

# INCREASE



## SHARE THE BEAN

### The INCREASE Citizen Science Experiment

Through the Citizen Science Experiment, you can contribute to and test an innovative approach to seed conservation, multiplication and sharing in order to conserve agrobiodiversity. All you need is access to a field, garden, terrace or balcony, a smart phone and the desire to cultivate some unique bean varieties.

Join us for the next round of the experiment from early spring to late autumn 2026! From 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, you can register for the experiment via the 'INCREASE CSA' app.



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# The CSE in a nutshell



**Download the 'INCREASE CSA' app** and create an account



**Register for the experiment** once registrations have opened (the date will be announced on the INCREASE website)



After successful acceptance, **sign the SMTA** (Standard Material Transfer Agreement)



**Validate the beans** you receive by mail from Ancona, Italy



**Choose your level** of participation (basic, medium or expert)



**Plant and grow** your beans



**Observe and record the development** of your beans via the app (throughout)



**Harvest**, cook and enjoy your beans



**Share your experiences** and seeds with other citizens and be part of the INCREASE community!



Biodiversity and agrobiodiversity are at great risk. The change of our climate is one main factor in losing the unique diversity of life on our planet. And so, the diversity in crops is in steady decline.

Focusing on the pulses chickpea, common bean, lentil and lupin, INCREASE develops, tests and implements a new approach to conserve, manage and characterise genetic resources through participatory research to foster agricultural biodiversity in Europe.

The common bean was chosen to be the star of the Citizen Science Experiment as it is the most important food legume for direct human consumption worldwide.

## Pulses and their benefits

