
**PROJECT
TITLE:****SEDA PROJECT – SUSTAINABLE SERICULTURE**

Countries/ IOs	European Union, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Ecuador, Italy
Other partners:	National Institute of Industrial Technology of Argentina Research institutes and universities: Centro Turístico y de Capacitación Sericícola y de Rebojería de Jiquilpa, Michoacán – México; Estación experimental "Indio Hatuey" – Cuba; Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA) – Argentina; Società Cooperativa Sociale SOCIOLARIO Onlus – Italia; Universidad de Buenos Aires (Facultad de Agronomía) – Argentina; Universidad Estadual de Maringá (Laboratorio de Biotecnología) – Brasil; Universidad Estatal Amazónica (Departamento de Ciencias de la Tierra) – Ecuador; Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (Facultad de Ingeniería Textil) – Colombia. Private sector: silk manufacturing companies and co-operatives of smallholder farmers and silk producers.
Objective:	To provide training tools and appropriate technology for sericulture to support women and vulnerable populations develop a sustainable economic activity.
Description of activities related to the case story topic:	Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, and the European Union, together with universities from Colombia, Italy, and Argentina, embarked on a journey to explore ways of developing a sericulture in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through a combination of unique technical expertise ranging from biologists and agronomists to engineers and textile experts, encompassing all stages of the silk value chain, this project co-creates solutions for local producers and artisans in the region. Funds are directly channelled to local producers and manufacturers of silk along with specific technical assistance in the fields of basic production, transformation and commercialisations. This approach allows for a degree of flexibility where final beneficiaries are able to choose from a wider of solutions and financial assistance, which in turn have direct and immediate effect on their businesses. In parallel, academic project partners share their continued research and development in the field of genetic improvements of silkworms, productivity enhancement and new commercial applications.
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