





# Project LIFE17 ENV/IT/347

## "Sustainable substrates for agriculture from dredged remediated marine sediments: from ports to pots" (SUBSED)



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ESCUELA POLITÉCNICA SUPERIOR DE ORIHUELA (Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche)







**MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ UNIVERSITY (UMH)** 



The Miguel Hernández University of Elche (UMH) has four campuses located in the Province of Alicante

The 4 campuses comprising the UMH are located within a 50-km radius around the city of Alicante. Thanks to its proximity to Alicante's airport (ALC), the seaport of Alicante, and its train stations, the University boasts excellent transportation and communication systems.









# **MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ UNIVERSITY**

- ✓ Public University founded in 1996
- ✓ More than 14,500 students
- ✓ Total personnel: 1,632

Faculty: 1,063

Contracted to projects: 182

Administration and Services

Personnel: 387

 Organised in 4 Campus locations: Altea, Elche, Orihuela & Sant Joan d'Alacant









# **ACADEMIC OFFERING**

- ✓ 24 Bachelor Degrees
- ✓ 40 Master Degrees
- ✓ 16 Doctoral /PhD Programmes









### ORIHUELA CAMPUS (1971, UPV. 50' Experimental Station)



- ✓ Degree in Agro-Food & Environmental Engineering
- ✓ Degree in Food Science and Technology



























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#### **Research and teaching laboratories**











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#### Fruit juice extraction pilot plant









# HIGH POLYTECHNICAL SCHOOL OF ORIHUELA Standarized room for sensory analysis



























#### **Research Group in Plant Production and Technology**



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#### **PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR UMH**

ACTION A.1: Review of the EU and national regulations on the use of sediments for plant nursery and of the analytical protocols

#### ACTION B.4: Demonstration of the use of remediated sediments as a substrate for food crops production

ACTION B.5: Training courses, workshops and guidelines for project replicability and transferability

# ACTION C.3: Monitoring and validation of the use of remediated sediments as a substrate for nursing and cultivation: food crops production

ACTION C.4: Monitoring of socio-economic impact of the project and LCA

ACTION C.5: Performance indicators monitoring

ACTION D.2: Project dissemination plan: events, networking and contacts with Institutions and policy makers

ACTION E.1: Project management by FLORA

ACTION E.3: SUBSED After-LIFE plan

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ACTION B.4: Demonstration of the use of remediated sediments as a substrate for food crops production



3 Growing substrates 25% Treated Sediments/peat 50% Mixture 75% Treated Sediments/peat

*Citrus limon* (cvr Fino 95)

C. macrophylla − C. aurantium Forner-Alcaide nº5 (C. volkameriana)

90 lemon plants cultivated in pots of 40 liters

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ACTION B.4: Demonstration of the use of remediated sediments as a substrate for food crops production



Treatments: 1 cvr x 3 rootstocks x 3 substrates = 9

nº trees: 9 treatments x 5 blocks x 2 pots= 90

90 lemon plants cultivated in pots of 40 liters



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ACTION C.3: Monitoring and validation of the use of remediated sediments as a substrate for nursing and cultivation: food crops production

	Pomological quality -	Fruit fresh Dry weight Maximum diameter Fruit shape Skin color Flesh firmness
	Chemical composition and organoleptic quality	pH Titratable acidity Total Solid Soluble Total polyphenols Antioxidant activity Vitamin C Organic acids
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