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## **BEGINNING FARMERS EXTENSION**

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## ***The Project***

Education for beginning farmers has become critically important in recent years and it has been estimated that the need for information and consultancy services intended for the people in rural areas will increase year by year.

Beginning farmers, being the food producers of the future, should be well-equipped, qualified and educated about agricultural subjects such as: crop production, livestock management, soil and water conservation and other aspects of agriculture.

This partnership project aims to provide education and information to beginning farmers by taking advantage of exchanging experience, sharing ideas, analyzing different farmer training programs, developing common tools that can be used in training courses and disseminated at local, regional, national and European level through meetings and publications.



## ***Objectives***

The main objectives of “BEFARMEX” are to;

- gather information about Farmer Support Programmes, Rural Development Programmes, In-service Training Programmes and Educational Seminars, Farmers Associations/Organizations and Farmer Extension Systems;
- equip young farmers with necessary information and competence related to Agricultural Extension Programme;
- analyze educational needs of farmers and create modern mechanisms and ways to meet their needs;
- contribute to the fertility in agriculture;
- set up a “Leader Young Farmers Team”;
- help organizations, training centres and chambers of farmers to cooperate;
- train farmers about high quality food production to make them more competitive;
- help beginning farmers develop farming culture, use modern methods of agriculture and transfer what they have learnt to other farmers;
- disseminate the technological developments in agriculture and applicable research results;
- help young farmers analyze their current and future conditions and find innovative solutions to the possible problems they may encounter.

## ***Results***

The end products of the project are: needs analysis paper, educational material for farmer extension such as CDs, photos, pictures, booklets, brochures and the official website of the project.

Moreover at the end of the project participants will have:

- widened their horizons through the contacts with their counterparts from other European countries;
- had the opportunity for cultural, social and professional exchanges;
- improved their knowledge about different methodologies, training programs, educational instruments and practises in farmer education, their basic ICT skills and their communication skills in English.

