieve the prescribed standards of presentation. The document includes information on the different versions of the project logo (typeface, colour palette, and their correct use), guidelines for using the PowerPoint and Poster templates, and details on the correct EU acknowledgement that must be included with all dissemination activities related to the project. The brand guidelines will be updated if needed over the course of the project.

4.3. PowerPoint Template and Project Introduction PowerPoint Presentation

A SIMBA PowerPoint template has been developed to use at internal and external events when presenting the SIMBA project and/or its outcomes (Annex 2). The template includes one cover slide where to include the title of presentation and the speaker, a main body slide and a 'Thank you side containing relevant contact details with the project.

A general presentation introducing the project has also been developed. This can be used by all partners to introduce the project objectives and expected results (Annex 3).

4.4. Poster Template

A poster template has been designed and developed for SIMBA poster presentations (Annex 4). The poster is designed for printing on A0 paper in full colour. Partners who wish to print posters in other dimensions should contact WP8 leader AquaTT (contact person: jane@aquatt.ie).

4.5. Project Factsheet

A project factsheet (Annex 5) was designed to give the general audience an overview of the SIMBA project. The factsheet describes the project, its main objectives, themes, methodology, partnership, funding and expected results. It will be used to raise general awareness of the project. Partners are encouraged to distribute the factsheet through their networks and at relevant events. The full factsheet is available to download from the project intranet and project website. If partners wish to have the factsheet available in another language, they should contact WP8 leader AquaTT (contact person: jane@aquatt.ie).



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4.6. Pull-up Banner

A project pull-up banner has been designed and developed to be showcased at SIMBA related events (Annex 6). The pull-up banner has been made available on the project intranet for partners to access and print if needed. Partners who wish to obtain full instructions on printing the banner should contact WP8 leader AquaTT (contact person: jane@aquatt.ie).

4.7. Project Website

The project website (www.simbaproject.eu) is the main tool for promoting the project and disseminating the project's objectives, work plan and results to a wide audience including all stakeholders and possible end-users. The SIMBA website has been developed following the EU's best practice guidelines for project websites. To ensure successful promotion of the project and to sustain the interest of the target audience and attract new users, the website's content will be maintained, continuously updated and populated with new information throughout the project's lifetime. The website will remain active for five years after the end of the project, to serve as a valuable public resource of research information on the subject and for promoting the outputs of publicly funded research in the domain beyond the project's lifetime.

The website plays multiple roles:

- A communication resource to promote the project, its objectives and partnership
- A communication resource to update interested parties of progress, events, results and outcomes, and a repository for key deliverables
- A location for customised tools and services to support the operation of the project.

Website address: www.simbaproject.eu

The website structure follows an easy to use and intuitive pathway that allows the user to explore the website easily. On the home page, the top menu bar contains buttons for sections of the website on 'About', 'Results', 'News', 'Events', 'Media', 'Links' and other useful links to the projects intranet, sign-up for the Newsletter and a direct link to the project Twitter page. Snapshots of the website can be seen in the figures below:

¹ http://www.eurosfaire.prd.fr/7pc/documents/1271333123_project_website_guidelines_en.pdf



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Figure 3: Homepage



The SIMBA Project

SIMBA (Sustainable Innovation of Microbiome Applications in Food System) is a European innovation project, funded through Horizon 2020, which provides a holistic and innovative approach to the development of microbial solutions to increase food and nutrition security, in particular focusing on the identification of viable land and aquatic microbiomes that can assist in the sustainability of European agro- and aquaculture.









