



APRISE

ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN RESEARCH & INNOVATION SKILLS ENHANCEMENT



Empowering research talents
in alternative proteins across
Europe's widening countries.

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WHAT IS APRISE

④ APRISE is a **Horizon Europe ERA Talents project** designed to **strengthen research and innovation (R&I) capacity on alternative proteins in widening countries through hands-on training, cross-sectoral mobility, and stakeholder collaboration.**



"Empowering research talents in alternative proteins across Europe's widening countries."



Our Mission

To equip widening country researchers and institutions with the skills, experience, and networks needed to drive the sustainable protein transition.

Our Vision

A Europe where innovation in alternative proteins is inclusive, connected, and equally accessible regardless of geography or sector.

Our Goals

- ❖ Support talent mobility across sectors and borders
- ❖ Deliver multidisciplinary training in science, entrepreneurship, and communication
- ❖ Promote open science, gender balance, and inclusiveness in all activities
- ❖ Integrate alternative protein innovations into local and regional food systems
- ❖ Engage stakeholders, citizens, and policymakers in shaping the protein transition
- ❖ Enhance research management and institutional capacities

WHY IS APRISE NEEDED?

APRISE is a Horizon Europe ERA Talents project designed to strengthen research and innovation (R&I) capacity on alternative proteins (APros) in widening countries through hands-on training, cross-sectoral mobility, and stakeholder collaboration.



PROTEIN CRISIS

Global demand for protein is rising while traditional systems remain unsustainable.¹



REGIONAL GAPS

Widening countries face limited Access to infrastructure, funding, and innovation networks.



TALENT DRAIN

Skilled researchers often leave due to lack of career opportunities and support.



DISCONNECTED ACTORS

Academia, industry, and civil society rarely collaborate effectively in the alternative protein field.

Why are APPros Needed?

APPros reduce resource use and greenhouse gas emissions^{2,3}

EU countries invested heavily in 2024:

- €38M by Germany⁴
- €60M by the Netherlands⁵
- €168M by Denmark⁵
- €65M by France⁵
- €7M by Spain⁶

Why Widening Countries?

- Rich biodiversity and favorable agricultural conditions.
- Still underrepresented in APPros research due to:
 - Limited infrastructure
 - Regulatory gaps
 - High production costs
- Huge untapped potential for sustainable food innovation

¹IPCC, 2023, <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/>

²Good Food Institute, <https://gfi.org/resource/environmental-impacts-of-alternative-proteins/>

³<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41538-024-00291-w>

⁴<https://aierurope.org/blog/federal-budget-2024-germany-invests-38-million-euros-in-the-protein-transition-and-sets-out-to-become-a-leader-in-the-field/>

⁵[https://www.europard.europa.eu/ReoData/etudes/BRIF/2023/751426/EPRS_BRI\(2023\)751426_EPN.pdf](https://www.europard.europa.eu/ReoData/etudes/BRIF/2023/751426/EPRS_BRI(2023)751426_EPN.pdf)

⁶<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2023/11/20/german-government-to-boost-alternative-proteins-with-38m-investment>

Skills Training

60+ training events in scientific, digital, entrepreneurial, and communication skills.

Career Support

Provides individual **career development plans**, **mentoring**, and long-term **career coaching** to strengthen professional growth.

Public Engagement

Equips researchers with **science communication skills** and supports dialogue with citizens, policymakers, and stakeholders.

