

# International scientific project calls on citizens to participate in cultivating various bean varieties

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The banner features the INCREASE logo (a stylized DNA helix) at the top center. Below it, the text "Register now!" is written in large, bold, teal letters. Underneath, it says "3<sup>rd</sup> round of the INCREASE Citizen Science Experiment" and "Registration exclusively via the 'INCREASE CSA' App." followed by the URL "More info: [www.pulsesincrease.eu/de/experiment](http://www.pulsesincrease.eu/de/experiment)". An orange box on the right contains the registration deadlines: "Registration deadlines: New participants: 28. February 2023" and "Participants of previous round: 31 December 2022". At the bottom left, a small text box says "Be part of a community of > 7000 citizens from all over Europe who stand up for agrobiodiversity and grow forgotten varieties of common bean with us!". The background is a collage of photos showing people working with beans, including planting, growing, and harvesting.

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For the third consecutive year, the international scientific project „INCREASE Citizen Science Experiment“ calls on all citizens interested in cultivating crops to join the cultivation of new bean varieties.

Anyone who owns a smartphone and a balcony, garden or arable land, as well as the necessary enthusiasm for growing different bean varieties, may register to participate in the project no later than

28 February 2023.

In the previous two years, thousands of committed citizens from 27 European countries took part in this experiment, whose objective is the conservation and improvement of biodiversity in Europe. This year, all interested citizens can register for participation through the dedicated mobile application „INCREASE CSA“.

Each participant will receive seeds of six different bean varieties to cultivate while documenting their development by uploading photos and assessing specific traits in the „[INCREASE CSA](#)“ application. This will support the project’s scientific team in assessing the characteristics of more than 1000 bean varieties, with the aim of improving biodiversity in Europe.

The „[INCREASE CSA](#)“ mobile application is free to download from all digital platforms and is available in different languages. Every participant in the project can register and use the application to document all their observations during the cultivation period.

The main objective of the project is to valorise biodiversity and to promote the cultivation and consumption of pulses in Europe. The experiment is guided by the principles of the European Commission for: „open science, open innovation and openness to the world“, making use of digital technologies to render science and innovation more global.

Deadline for registration and participation in the project: **28 February 2023**.

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### Further information on the project and the experiment:

Free mobile application: <https://www.pulsesincrease.eu/experiment/app>

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