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Figure 4: About page

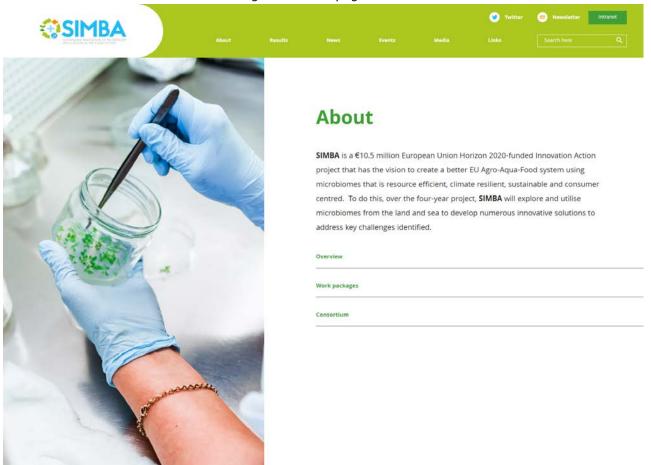


Figure 5: EU disclaimer and contact details banner





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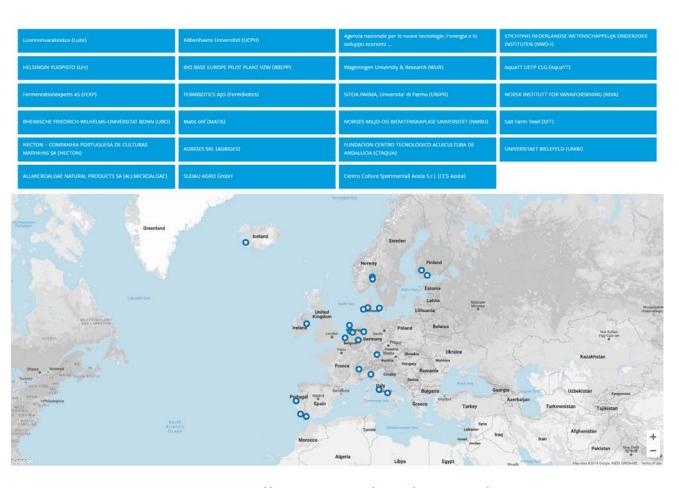


Figure 6: Consortium map



Consortium

The four-year SIMBA project brings together 23 partners well distributed across the European continent. SIMBA comprises among the most successful research groups with respect to terrestrial, marine, food and human gut microbiomes. The consortium forms a well-balanced mix between fundamental scientists, being experts in ecology and evolution of microbiomes and applied scientists that have a track record in bridging fundamental science to applications in the food industry. Within the consortium, there is a number of successful small to medium enterprises (SME) who are key to test novel techniques and that provide "near to market" solutions for field testing and economical evaluation. This cross-sectoral collaboration ensures that the results of fundamental research will be exploited with the consortium and will be disseminated to the market.



See interactive consortium map on: http://simbaproject.eu/about/consortium/

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Figure 7: Results page

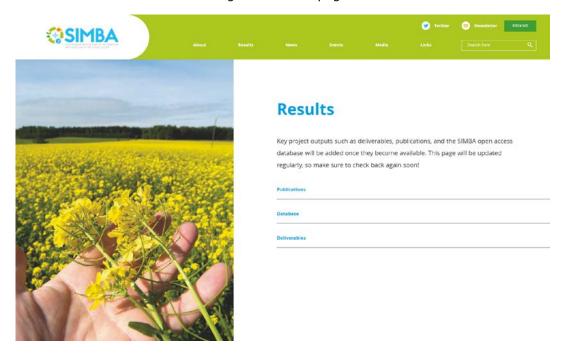


Figure 8: News page



News





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Figure 9: Media Page



Media



Figure 10: Press Releases



Sustainable European food systems using microorganisms – the SIMBA Project



A ground-breaking new project funded by the European Union will explore the potential of exploiting microorganisms in plants and animals to improve food security and promote sustainable food production. The project, SIMBA (sustainable Innovation of Microbiome Applications in Food System), aims to tackle the growing challenge of supplying food to a growing global population amidst the climate change crisis, through innovative activities around food systems using microorganisms.

The project marks the beginning of a unique plan that will explore the value and potential of microbiomes in our food production systems. Microbiomes are a community of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses that inhabit a particular environment. These communities play a vital role in the productivity and health of plants and animals. Exploitation of the communities in species used as food sources could then lead to the creation of healthler, more stable and secure crops

At the recent kick-off meeting in Helsinki in mid-December, SIMBA Project Coordinator and Principal Scientist Anne Pihlanto from LUKE, Natural Resources Institute Finland, said: "Recent research has indicated the huge impact microbiomes have on our lives. This makes SIMBA a very exciting project to be involved in. The project will have far-reacting impacts, not only contributing to improved food security, but the development of sustainable diets and novel fermented products are also expected to potentially function as a cure for type 2 diabetes."

SIMBA will focus on two interconnected food chains: crop production and aquacuture. Microbial soil fertility and plant defence will be studied, especially for dry areas susceptible to erosion. The potential of marine microbiomes to boost algal biomass, to facilitate natural feed production and to reduce large use on antibiotics will be studied. Exploration and exploitation of microbiomes are instrumental for the development of new healthier food and feed products. Microbes can also be applied as ingredients to food to improve gut microflora and to ensure a better uptake of nutrients.

