

Arable Cross Visit

Boost innovation in twin transition, climate change
resilience in drought exposed arable systems

Romania, Bucharest

27-29 May 2026



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.

The Cross Visit in Romania is a three-day program designed for advisors to enlarge their knowledge on climate change resilience and twin transition (green and digital) including new tools and experiences. The program comprises visits to “Mamaiana” and “Stefan cel Mare” cooperative farms, to NARDI experimental field and to the largest fair for arable land, “Agriplanta”.

What you can expect from this Cross Visit

- Opportunity to learn about drought resistance seeds, irrigation and precision agriculture
- Visit to the “Bio Path” of the Bio Danubius Living Lab at a national arable fair “Agriplanta”
- Understanding the complexity of making organic climate resilient using various tools
- Value Chain Integration of organic grain production with premium retail branding commanding premium prices on international markets
- What role can advisors have in an organic living lab

Join us to redefine the future of organic consultancy. Discover strategic mix of twin transition.

DAY 1 – 27 May 2026		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9.30-10:00	Meeting point at Central Railway Station in Bucharest (main entrance)	
10:00-12:00	Kick-off meeting	Introduction to the overall cross-visit theme and program. Round table to get to know each other. Introduction to Romanian organic agriculture and vegetable production & market.
12:00-14:00	Lunch at a stopover of the bus	
14:00-18:00	Visit 1: Organic "Mamaiana" brand	<p>Mamaiana is a Romanian organic food brand and family farm based in Negrași, Argeș County. It is part of an integrated agricultural business that has evolved from exporting raw materials to producing high-value, certified organic consumer goods. The brand name "Mamaiana" refers to an ancient Romanian rain-invoking ritual from Oltenia, reflecting the family's deep connection to traditional farming roots across several generations. Organic Focus: All products are 100% certified organic, grown on their own land in the Negrași commune using sustainable practices. The farm has significantly invested in modern processing facilities. Products: Extra virgin sunflower oils, available in various sizes (250ml, 500ml, 750ml), Organic Flour: Whole wheat flour (Făină Integrală) and other milled products, Specialty Grains: Organic whole wheat semolina (Griș integral). Organic farmer using a traceability portal to verify the origin and processing details of the specific products (sunflower oil, stone-ground whole wheat flour, whole wheat semolina), satellite data to monitor crop vigor and detect pest pressure, real-time monitoring of soil moisture and temperature, providing critical data. Every product package acts as a digital passport.</p> <p>Roundtable: Building a regional "e-advisor network" as a business model</p>
18:00-20:00	Back to the hotel nearby Bio Coop Stefan cel Mare, Fetesti city	
20:00	Dinner	

