

Ruminant cross visit

Grazing as a manifold benefit for climate, animal welfare and economy

Denmark, Jutland

24-26 June 2026



The OrganicAdviceNetwork project aims to build a strong network of advisors with organic competences across Europe. As part of this mission, the project organizes cross visits for agricultural advisors to meet, exchange, and share their innovative organic farming practices.

Join us for this OrganicAdviceNetwork Cross Visit dairy production! A comprehensive 2-day farm tour focused on grazing, its challenges and its benefits.

What you can expect from this cross visit

This cross visit offers participants an in-depth look into the Danish advisory system for dairy cows, the tools for managing feeding, grazing, roughage production, automatic milking systems, and the practices in Denmark.

- Insight into individual and group advice, and tools for better communication
- Research into methane emissions from enteric activity and grazing time and the possibilities for farmers
- Grazing and grass intake strategy for small and large herds

DAY 1 – 24 June 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
16:00-18:00	Arrival in Billund	Billund airport (middle of Jutland)
18:00-19:00	Pickup and transport to hotel	Horsens
19:30-21:00	Dinner at Agricultural school and introduction	Introduction to the cross-visit program and importance of grazing for the environment, biodiversity, climate impact, and animal welfare. Round table to get to know each other, exchange about conversion challenges in different countries. Introduction to Danish agriculture and organic regulations.

DAY 2 – 25 June 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9:00-11:30	Visit 1 research facility Foulum	Presentation of research on enteric methane and grazing, visit the grazing sites and methane measuring green feeders. Research leader Mogens Jensen
11:30-14:00	Lunch (transport)	
14:00-17:00	Visit 2, dairy farm	Gert Lassen Grass uptake from grazing (308 milking cows, grass uptake from grazing 4,3 kg dm/day + fresh grass in barn 4 kg dm/day), modest milk yield (7582 kg ECM/cow), seeking animal welfare improvements having calves suckling longer and foster cows. Gert has a prominent level of self-sufficiency.
19:00-20:00	Social dinner	
20:00-21:00	Evaluation	Participants will reflect and exchange their learnings from the visits

DAY 3 – 26 June 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
8:00-9:00	Transport	
9:00-12:00	Visit 3, dairy farm	Jan Bolding; Focus on successful grazing when milking with automatic milking system. Jan has 205 milking cows and 332 ha of land. He combines fresh grass intake in the field by grazing (average 7,8 kg dm/cow.day) and some barn feeding with fresh grass. All roughage for winterfeeding is produced at the location. He aims for a high milk yield.
12:00-12:30	Transport back to Billund	Meet at the advisory center SAGRO and its advisors specialised on organic production.
12:30-13:30	Lunch	At the advisory center, SAGRO
13:30-15:00	Soft skills and lessons learned	The art of practice advice, and lessons learned from the visits
15:00-16:00	Transport to airport or train station	

Practical Information

Requirements

Participation to the entire cross visit program. There is no possibility to arrive later or leave earlier, except for local participants.

Participants

Agricultural advisor supporting organic farmers or farmers in conversion as well as, advisors or young graduates willing to gain competences in organic advice are welcome to join this cross visit. Maximum 18 participants.

Registration

You will be asked to provide some personal information, a brief description of your interest in joining this visit and your capacity to cover your travel costs. Participation is not guaranteed, because the number of advisors who may join the visit is limited. Participants taking part will receive a confirmation message.

First-round registration deadline: 18 May 2026; Confirmation of application: 28 May 2026.

The registration deadline might be extended in case of undersubscription.

Link to the registration form: [Cross Visit: Grazing benefits for climate, animal welfare and economy-24-26 June 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Travel costs

In case you do not have a budget to cover your travel costs, the project advisory partner in your respective country can reimburse part of your travel costs. Eligible countries for cost reimbursement are FR, BE, DE, IT, BG, EE, DK, AT, CH, HU, ES,PT, HR, RO, IE, NL, SE, FI, CZ, PL, GR, SI, RS.

Eligible costs for reimbursement are transport (train, flight), accommodation (2-3 nights), social lunch and dinners, up to a limit of 800 EUR/participant.

Once your participation in the cross visit is confirmed, you will receive more detailed information from the advisory project partner in your country about the conditions for cost reimbursement.

Estimated costs for participants without the travel back and forth to Denmark (Billund) for two nights, lunch and supper will be around 300 Euros. The accommodation for the two nights is pre-reserved at a local agricultural school in Horsens.

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