

Uncorking WINE & CIDER typicality



Are you ready for a journey that will take you to the world of wine and cider?

To discover **amazing countryside** with rich grapevine and apple growing tradition, where local people admire the fruits of nature, proud and eager to carry on **local production** of distinctive wine and cider.

This journey will **bring together expertise, knowledge, tradition, and culture** of people from Slovenia, Croatia, North Macedonia, and Norway with a mission to foster the development of rural areas by improving their common research capacity, knowledge, and visibility.

JOIN US to explore

- what makes local wine and cider so **unique**;
 - how scientists highlight distinctive **characters** of local fermented beverages;
 - why **terroir** strengthens rural identity;
- and much more....



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Scientists revealing the secrets of wine and cider typicality.



Learn how researchers, experts, and students will:

- **strengthen the research capacity** by establishing the Balkan sensory evaluation network and Hardanger Cider R&D support centre;
- **accomplish the most comprehensive terroir study** ever undertaken in the Balkan region, specifically in Tikveš;
- **characterise for the first time the typicality** of Zelen and Pinela wines from Vipava Valley and Graševina from Slavonia, as well as Hardanger cider.

Knowledge builds regional identity and competitive countryside.



Join us:

- to acquire the **best knowledge on high-quality wine and cider production**, provided by the leading experts in the field;
- to **access the e-learning platform** with professional online trainings and publications;
- at local and transnational events **to taste and learn about the best wine and cider products**.

Wine and cider culture shaping the countryside future.



Take part in developing rural identity by:

- **exchanging best practices** on sustainable rural development, wine and cider tourism, and on collaboration among local farmers and producers;
- **shaping a terroir model** for Vipava Valley, Slavonia, Tikveš and Hardanger to strengthen the visibility on the global market;
- **networking** with local rural development stakeholders.