

Arable Cross Visit

Resilience of organic arable farms: Selection, Diversification & Cooperation

FRANCE, SAINT FARGEAU

16-18 JUNE 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

- Learning about technical aspects of organic selection, cultivar choice, farming system diversification
- Inspiring cooperation examples between different actors: farmers, advisors and researchers to enhance organic agrosystems
- Local tools to facilitate cooperation
- Discovering the key agricultural and advisory landscape in France: its diversity and complexity

PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
DAY 1 - 16 June 2025 - Agricultural Chamber Yonne (Auxerre)		
12:45-13:30	Pick up at the train station	Train station Laroche-Migennes and drive to Auxerre (30 min) for those who need it
13:30 - 14:30	Introduction session	• Introduce the cross-visit program and agricultural context • Key agricultural figures for local organic farming
14:30 - 16:30	How to facilitate farmers cooperation? How does it contribute to improve arable agrosystems? Key local exemple of facilitation tools	• Local organic advisor (Marianne Roisin): motivations, background, skills and knowledges. • The process of creating farmers local groups: dynamics, feedbacks • Presentation and put into practice of interesting facilitation tools
16:45 - 17:45	Reflections on the first day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit
17:45 - 18:45	Drive to Saint Fargeau	Accommodation and <u>restaurant</u> next to <u>Bourdon lake</u>
DAY 2 - 17 June 2025		
9:00-12:00	Farm visit 1 Farm-research-cooperation: organic varietal selection	Vincent Lefèvre's farm - Saint Fargeau 89170 • Vincent Lefèvre background and cooperation with research • Field varietal trials visit • COCEBI cooperative advisor feedback (Margot Alfroit)
12:00-13:30	Lunch	
14:00-16:00	Farm visit 2 Strategies of a small farm to diversify its activities: Cooperation and sector creation	<u>Le Jardin des Thorains - Lavau 89220</u> • Vegetable seed production • Activity diversification: Development of hemp wellness production

16:30-18:30	Reflections on the second day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit
19:00	Social activity	Diner and social activity at Saint Fargeau
DAY 3 - 18 June 2025		
08:00 - 09:00	Departure from the accomodation	Drive to Lichères-près-Aigremont
09:15 -10:15	Visit 3: Cooperation between advisors / support structures	<u>XPBIO89</u> varietal testing platform: The organic variety trials networks What does it take to build a network? How to make the results useful for advisors? for farmers?
10:30 - 12:00	Closing session	Discussion on lessons learnt from visit and feedback to the farms/places visited
12:00	End of the cross visit (optional lunch package)	Departure for the train station Laroche-Migennes (1 hour drive) The train to Paris is at 14:05 (arrival at Paris at 15:27)
14:00 - 15:00	Bonus visit of COCEBI	<u>COCEBI</u> propose for the person who have their own means of travel to visit the arable cooperative

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Requirements

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

Participants

Agricultural advisor supporting organic farmers or farmers in conversion and 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 guaranteed, because the number of advisors who may join the visit is limited. Participants taking part will receive a confirmation message.

 [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, 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 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 **350EUR** for breakfasts, social lunch & dinner & activity as well as the accommodation for 2 nights. This estimate does not include the food and transport expenses to reach Auxerre.

Hotel booking

Le Hameau des grilles, Saint Fargeau: 180 euros the single bedroom, breakfast included for two nights

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