

# EuroFIR AISBL Membership Benefits 2023



*Delivering high quality, validated national food composition data & supporting information*



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# European Food Information Resource

WHO ARE WE?



EuroFIR Network of Excellence (2005-10) comprised of 48 Beneficiaries from academia, research organisations and SMEs in 27 countries, funded by the EC's 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme

EuroFIR AISBL, an international, member-based, non-profit Association under Belgian law, was set up in 2009 to ensure sustained advocacy for food information in Europe

In 2010, EuroFIR NEXUS, was funded by the EC's 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme to to implement durable implementation of FP6 NoEs including EuroFIR

Today, EuroFIR's purpose is to develop, publish and exploit food composition information, and promote international cooperation and harmonisation of standards to improve data quality, storage and access.



# Our Mission

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The vision of EuroFIR is delivery of high quality, validated national food composition data in a harmonised format in order to support food, nutrition and health research in Europe. We aim to enhance the awareness and understanding of the value of food composition data, and its importance for consumers in making healthier dietary choices.

# Access To Online Tools

FoodEXplorer  
eBasis  
ePlantLIBRA  
EuroFIR Thesauri  
FoodWasteEXplorer



# Discussion Groups

Access to specialised discussion groups with knowledge and best practice sharing:

FoodCASE  
Discussion Group Topics:

Documentation  
Data Aggregation  
Recipe Calculation  
Branded Foods  
Laboratory Analysis



# Exclusive Discounts

Exclusive discounts:  
-Nutritics- cutting-edge software for meal plans and nutritional labelling  
-events and training hosted by EuroFIR and our partners  
-access to Quisper tools and events



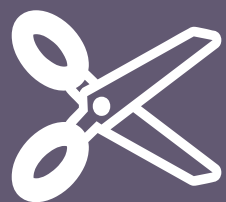
# Research & Innovation

Access to a world-wide network of food composition data compilers, food industry, and other stakeholders globally as well as opportunities to participate in R&D projects



# Capacity Building

Bespoke specialised members-only training in food composition data compilation



# Certification Scheme

Certification for nutrition labelling software, assuring the highest standards in such calculations



# FoodEXplorer



{ Simultaneous search of standardised food composition databases (FCDB)

{ 40 national datasets

{ Food composition data

{ Harmonised food description and standardised value documentation

# eBasis

**eBASIS BioActive Substances in Food Information System**

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## Home

### Welcome to eBASIS

eBASIS is a unique database that contains critically evaluated published data on the content and biological effects of bioactive constituents in plant based foods and an up-to-date list of plant and plant part names in 15 EU languages.



BioActive Compounds are defined as inherent non-nutrient constituents of food plants and edible mushrooms with anticipated health promoting/beneficial and/or toxic effects when ingested.

Bioactive compounds or phytochemicals have not been historically classified as 'nutrients' but there is mounting evidence that they may help to promote optimal human health, especially in relation to chronic disease. Research suggests that bioactive compounds found in fruits, vegetables, edible fungi and nuts may help to slow the ageing process and reduce risk of many diseases, including certain cancers, cardiovascular disease, degenerative eye diseases and osteoporosis.

eBASIS is maintained by EuroFIR AISBL

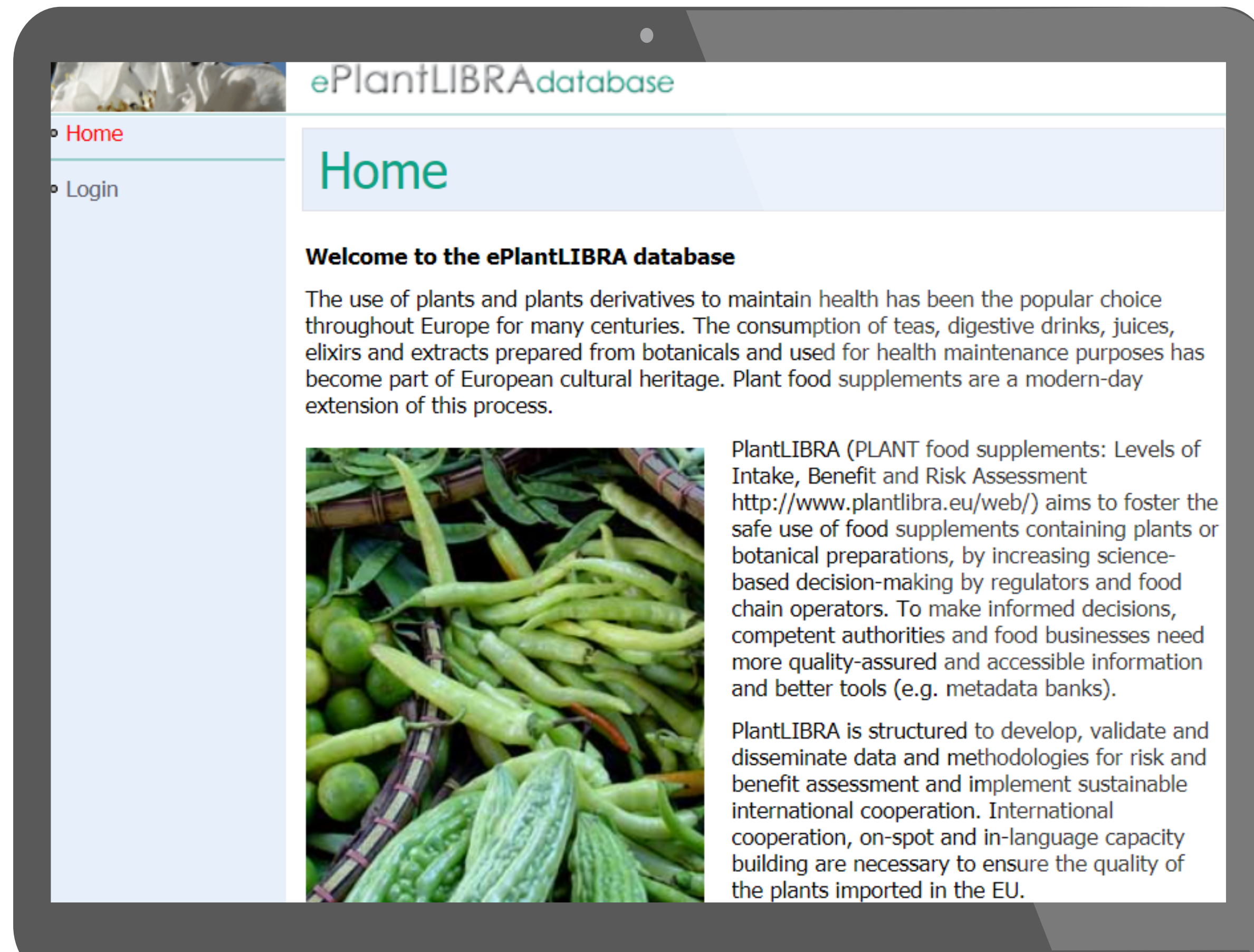
{ Unique food bioactive compounds database

