

Vegetables cross visit

Seed saving, breeding and biodiversity in organic seed production systems

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The OrganicAdviceNetwork project aims to build 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 OrganicAdviceNetwork Cross Visit on Vegetable Production. A comprehensive 2-day tour of commercial seed producers and seed multiplication farms. We will also explore the organizational and operational seed production system in Austria.

What you can expect from this cross visit

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

- Understand the main benefits and challenges of sustainable seed production
- Be familiar with possible solutions to address these challenges
- Gain insights into the structure and management of sustainable seed production systems in Austria

DAY 1 – 24 August 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
8:30-10:00	Kick-off meeting of the cross-visit @Chamber of Agriculture Austria, Vienna	Introduction to cross visit program Presentation of actors, strategies and challenges in the Austrian seed production systems, Exchange about system and challenges in other European countries
10:00-13:00	Visit 1 Arche Noah Location: Obere Straße 40, 3553 Schiltern (75 min car ride from Vienna)	Arche Noah association works on preserving and developing seeds for crop diversity in vegetables and fruits.
13:00-14:00	Lunch @Garden Kitchen Arche Noah	
14:00-16:00	Visit 2 ReinSaat Location: St. Leonhard am Hornerwald (15 Minute Car-ride from Arche Noah)	ReinSaat company is committed to offering a wide range of open-pollinated biodynamic and organic vegetables and flower seeds for commercial horticulture and home gardens. We will learn about the production and marketing aspects of their product range.
17:00-18:00	Reflections on the visits	Participants will share lessons learned and exchange on good practices from their respective countries
18:00-21:00	Social Dinner	Community Kitchen, Games

DAY 2 – 25 August 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9:00-12:00	Discussion on seed production and policy	At the Chamber of Agriculture Austria
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13-16:30	Visit 3 Farm <i>Lerchenhof</i>* Location: Straß, Lower Austria (70 Minute Car ride from LKÖ, Vienna)	Small-scaled organic vegetable farm which includes their own seed breeding and propagation
16:30-18:30	Reflections and Symposium	Reflection on lessons learned, discussions on open questions
19:00	Joint Dinner	@Organic restaurant Prater Vienna -Traditional Austrian food options, all organic

*subject to change at short notice

Practical Information

Requirements

Participation in the entire cross visit program. There is no possibility of arriving later or leaving 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 competence 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 to cover 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: 15th of June 2026; Confirmation of application: 1st of July 2026.

The registration deadline might be extended in case of undersubscription.

Link to Registration: [Cross Visit: Seed Safety and Sustainable Organic Seed Production, Austria, 24-26 August – 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 (2-3 nights), 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 250 EUR including accommodation and breakfast for 2 nights. This estimation does not include transport and food expenses. For lunches and dinner 100-125€ should be calculated in total. Rooms will be pre-reserved at Garner Hotel Vienna – Prinz Eugen (5 min walking from Vienna main station).

Contact information

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