As the world population increases and the global climate is changing, the supply of food will become a growing problem. Worldwide, the demand for food and for agricultural produce is predicted to increase by up to 70% by 2090. There is an urgent need to create and develop new food production systems which meet this growing demand for food. SIMBA's innovative approach will add to a growing body of research aimed at stimulating food production not only in Europe, but in global regions where food insecurity has been an ongoing issue. These regions, as well as those which are beginning to feel these negative impacts, are expected to benefit from the project's findings.





3.1. Social Media

Social networking is part of the SIMBA communication strategy. A dedicated project Twitter account (@SIMBAproject_EU) has been set up at the start of the project and is used to tweet SIMBA relevant information. The Twitter page is maintained by WP8 leader AquaTT and project related tweets are posted regularly in accordance with the H2020 Programme Guidance Social media guide for EU funded R&I projects.²

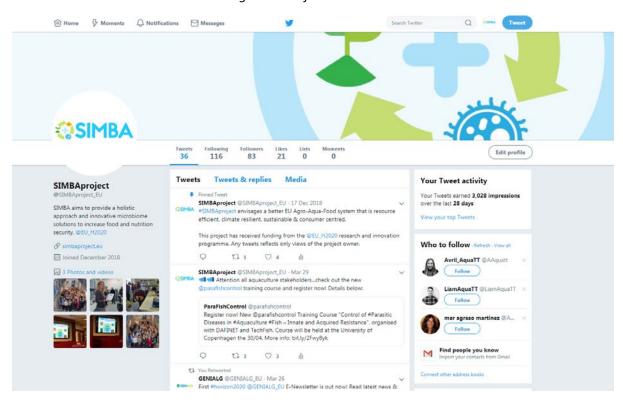


Figure 4: Project Twitter account

4. Conclusion

The aim of deliverable D8.2 was to develop a strong project brand and an accompanying suite of communication material. This report highlights the key work done to date in developing this portfolio; numerous tools have been developed and are actively being used to promote project activities and results. The SIMBA portfolio of communication material includes: the project website, factsheet, Twitter account, ppt and poster templates and pull-up banner. There are other elements still to be developed as part of the communication portfolio, which are due later in the project, such as the project e-newsletter (four to be developed in total, one-yearly with the first being due in M9, July 2019) and a project video (D8.3 due in M30).

² http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/grants_manual/amga/soc-medguide_en.pdf



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5. Document Information

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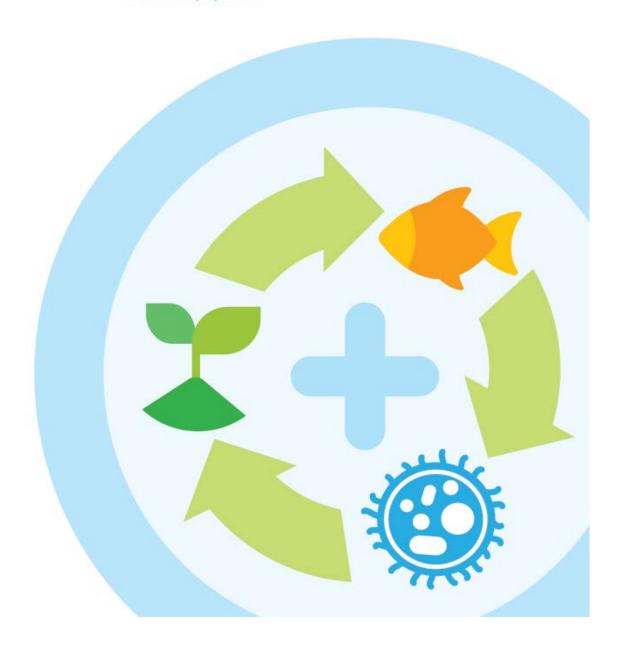


Annex 1: Branding guidelines



BRAND GUIDELINES

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Brand Guidelines

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INTRODUCTION

Brand Guidelines

The brand guidelines set out in this manual for SIMBA offer the means by which all SIMBA partners can achieve the prescribed standards of presentation related to the SIMBA project.

It is recommended that partners follow the standards given in this manual to ensure a high standard of project presentation in all SIMBA dissemination activities.

