

Arable Cross Visit

Water protection, water saving management and value chain solutions in eastern Germany

GERMANY, HALLE

19-21. 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

- Visit the Organic Field Days: Big trade fair of the organic sector with more than 130 exhibitors, covering all topics of organic farming (2025 with the focus on water protection, The group will be received in the area of the German Research funding agency (Bundesprogramm ökologischer Landbau, BÖL), managed by FiBL
- Farm visit: water-saving management on dry locations, soil fertility, conversion
- Research for cultivation of alternative crops and their regional processing
- Enhance Key Competences and Trust Building
- Exchange with other Advisors in Europe and Germany

PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
16 JUNE 2025		
14:00-16:00	Introduction session, Online	Detailed information about the cross-visit programme, history and current topics of Organic Field Days and farming conditions in Saxony.
DAY 1 - 19 JUNE 2025		
10:00-18:00 (Departure time 7:51 am at the railway Station Halle)	Visit 1, Organic Field Days, Wassergut Canitz, near Leipzig	The hosting farm has been managed organically since 1992. The company was founded in 1994 as a subsidiary of Leipziger Wasserwerke. The most important goal of the company is to protect the drinking water resources in the catchment area of the waterworks.
DAY 2 - 20 JUNE 2025		
9:00-11:00	Visit 2, good practice example: Farm of Jörg Schröder, Bad Lauchstädt	The farm, which completed its conversion in 2024 and operates in dry conditions, focuses on water-saving management and soil fertility.
12:00-14:00	Visit 3 , innovative solution Climate adaption Strategies from the field to the plate University of Halle, Resarch station Merbitz, Urte Grauwinkel	Field trials of the project SuSaKlim: "Superfood from Saxony-Anhalt" is the cultivation of innovative drought-resistant crop rotations (chickpea, millet, quinoa, oil flax, safflower, amaranth, buckwheat) in organic farming and their processing into plant-based organic products in the focus region.
15:00-17:00	Social activity at the Exhibition "Spiel mit!", Museum Halle	Tradional games of the region
17-19h	Reflection on first and second day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit
DAY 3 - 21 JUNE 2025		
8:30-10:00	Soft skill training	Didem Aydurmus, Hochschule für Nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde (HNEE)
10:30-12:00	Closing session	Discussion on lessons learnt from visit and feedback to the farms/places visited
12:00-13:00	Lunch	

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 and advisors or young graduates willing to gain competences in organic advice are welcome to join this cross visit. Maximum 20 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, car), accommodation (3 nights), social lunch and dinners, up to a limit of 400-800 EUR/participant. Travel as cheap as possible to enable other participants to take part.

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 at 500 EUR including for breakfasts, social lunch & dinner as well as the accommodation for 3 nights. In addition there are costs of 50 EUR for the travel to and the entrance for the Organic field days (27 EUR, 19 EUR) and the Museum (5 EUR). This estimation does not include the food and transport expenses to reach Halle.

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