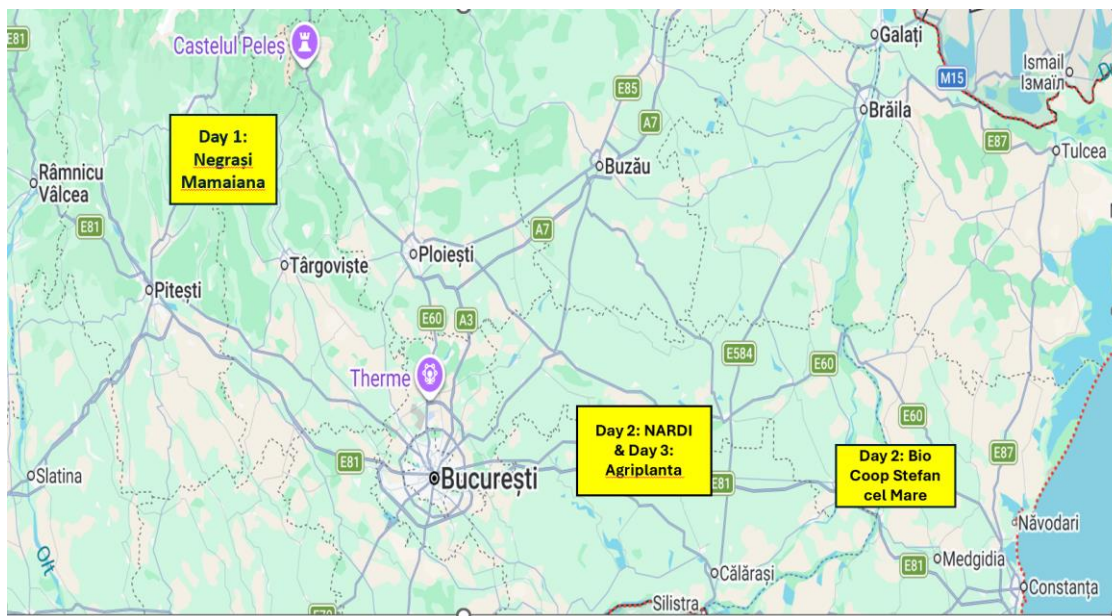
DAY 2 – 28 May 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
08:30	Pick-up at the hotel and departure to Bio Coop Stefan cel Mare (20 minutes)	
09:00-11:00	Visit 2 to Bio Coop Stefan cel Mare Organic cooperative	BioCoop Ștefan cel Mare is an agricultural cooperative based in Ștefan cel Mare, Călărași, Romania, that specializes in the production and distribution of certified organic crops. (1,300 ha). Main crops and intercropping sunflower, peas, wheat, camelina, beans, flax, alfalfa, millet, barley, and soy. It operates a major poultry. The eggs are 100% organic, hens are fed with bio-cereals and have constant access to outdoor pastures. They typically maintain around 9,000 laying hens and produce approximately 2.5 million organic eggs per year.
11:00-12:00	Interactive discussion about lessons learnt from visits and future collaboration	Participants' experiences in drought management, seeds selection, value chain integration, intercropping and poultry welfare
12:00-13:30	Light lunch	
13:30-17:00	Visit 3: Experimental fields of NARDI (National Agriculture R&D) Main agricultural research unit in Romania. Famous for breeding and releasing high-performance varieties / hybrids of wheat, maize, sunflower, and soy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the research plots to discuss local seed varieties specifically bred for low-input conditions, more resilient for organic systems than high-input hybrids • Strengthen cross-border R&D collaboration • Demonstration: how to use precision agriculture tools in organic • Cross-sector good practices in using digital tools like sensors, AI, drones or drought management
17:00-18:00	Discussion of lessons learned from the visits	
18:00-19:00	Departure and arrival to the hotel in Fundulea commune	
19:00-20:00	Free time	
20:00-22.00	Social dinner	

DAY 3 – 29 May 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
9.00-11.30	<p>Visit 4: „Bio Path“ at the „Agriplanta Romagrotec“ Fair arranged by Bio Danubius Living Lab</p> <p>largest open-field agricultural exhibition, held annually in Fundulea, featuring live machinery demonstrations, experimental crop plots, and the latest innovations in digital farming.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How organic practices can be adapted strategically for drought resilience in the Bărăgan region and adoption of carbon farming • Specialized “Organic Tour” and presentation of “organic hardware” tools that replace chemistry with biology and mechanics • Demonstration of no-tillage. • Peer to peer exchange: challenges and experience with innovation seen at Bio Danubius booth in the fair on critical gaps for organic farmers to reach adaptation to climate change, scaling innovation, securing funding, and navigating agricultural knowledge systems
11:30-12:00	Closure	Discussing lessons learned from the visit about drought management, digital tools, value chain integration
12:00- 13.00	Lunch + departure from Fundulea to Bucharest main Railway Station	

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 advisors 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: 15 April 2026;

Confirmation of application: 4 May 2026.

The registration deadline might be extended in case of undersubscription.

Link to Registration: [Cross Visit Arable crops: the digital organic advisors, Romania, 27-29 May 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Travel costs

In case you do not have a 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 in the cross visit is confirmed, you will receive more detailed information from the advisory project partner in your country about the conditions for cost reimbursement.

Costs during the Cross Visit are estimated to be 450 EUR including accommodation and breakfast for 2 nights, 3 lunches, 2 dinners.

Accommodation & breakfasts are estimated to be 250 EUR per participant while costs for meals (3 lunches & 2 dinners) are 200 EUR.

This estimation does not include travel to Bucharest, additional accommodation nights before or after the Cross Visit, or other personal expenses. Participants are responsible for arranging their travel to Bucharest.

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