For any queries regarding the implementation of the **SIMBA** brand guidelines, please contact **Jane Maher**, AquaTT Project Officer (**jane@aquatt.ie**).

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LOGO







PRIMARY LOGO

The **SIMBA** logo is constructed using a combination of rounded bold lettering, harmonious colour choices and illustration.

This section gives you guidelines on how to use the logo in any format, for example the recommended type face to use, the colour palette and best use of the logo on different backgrounds.

When using the logo only option without the tagline, please ensure that the full project name is visibly included elsewhere in the dissemination activity.





Logo option 2 - Identity with tagline







ONE COLOUR LOGO

The one colour version logos are intended for applications that are restricted in colour, such as fax, memo etc. or any time it is not possible to use colour printing techniques.



Black Logo



White Logo





CORRECT USE OF LOGO

Colour Background Variations

The preferred background for the **SIMBA** logo is white, but there will be some instances where the logo needs to be used over a colour other than white. In this case, you may have to use either the white or black version of the logo.

Whether the logo is being used in full colour, black or white, please ensure that the logo is always legible and there is sufficient contrast between all the elements.



SIMBA





Correct

The full colour logo is only fully visible on a light background.

Incorrect

The full colour logo is not fully visible on a coloured background.

Correct

The white logo is only fully visible on a dark background.

Incorrect

The black logo is not fully visible on a dark background.



Correct

The black logo is only fully visible on a light background.



Incorrect

The white logo is not fully visible here on a light background.

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CORRECT USE OF LOGO (CTD.)

Photographic Background Variations

The preferred background for the **SIMBA** logo is white, but in some cases it is necessary to use the logo over images. In all cases, it is important to ensure that all elements of the logo are clearly visible.



Correct

The full colour logo is fully visible on a light image.



Incorrect

The full colour logo is not fully visible on a dark image.



Correct

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CORRECT USE OF LOGO (CTD.)

Clearance Space

Clearance space is the area surrounding the logo that should be kept free of other graphical elements. You should allow sufficient space around the logo.

The minimum required space to use around the logo is the height of the plus symbol ("+") in the logo as shown.



Clearance space



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Title goes along here, title goes along here

Event and date

Presenters name and affiliation



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CORRECT USE OF LOGO (CTD.)

Minimum size

The **SIMBA** logo can be increased to any size you require however the minimum size the logo should be displayed at is 49mm in width. Where possible, the logo should not be used below this size as legibility will be compromised.

When using the logo with the tagline, the minimum size this should be used at is 96mm in width to ensure legibility of the tagline.

Identity without tagline





Minimum size = 96mm width









INCORRECT USE OF LOGO

What not to do

Never recreate elements of the artwork. Do not modify elements or alter colours. Please adhere to the guidelines below.





























TYPEFACES

Primary – Gilroy (Graphic Design Use Only)

Gilroy is the primary **SIMBA** typeface. This simple, modern font helps communicate ideas clearly and confidently. It is highly legible in both print and digital communications. It is available in a range of weights: from light to bold.

Gilroy is primarily used for print design. For internal documents (such as Microsoft Office applications), use the alternate typefaces below.

Secondary - Calibri (Internal Use)

Calibri is the secondary SIMBA

typeface. This font is intended for internal use. Calibri reflects the clean look of the primary typeface and should be used whenever possible within Microsoft Office applications i.e. Word, Powerpoint, Excel etc.

Calibri Regular can be used for all standard communication materials e.g. letters/faxes/reports/emails etc.

Calibri is packaged with all Microsoft and Macintosh computers.

Gilroy Light

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Gilroy Extra Bold

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Calibri Regular
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Calibri Bold
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COLOUR PALETTE

Print

The CMYK values are required when preparing materials for professional print jobs.

In-office printing will provide varied results depending on equipment and as a result, 100% colour accuracy cannot be expected.

Web

The RGB values are required when preparing materials for the web.

It is important to note that the calibration of monitors, desktop printers and projection equipment can vary. Please adhere to the RGB values provided to ensure consistency across all materials for the web.

SIMBA Orange	
C 0	
M 45	R 249
Y 100	G 157
K O	B 28

SIMBA Light Gre	en
C 45	
M 3	R 154
Y 100	G 196
K O	B 60

SIMBA Light Blue	
C 61	
М 0	R 62
Υ 0	G 199
КО	B 244

SIMBA Dark Blue					
С	83				
М	64	R 61			
Υ	0	G 101			
K	0	B 175			









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POWERPOINT

Cover, context & closing slides

Please follow the PowerPoint template. The recommended font is Calibri, Maximum font size is 40 pt.









