A rich programme return of the European Chestnut Days

The stakeholders of the European chestnut sector will be able to meet again and exchange ideas during the 11th European Chestnut Days Eurocastanea*, organised in the New-Aquitaine region and online. The event will be divided in two parts: face-to-face meetings to be held on 1st and 2nd October 2021 in France (in Corrèze and Haute-Vienne), then on 21st and 22nd October online with an international webinar.

On 1st October, technical visits will be organised to chestnut orchards: agroforestry, harvesting sites, high density management, post-harvest sorting equipment and more will be on the agenda. The next day, on October 2nd, participants will visit the sorting station of a producer organisation. They will then be taken to the "Tech-Châtaigne" trade fair in St-Yrieix-La- Perche. This trade fair, organised since 2015, is entirely dedicated to castaneiculture.

These two days will be an opportunity to receive a delegation of European producers. Indeed, it is the richness and quality of the exchanges between international professionals that make these European Days a success every year.

The second part of the event, will be open to an even wider international audience with a webinar organised on the mornings of 21st and 22nd October. It will reveal the chestnut harvest forecast figures of the main producing countries in Europe, followed by a round table on trade, market trends and consumption. Chestnut trees diseases and pest management will also be discussed.

Registration for the European Chestnut Days can be done on the website www.eurocastanea.org, it hosts the programme, prices and registration forms.

The organising committee of the European Chestnut Days is composed of the Union Interprofessionnelle de la Châtaigne Sud-ouest France (UICSO), the Comité Interprofessionnel de la Châtaigne du Bas limousin, the Syndicat des Producteurs de Marrons et Châtaignes du Limousin, the Association du Marron et du Châtaignier Limousin, Interco, AREFLH and AANA

The organisers will ensure compliance with health standards on the various sites visited. A health pass will be compulsory as it is the case for any public event in France at the moment.