

Ruminant Cross Visit

Improving feed supply in regions affected by climate change

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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

- Grassland management, including assessment and improvement
- Visiting a biodynamic dairy farm
- Visiting a regenerative organic farm with on-farm mill and bakery
- On-farm processing and designing of short value chains
- Helping farmers to graze Natura2000 grassland in a more sustainable way by using sensors on grazing animals
- Discussing conversion strategies of partly converted farms

PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
DAY 1 - 17 September 2025 Wednesday		
13:30 - 14:30	Introduction session, Budapest	Meeting venue: "Esernyős" multifunctional space 1033 Budapest Fő tér 2 Introduction of the cross-visit program and organic animal sector in Hungary.
14:30 - 16:30	Virtual visit of 3 farms	Different types of sensors (rumen bolus, in-ear sensor, neck transponder, pedometer) are placed on animals (beef cattle and sheep too), on different farms. We are going to introduce the advantages and limitations of using sensors, and which one is suitable for collecting which type of data. The system collects data for each individual and can also provide information for the whole herd. The advisor can produce daily reports on grazing, breeding and to some extent the health status of the animals.
16:30 - 17:30	Reflections on the first day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit and energy timeline
DAY 2 - 18 September 2025 Thursday		
10:00-13:00	Farmvisit 4: Élő bolygó farm	Visiting a biodynamic dairy farm in Szentgál, about 130 km from Budapest. The farm is about 450 ha with large Natura 2000 grassland area, which the farm started to use recently, and which quality has to be improved. There are about 150 Hungarian Simmenthal cattle on the farm. The aim of the visit to introduce onsite assessing and improving grassland. The farm processes the milk on farm, and sells the products exclusively through a regional short value chain
14:00-16:00	Farmvisit 5: Szápári Ökofarm	Visting a regenerativ organic farm in Szápár. This farm is a well-known regenerative organic farm whose main product is bread made from grain ground in its own traditional stone mill. All elements of regenerative farming, such as reduced tillage, the use of cover crops, continuous soil cover and increased diversification, integrated animal husbandry and context-specific design, are implemented in one place. In addition to grazing, cattle also play a role in the termination of cover crops.
16:30-18:30	Reflections on the second day	Exchange on observations and lessons learnt from the visit and energy timeline on the bus
19:00-21:30	Social activity	Sightseeing in Budapest
DAY 3 - 19 September 2025 Friday		
9:00-12:00	Closing session	Analysis of feed content. How does the content of feed crops change under the influence of climate change? What are the alternative feed crops? Discussion and visit a feed-labor. Discussion on lessons learnt from visits and feedback to the farms/places visited. Optional program in the afternoon: Visiting the OMÉK (National Agriculture and Food Exhibition) in Budapest.

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 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 350-400 EUR 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 Budapest.

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