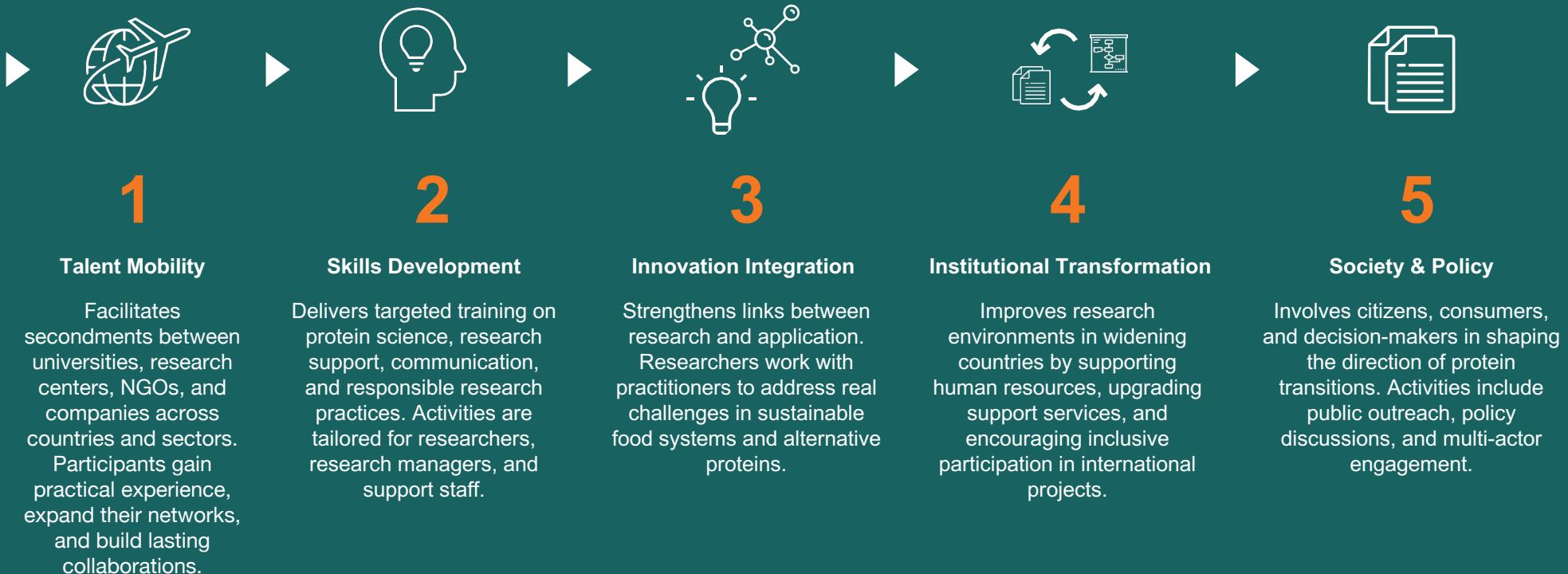
Talent Mobility

Supports over **250 secondments** across academia, industry, NGOs, and innovation hubs, tailored for researchers and managers.



STRUCTURE OF APRISE

Led by Middle East Technical University Food Engineering Department (Türkiye), APRISE is structured around five core pillars:



Who is Involved?

APRISE brings together a diverse consortium of **18 partners** from **11 countries**, combining academic excellence with practical expertise across the alternative protein landscape.



11 Widening



7 Non-Widening



Middle East Technical
University
Türkiye



MyBiotech
GmbH
Germany



Nutri Biotech
Services Ltd.
Malta



EcoVibes - Environmental
Consultants
Greece



Nordic Horizon Institute
Sweden



OpenCom Italy
Italy



Warsaw University of
Life Sciences
Poland



Agricultural University
of Athens
Greece



Advanced Climate
Risk Education
Germany



Nottingham Trent
University
UK



Telewander ApS
Denmark



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Centre de Recerca
en Sanitat Animal
Spain



BKEA Ltd
Malta



BITKIDEN
Türkiye



Green Growth Platform
Republic of Macedonia



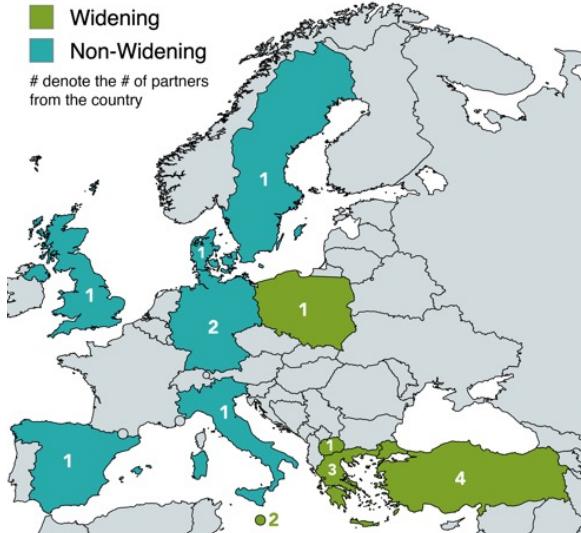
Theta Biomarkers
Greece



Technology Development
Foundation of Turkey
Türkiye



Sutas Dairy Company
Türkiye



What Will We Achieve?

Stronger Talent, Stronger Systems

We will support the growth of over 250 individuals through training, mentoring, and secondments.

Better Research Skills

Researchers and staff will gain new capacities in scientific methods, project management, communication, and open science.

More Connected Institutions

Widening country organizations will form long-term links with experienced partners across Europe.

A More Inclusive Food Future

Alternative protein research will better reflect regional needs, social values, and cultural contexts through public engagement and policy dialogue.

Practical Tools and Outputs

Open-access training materials, institutional development plans, and mobility frameworks that others can reuse and adapt.

How to Join?

Are you a researcher or research manager based in a widening country?

You can apply for upcoming **secondments, trainings, and mentoring calls**. We offer opportunities tailored to both academic and non-academic profiles.

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