



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. 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.

The main objective of BEFARMEX is to; gather information about Farmer Support Programmes, Rural Development Programmes, In-service Training Programmes and Educational Seminars, Farmers Associations/Organizations and Farmer Extension Systems;

The first meeting of "BEFARMEX Project" was held in Yozgat, TURKEY between the dates of 16th & 19th October 2010. This was the first mobility action within the project. 24 participants participated in the activities. It gave all participants a chance to meet and to know each other better. After the arrival of all participants, the meeting started on the 17th October with a presentation of each partner institution in order to understand their location, institutional structures, activities and aims and to better know the participants of the meeting. The meeting, cultural and social activities were of great importance and beneficial for each of the participants.

The day after, on 18th October, the group visited the Local Authorities and the Public Bodies: Provincial Directorate of Agriculture; Governor of the City; Mayor of the City. In the afternoon the group visited a typical rural village "YAZIPINAR" near Yozgat. The partners could see houses, cattle sheds and cultivated lands. People living and working there, hosted the group in the room where they usually attend training courses and/or meet consultants and experts for the assistance they need.

The activities were carried out in the attendance of seven Turkish, eight Romanian, four Italian, two Spanish, two Hungarian and one Greek participants. It was crucial. The names of the participants were; Janos PALOTAS(HU), Peter BARNA (HU), Brian CHRISTINAKIS(ES), Elisabet GARCIA (ES), Stanculeasa GABRIEL(RO), Stanculeasa DIANA (RO), Buzatu CAMELIA(RO), Nuta ELENA(RO), Neacsu MADALINA(RO), Banu CARMEN (RO), Moanta MIHAELA(RO), Grigorescu VIRGINIA(RO), Simona SDOGATI(IT), Kyle DE ANGELIS (IT), Barbara MARIOTTI (IT), Patrizia LUPINI (IT), Dr. Dimitris PAPAYIANNIS(GR), Ünal KOÇAK (TR), Şükür KÖKSAL(TR), Şive KÖKSAL(TR), Özgür MEMİŞ(TR), Enver TUFANER(TR), Mehmet Emin AKSOY (TR), Uğur ÇINAR (TR), Erol ÖZEL(TR)

All partners decided and agreed upon to gather for 2nd meeting between 8-11th February in

Greece. Additionally all partners left 19th October from Yozgat.

In addition to the meeting agenda, there were a lot of cultural and social activities. The activity plan included;

16.10.2010

Arrival at the airport – to the Hotel

17.10.2010

08:00 Breakfast at the Hotel

09:00 Start of Introductory Meeting

11:00 Coffee Break

13:00 Lunch Time

14:00 Meeting (II.Part)

15:30 City Tour

- A Visit to Çamlık (Turkish Coffee)

- Yozgat Museum & Hayri İnal Mansion

- Çapanoğlu Mosque

- Clock Tower

- Lise Street (Shop till you drop!!)

- Yozgat Kent Park

20:00 Back to the Hotel

21:00 Dinner (Desti Kebab)

18.10.2010

08:00 Breakfast at the Hotel

09.00 Visiting Authorities and Public Bodies

-Provincial Directorate of Agriculture

- Governor of the City

- Mayor of the City

12.30 Lunch

13:30 Going to a Village

(Pilot Practice for Farmer Extension)

17:30 Hamam (Turkish Baths)

20:00 Back to the Hotel

21:30 Dinner

19.10.2010

Leave to the Airport & Farewell

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