{ Plant-food bioactives with putative health benefits

{ More than 300 major European plant foods

{ Data from peer-reviewed literature and other reliable sources

# ePlantLIBRA



{ Database describing plant botanicals and plant-food supplements

{ Bioactive compounds from plant botanicals and herbal extracts

{ Based on three databases: eBasis, MoniQA and HorizonScan

{ Scientific names, plant families, synonyms, common names in 15 European languages

# Food Composition Data



## TYPICALLY ARRANGED IN TABLES AND STORED IN DATABASES

Traditionally available as printed tables and more recently in online datasets



## NATIONAL LEVEL

Usually compiled at a country level, including typical foods and recipes consumed by the population



## NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITION OF FOODS

- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Macronutrients (e.g. carbohydrate, fat, protein) and their components (e.g. sugars, starch, fatty acids, amino acids)
- ✓ Minerals (e.g. iron, zinc, calcium, sodium)
- ✓ Vitamins (e.g. vitamins C, D, E, folate, riboflavin)

## IMPORTANCE

*„Relevant, reliable and up-to-date food composition data are of fundamental importance in nutrition, dietetics and health, but also for other disciplines such as food science, biodiversity, plant breeding, food industry, trade, and food regulation.”*  
- Barbara Burlingame, FAO

## GENERIC FOODS

Normally composed of generic foods that represent average values but branded food datasets also exist

# Rights and Obligations of EuroFIR Members

As a EuroFIR Member, organisations are responsible for the running of the Association. The General Assembly is a closed meeting for Members only, which is held annually.

Individual and Student Members of EuroFIR do not have voting rights. Only Full and Ordinary Organisation Members can vote and the number of votes each organisation has depends on their status.

All Full and Ordinary Organisation Members must participate in and vote at the GA, in person, in advance by email ([secretariat@eurofir.org](mailto:secretariat@eurofir.org)) or by proxy.

# Competencies of the GA

**Both Full and Ordinary Organisations can vote on:**

**Strategic decisions  
and activities of the  
Association**

**Definition and annual revision  
of common objectives**

**Appointment of Chairperson,  
Directors, Secretary  
and Managing Director**

**Only Full members can vote on:**

**Approval of budget, updated  
membership fees  
and annual accounts**

**Amendments in  
the Articles of Association and  
Dissolution of the Association**

**Discharge of the Members  
of the Executive Board**

# Current Membership Fees

## Students Members

Student users with an interest in food composition for non-commercial activities, research

**40€**

## Individuals Members

Individual users with an interest in food composition for non-commercial activities, research

**100€**

## SMEs Members (not clients)

SME organisations for non- and commercial activities

**500€**

## Ordinary Organisations Members

Research Organisations for non-commercial activities, e.g. research

**1000€**

## Commercial Organisations Members (not clients)

Commercial organisations (large) for non- and commercial activities

**2000 - 5000€**

## Full Members

National food composition compiler organisations, large food research organisations, academia for non-commercial activities, e.g. research  
Legacy members from EuroFIR NoE and NEXUS

**1000 – 3000€**

# Proposed New Membership Fees

Due to the economic context of inflation, as well increased office costs,

EuroFIR has no other choice but to apply a 10% increase on current membership fees across all membership categories, effective on January 1st 2024.

EuroFIR hasn't increased membership fees in 10 years, but the current exceptional economic situation leaves no other option.

10% increase would be applied to the current fee that each member is paying.

## Students Members

Student users with an interest in food composition for non-commercial activities, research

**40 → 44€**

## Individuals Members

Individual users with an interest in food composition for non-commercial activities, research

**100 → 110€**

## SMEs Members (not clients)

SME organisations for non- and commercial activities

**500 → 550€**

## Ordinary Organisations Members

Research Organisations for non-commercial activities, e.g. research

**1000 → 1100€**

## Commercial Organisations Members (not clients)

Commercial organisations (large) for non- and commercial activities


**2000 - 5000€ → 2200 - 5500 €**

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**1000 - 3000€ → 1100 - 3300€**



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