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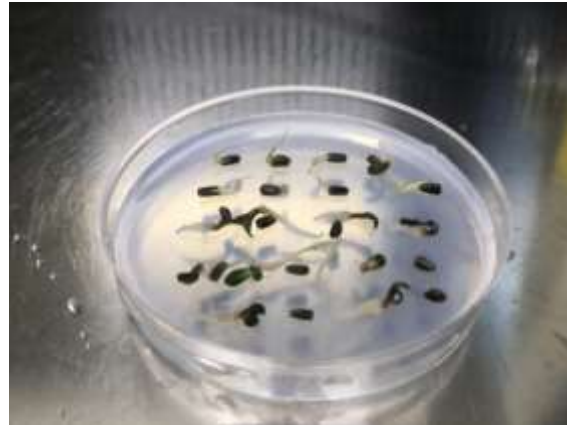
Veggie Med Cheeses has started activities!



Dear Veggie Med Cheeses Partners,
here some news from botanic and agronomist team!

Times go fast and in the last weeks the international team of botanists and agronomists of the
“**VEGGIE-MED-CHEESES**” Consortium has started with the activities dealing with the:

1. sampling and morphological characterization of wild thistles (*Cynara humilis*, *Cynara cardunculus*, *Onopordum tauricum*, *Onopordum platylepis*) growing spontaneously in different areas of the Mediterranean basin (Spain, Italy);
2. lyophilization of sampled spontaneous thistles
3. sampling, cataloguing and storing of seeds
4. optimization of the germination protocols, in view of the incoming start of the cultivation trials!



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