POSTER

Poster Template A0

Please follow the template.

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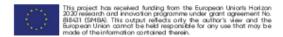
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A combined EU emblem and disclaimer graphic is available in the **SIMBA** logo suite.

EU e mblem

High-resolution versions of the emblem (shown below) can be found here: http://europa.eu/about-eu/basic-information/symbols/flag/





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Annex 2: PowerPoint template



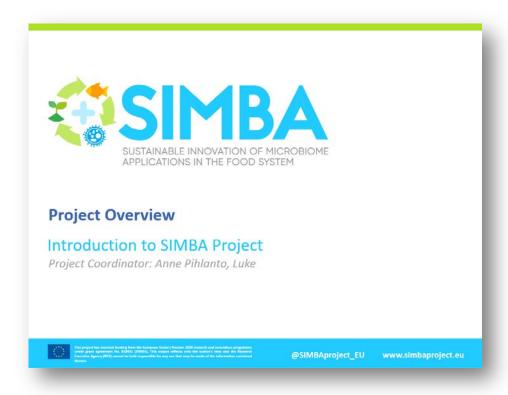








Annex 3: Project overview presentation



The SIMBA Project



The **vision** of **SIMBA** is to create a better EU <u>Agro</u>-Aqua-Food system that is resource efficient, climate resilient, sustainable and consumer centred by creating connectivity at local, regional and European level.







The SIMBA Objectives



Focusing on crop production and aquaculture the **SIMBA** project intends to:

- Get a better understanding of microbiome structures and functions, related to land and sea related food chains;
- Verify the sustainability of microbial innovations of the food systems as a whole;
- Create a better EU Agro-Aqua-Food system that is resource efficient, climate resilient, sustainable and consumer centred;
- Improve the overall knowledge of microbiomes from land and sea towards the market needs in areas where applicability and readiness is not yet visible;
- Bring new and cost-effective commercial applications to the market that assist different stages and processes throughout the food chain by 2025

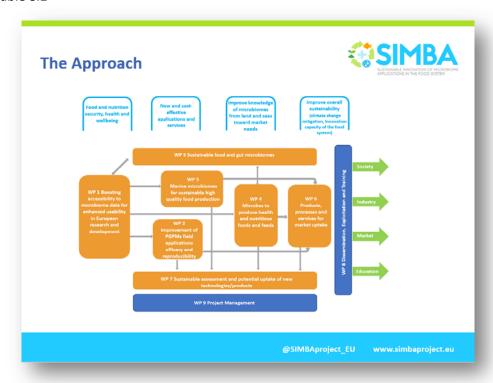
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The Challenge and the SIMBA Solution The growing threat of food insecurity, compounded by population growth and climate change Arable land is decreasing and crop production is heavily reliant on chemical fertilisers Natural fish stocks are threatened by overfishing and aquaculture can potentially have negative environmental impacts when inadequately managed Using a holistic approach, the objective of SIMBA is to harness complex soil and marine microbial communities for the sustainable production of food. An open access database containing microbiome data that identify useful microbiomes that support food production. New innovations that enhance consistency of microbiomes in field application for improved plant productivity and sustainable agriculture The scale-up of salt-tolerant marine microbiomes to increase arable land and food/feed production. The change towards a more sustainable diet, positively impact human health.







Expected Outcomes



- An open access central database containing microbiome data useful for EU food production;
- Up-scaled crop production: **delivery of selected microbial consortia** on crop yield, food quality and plant health;
- Deepen understanding of the effect of microbiome composition on high quality algal biomass, fish health and saline agriculture
- Delivery of 1-2 designed starter cultures originating from characterized microbiomes to be applied in food and feed products
- Understand the inter-individual differences in the function of the gut microbiota, its interaction with diet/foods and how all this affects health outcomes
- Solutions to perform better environmentally, as well as economically and socially

