

Cross Visit on Viticulture

Organic viticultural systems in Friuli (Italy)

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25-26-27 MARCH 2025

The OrganicAdviceNetwork project aims at building 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.



What you can expect from this Cross Visit:

- **Innovative practices and solutions** in organic viticulture (green manures, cover crops, Decision Support Systems, water and energy management, climate challenges) during 3 field visits to 3 organic farms;
- Inspiring **examples from the Regional Agency for agricultural development** (focusing on the Integrated system of agricultural and rural development services), which provides services for the promotion of knowledge and advice for specific production sectors, including organic farming;
- Ideas, exchange with colleagues and reflections from the **private and public advisory service** sectors, including business models and approaches to organic farming

CROSS VISIT PROGRAM

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
DAY 1 - 25 March 2025		
13:30 - 14:30	Light lunch and kick-off meeting	Introduce the overall cross-visit theme and program, and explain procedures of observation cards, reflections sessions and symposium
14:30 - 17:30	Visit 1, good practice example/innovative solution in green manure management in organic viticulture - Az. Visintini at Corno di Rosazzo, Colli Orientali Contributes from AIAB FVG and UNIDOC (Union of regional wine denominations)	How organic viticulture adapts to climate change: use of green manure mixtures in different areas of the vineyard; plant protection in difficult years; role of DSS, advisory and data sharing in a successful protection strategy; Networking with other EU projects: Organic Climate Network Advisory elements: the advisory system applied to organic viticulture presented by AIAB FVG and UNIDOC
17:30 - 18:30	First day's reflections - on farm, followed by wine testing	Use the observational cards on the topics tackled during the visit
19:00	Dinner and accommodation in the area	Accommodation is provided in the farm to be visited the next day
DAY 2 - 26 March 2025		
9:00-12:00	Visit 2, good practice or innovative solution - 2 organic vine-growers in the Colli Orientali Contributes from ERSA (Regional Agency for Agriculture Development), APE (Regional Agency for Energy) and <i>Consorzio di Bonifica</i> (land and water management Consortium)	Organic vineyard management; water management and irrigation; energy production and use on organic farms Advisory elements: Introduction to the SISSAR program by ERSA, with focus on the energy management topics (APE) - and irrigation and water management (<i>Consorzio di bonifica</i>)
12:30	Light lunch in agriturismo	
14:00-17:00	Visit 3 , good practice example or innovative solution - premium organic wine farm in Collio area Contributions from the private advisory sector	Hilly viticulture, soil management, wild animals management. Advisory elements: presentation about private advisory offer and how private advisors complement public advisory. Presentation and discussion on private advisory business models.
17:00-18:30	Second day's reflections: preparation of feedback to local advisors and visits - in agriturismo	Use the observational cards and Pearls, Puzzlings and Proposals method to ensure two-way learning, visitors and hosts can benefit from the exchange
19:00	Social activity: Wine testing and dinner in agriturismo	
DAY 3 - 27 March 2025		
9:30-11:30	Symposium in Udine , institutional building in the city centre Participants: Regional Board for Agriculture, ERSA, AIAB FVG, Unidoc, Consorzio Bonifica, APE, Coldiretti and Confagricoltura (Farmers Unions), University of Udine.	Presenting and discussing lessons learned from the visit, open to a selected number of other advisers and policy makers
12:30	Departure from Udine train station or light lunch (optional)	

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 famers in conversion as well as, advisors or young graduates willing to gain competences in organic advice are welcome to join this cross visit. Maximum 15 participants.

Registration

You will be asked to provide some personal information, a brief description of your interest in joining this visit and your capacity in covering your travel costs. Participation is not immediate, but confirmation message is required, as the number of advisors who may join the visit is limited.

First-round registration deadline: 25 Feb 2025; Confirmation date: 28 Feb 2025

The registration deadline might be extended in case of undersubscription.

 [Register here](#)

Travel costs

In case you do not have 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, 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 400-800EUR/participant.

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

Costs during the Cross Visit are estimated to 450EUR including for breakfasts, social lunch & dinner & activity as well as the accommodation for 2 nights. This estimation does not include the food and transport expenses to reach Udine.

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