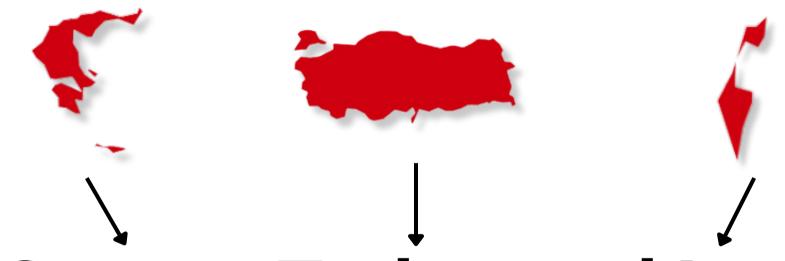


Dried fruits have a strong and historical link with the Mediterranean tradition and have a primary economic impact both in terms of local production and international trade.



Mediterranean basin area have an important role in the **production** of dried fruits and this project focuses in particular on



Greece, Turkey and Israel

as leading producing countries



Leading dried fruit **importing countries** within Europe are:

Germany
France
Netherlands
Poland
Italy

But there are also significant exports to other **extra EU markets**, such as the USA and Australia