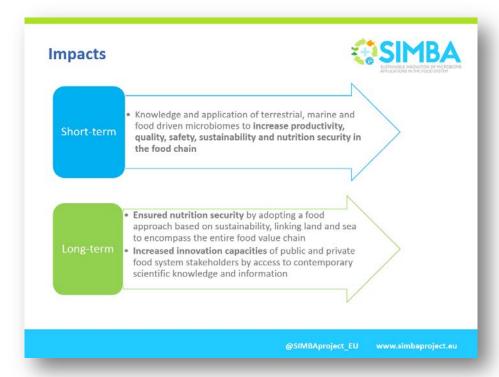
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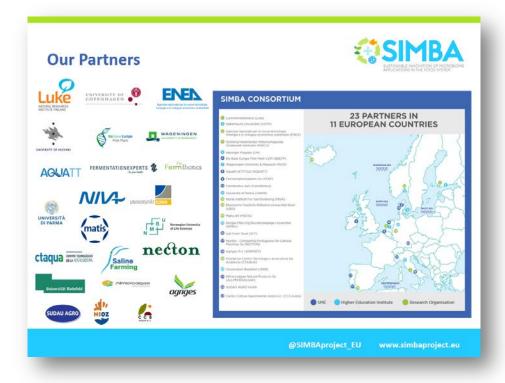
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Annex 4: Poster template



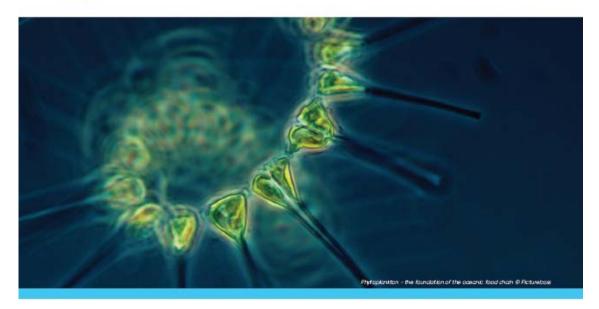


Annex 5: Project factsheet





SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION OF MICROBIOME APPLICATIONS IN THE FOOD SYSTEM



THE CHALLENGE

The threat of food insecurity is a critical global challenge, compounded by climate change and population growth. Forward-thinking solutions are needed to meet this challenge and one potential area for exploration is microbiomes, which are communities of microbes (bacteria, viruses, fungi, etc. in a certain environment. Microbiomes are known to regulate the productivity and health of major food sources across land and sea. Therefore, they can positively impact food production, food and nutrition security and ultimately influence human health. However, we lack a deep understanding of the microbiomes associated with our food systems.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

SIMBA aims to gain a better understanding of microbiome structure and function, related to marine and terrestrial food chains and to verify the sustainability of microbial innovations of the food system. Focusing primarily on agriculture and aquaculture, **SIMBA** will harness complex soil and marine microbial communities for sustainable food production, delivering tangible benefits to society.

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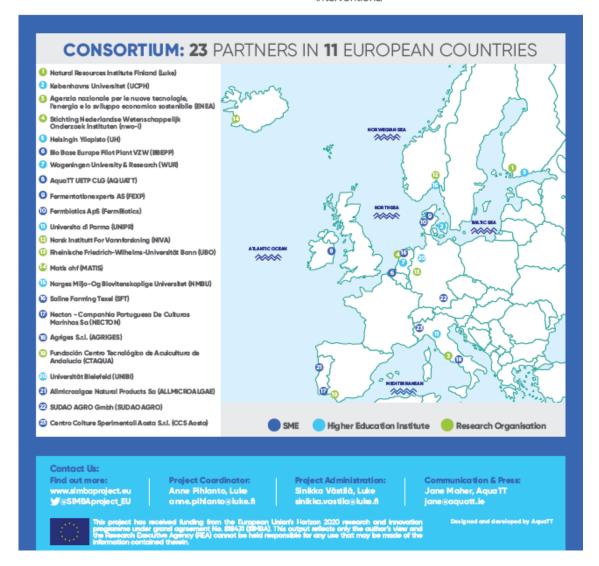






EXPECTED RESULTS

- Open access database with new and pre-existing microbiome data to identify microbes that can perform useful functions in the food production process.
- Improved understanding of the role of salttolerant microbiomes in the cultivation of salt resistant crops.
- The application of starter cultures in food products with beneficial vitamins, polyunsaturated fatty acids and antioxidants contributing to health human benefits.
- Enhanced consistency of microbiomes in field applications.
- Improved understanding of the functions of individual and sustainable diet-induced variations in gut microbiota.
- Near to market ready development of costeffective applications of new microbes, food, crop and algae products.
- Proven increase in sustainability of European food systems by implementing the microbial interventions.







Annex 6: Project pull-up banner



