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BEHIND THE CURTAINS

Gardeniser Hub story began more than 10 years ago, with visits between community gardens in different countries through the Lifelong Learning - Grundtvig programme. A key figure emerged through these exchanges: the community gardener who no longer had time to cultivate plants, because they were too busy cultivating people. This was the **Gardeniser** (garden+organiser). Recognising the complex coordination and mediation skills at the heart of this role, two EU projects were initiated to support its development. One was an LLP-Transfer of Innovation project. The second, an Erasmus+ KA2 VET project providing a professional framework on a European scale, was **Gardeniser Pro**. Gardeniser Pro comprises a structured training course with well-defined objectives mapped to the ECVET credit system, as well as the **Gardeniser Licence**. This process is contributing to the recognition of the Gardeniser, even in those countries where it is not yet seen as a profession.

Over the past decade, 3 different EU programmes have supported the evolution of Gardeniser. And now, as a new phase of the project begins, a famous starship captain might say, "it's warp time, engage!"



ROLE >

A GARDENISER IS...

The Gardeniser is NOT a technician, NOT a landscape designer, NOT an expert, NOT a facilitator, NOT a trainer, NOT a counsellor, NOT a friend. **It's all that together!** It is a key coordinating role working inside the community garden. The role requires technical skills, as well as the ability to enable volunteers and staff to be fully included in the work that garden is doing through good communication, mediation, organisation and management skills. A Gardeniser supports cohesion, participation and social inclusion in the community garden.



TRAINING >

INNOVATION-DRIVEN FACTOR

Gardeniser Hub is a capitalisation project answering the ongoing demand for training in community gardens and farms across Europe. The European Federation of City Farms is the newest organisational partner to join the three country partners who have worked most consistently on the Gardeniser pathway to date: Social Farms & Gardens (UK), Pistes-Solidaires (FR) and Replay Network (IT).

Together all four partners are now working to create an **International pool of Gardeniser trainers** and to provide new

training opportunities for the public and school sectors.

MISSION 1: defining the skills and areas of intervention of the Gardeniser trainers. >>Training modules guiding the Gardeniser Pro training format implementation.

MISSION 2: foster the recognition of the social role of the Gardeniser and Community Gardens in society. >>Training modules addressed to school teachers & headmasters (**Gardeniser Edu**) and city managers (**Gardeniser Tec**).