

Arable Cross Visit

Nutrient Management Strategies and Cooperation Models on Organic Cereal Farms

Southern Finland

30 June and 1 July 2026



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.

Join us for this Organic Advice Network Cross Visit on Arable Production! A comprehensive 2-day farm tour focused on organic cereal production. Gain firsthand insights into the challenges, solutions, and management strategies that shape modern organic production.

What you can expect from this cross visit

This cross-visit offers participants an in-depth look into organic farming practices for cereal production in southern Finland. By the end of the visit, you will get:

- First-hand insight into **three contrasting nutrient- and energy-management strategies**
- Concrete **examples of cooperation** – between farms, within farm networks, and across the food chain
- **Inspiration** for replicable, regionally rooted models that balance ecological sustainability, nutrient-cycling, biodiversity, energy self-sufficiency and economic viability.
- Opportunity for **peer-to-peer exchange with Finnish farmers and advisors**
- A holistic perspective on sustainable organic farming – going beyond single methods to **system thinking**: soil health, nutrient cycling, energy flows, local food systems, community engagement.

DAY 1 – 30 June 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9:30 – 11:00	Pick up at Tikkurila train station Kick-off meeting and travel to the first farm by bus	Introduction to the overall cross-visit theme and program. Round table to get to know each other. Small introduction to Finnish agriculture and organic sector.
11:00 – 13:00	Visit 1: Malmgård manor and organic farm	Malmgård specializes in heritage cereals varieties and has developed strong on-farm branding and value-added products. Their nutrient strategy relies entirely on crop rotation with no external inputs, which suits heritage cereals particularly well. Cooperation focuses on processing and marketing: for example, the brewery producing Malmgård beers is independent but carries the estate's brand. The estate shop also sells products from nearby farms. The farm has been organic since 1995 and covers 400 hectares of land.
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch at Malmgård	26,50€
14:00 - 14:30	Bus drive to the second farm	
14:30 - 17:00	Visit 2: Tattari Organic Farm	Tattari Organic farm produces grain for industrial use, main crops being winter and spring wheat. Production has been organic since 1995, and the farm has tried different fertilisation and soil improvement strategies over the years. The current farmer has been managing the production for 11 years, and is considering establishing a biogas plant. The crop rotation follows a 2 +2 system – two years for cereals and two years for grass.
17:00 - 18:00	Proceed to the social dinner in Porvoo.	
19:00	Social dinner	The dinner consists of a Finnish menu made with locally sourced ingredients. The guests can also enjoy the old city of Porvoo with its beautiful cultural heritage. The cost of the dinner is about 55€.

21:00	Proceed to the accommodation	1 person room = 67€ 2 person room = 85€ 4 person room = 175€ Breakfast 10€
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DAY 2 – 1 July 2026		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9:00 - 10:00	Drive to the third farm	
10:00 - 12:30	Visit 3: Knehtilä organic farm and Palopuro agroecological symbiosis	<p>On Knehtilä farm, the nutrients and energy self-sufficiency are central. Grass leys and poultry manure from a partner farm are digested in a biogas plant. The biogas fuels a local filling station. The digestate is returned to the field as fertilizer.</p> <p>Cooperation between farms enables closed nutrient cycles and shared energy production.</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	25€
13:30 – 15:00	Reflections and lessons learned	Discussing lessons learned from the visit, reflections, thoughts, future planning. Event closing.
15:00 – 16:00	Drive back to Tikkurila train station and/or the airport.	

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 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.

First-round registration deadline: 15 May 2026; Confirmation of application: 22 May 2026.

The registration deadline might be extended in case of undersubscription.

Link to Registration: [Cross Visit: Nutrient Management Strategies and Cooperation Models on Organic Cereal Farms – Fill out form](#)

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 (2-3nights), social lunch and dinners, up to a limit of 400-800 EUR/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 270 EUR including accommodation for 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 social dinner. Transport expenses to reach Helsinki are also not included.

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