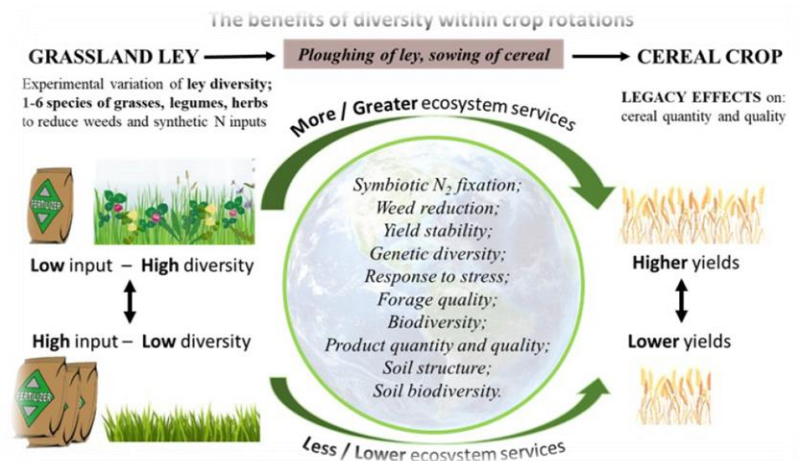


## Widening Country Inspiration Story

“Previous relations are very important when creating a consortium.”

**Organisation name:** Poznań University of Life Sciences  
**Organisation type:** Higher Education Organisation  
**Country:** Poland  
**Project Acronym:** LegumeLegacy  
**Project start and end date:** 1.02.2023 - 31.01.2027  
**Type of MSC action, Horizon Europe:** Doctoral Networks  
**Is your organisation a coordinator?** No



grassland mixtures, and the transfer of this Nitrogen and other benefits to a follow-on cereal crop.

### What is your project about?

LegumeLegacy aims to train the future leaders in sustainable agriculture; utilise plant diversity to improve the efficiency and reduce the environmental footprint of productive crop-livestock systems; test the robustness of multiple hypotheses across environmental gradients and understand mechanisms and processes at each level of a crop rotation system: soil and grassland ley, and their legacy effects on cereal crops and animals.

### What communication and public engagement measures have you foreseen?

Targeted communication campaigns will be conducted via the project website, bi-monthly e-newsletter, social networking groups, press releases, and public attendance at farm demonstration events.

### Why is your project important for society?

Multiple EU policies identify the need to investigate system diversity as a solution to reducing many environmentally harmful inputs, and these policies are exerting strong pressure to develop production strategies that increase Nitrogen use efficiency. LegumeLegacy will directly address this major knowledge gap by investigating the potential for replacement of Nitrogen fertiliser with symbiotically fixed Nitrogen from legumes in productive multi-species

### What kind of support did you get?

The preparation of the proposal was the result of a long cooperation of an international group of researchers dealing with multi-species sward on grassland. When preparing the application, we drew on experience from previous joint projects with some of the consortium partners and cooperation with other partners within the [scientific network LegacyNet](#). As a partner in the project, we did not get support from the National contact points, we used the guidelines sent by the project coordinator during team meetings and direct consultations.

### Do you have other successful projects under Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe?

Yes.

### What in your experience helped you to succeed?

The key to success is to achieve international recognition as a scientist representing the university and the unit in the field of knowledge that the projects concern. This recognition results from participation in scientific conferences, in particular in the regularly organised general meetings and symposia of the European Grassland Federation (EGF), and activity in working groups within EGF, as well as from organising such conferences in Poland, e.g. EGF2012.

### How did you find the partners in your consortium?

I was invited by the coordinator to participate in the preparation of the proposal. The invitation was the result of previous long-term cooperation with the coordinator and a group of researchers dealing with the topics meeting the scope of the MSCA-Doctoral Networks call.

### How did you find your fellow?

We employed a Doctoral Candidate (DC) as a result of an open competition, announced on the [EURAXESS portal](#). The fellow was enrolled as a PhD student at the Poznań University of Life Sciences doctoral school.

### What tips can you give other organisations that would like to apply for MSCA?

In my opinion, it is more effective for an institution from Poland to apply for MSCA, especially the Doctoral Networks, as a beneficiary. Previous relations resulting from international

cooperation, i.e. participation in conferences, working groups, joint publications, etc., are very important when creating a consortium. Such contacts build trust and position in the scientific community.

More information on the project:



The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support researchers at all stage of their career across all disciplines. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and provide innovative trainings and career developments.

The MSCA Doctoral Networks (DN) offer doctoral programmes implemented by partnerships of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond to train highly skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate their creativity, enhance their innovation capacities and boost their employability in the long-term.

The MSCA-NET project is the MSCA NCP project to facilitate the transnational cooperation to achieve a consistent and harmonised level of NCP support. The scientific community can also profit from our project to support their MSCA application.

