

Vegetables Cross Visit

Vegetable farming and climate change: ways of adaption and resilience

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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

The participants will get to know small-scale organic farms around Vienna that work with different innovative solutions to grow organic vegetables. This includes technical solutions, soil organic matter (humus) build-up and holistic biodiversity. Next to the farms, the cross-visit participants will visit a City Farm in the heart of Vienna. In the evening, we will discover the culinary talents of our group of advisors, who will showcase their skills by preparing dishes using the organic vegetables sourced directly from the farms we visited.

PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
DAY 1 - 25 August 2025		
13:00	Meeting at Main Station of Vienna	The RJX train goes from Schwechat Airport to Vienna Main Station in just 15 minutes
13:15 - 14:00	Introduction session (on the bus to the farm)	Introduce the cross-visit program and agricultural context (on the bus to the farm)
14:00 - 16:00	Visit 1 Biohof Osterer	Biohof Osterer (30 minutes from Vienna) Introduction circle and kick-off at the farm CSA, social and technical solutions (solar powered weeding planes...)
	Transfer (45 minutes)	
17:00-18:00	Visit 2 City Farm Augarten	City Farm Augarten, Vienna Education and Training, demonstration garden known for winter vegetables
18:00 - 19:00	Reflections on the first day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit Location: Augarten (park in Vienna)
19.00	Community Dinner	Explain Framework (Funding, accessibility to land etc.) in Austria, Expert: Florian Herzog (LKÖ), Organic restaurant: Luftburg im Prater

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TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
DAY 2 - 26 August 2025		
Before 08:00	Breakfast at hotel	Individually or in groups
08:00	Transfer hotel to farm	With rented mini bus
9:00-11:00	Visit 3: Biosain Community Supportive Agriculture (CSA)	Biosain, Lower Austria CSA 1h from Vienna, sandy soil, water scarcity, focus on humus /soil organic matter build-up
11:30-12:30	Lunch break	
13:00-15:00	Visit 4: Gärtnerhof Distelfink	Gärtnerhof Distelfink, Lower Austria Market Garden/CSA, focus on Biodiversity (hedges, orchard meadows, flower stripes, nesting shelters...)
16:30-18:00	Reflections on the second day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit
19:00	Social activity	Cooking together with local vegetables, "tapas" from each country prepared by the participants to get to know each others culture (ingredients will be bought by organisers the day before, let us know, what you need for your cultural tapa

DAY 3 - 27 August 2025		
Before 08:00	Breakfast at Hotel	Individually or in Groups
8:00-10:30/11:00	Closing session at hotel	Discussion on lessons learnt from visits and feedback to the farms/places visited Austrian advisors in vegetable farming will join us for the exchange
11:30/12:00	Goodbye and Departure	Vienna Main Station 10 minutes walking from the hotel Transfer to airport is a 15 minute ride from Vienna Main 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. Latest possible arrival time on 25 August 2025 is 12.45pm at Vienna main station.

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 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 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 be 500EUR including 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 Vienna.

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