



The fourth meeting of BEFARMEX Project" took place in the cities of Fano and Frontone, in Marche region in the centre of Italy. The meeting was held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2011.

The participants in this 4<sup>th</sup> mobility were twenty three (23) in total and more analytically were from the following countries: TURKEY:5, HUNGARY: 3, ROMANIA:8, ITALY:2, SPAIN:3, GREECE:2

The **first day**, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> was the date of arrival of all participants in Fano.

During the **second day**, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, three study visits were held. In specific:

- 1) Study visit to the broad bean farm "I Lubachi" in the town Fratte Rosa.

The farm covers about 60 hectares and produces mainly cereals, vegetables, fodder and horticultural products. It is an organic farm and the owner grows olive groves, vineyards and wild cherries. The most relevant characteristic of this farm is the production of broad bean, broad bean paste and flour and broad bean in olive oil. The owner explained that after several years of studies, research and experimentations the broad bean ecotype historically grown in Fratte Rosa was recovered. It has a short and squat pod containing 3 or 4 large and round seeds. Particularly sweet and tender, this legume is included in the repertoire of regional native varieties under the name "Favetta Fratte Rosa." Only four farms in Fratte Rosa, among which farm "I Lubachi" are guardians of the seed and can grow it. The participants could see a typical product of Fratte Rosa made with broad bean flour, produced and sold in the farm "I Lubachi" which is called "Tacconi". It is a kind of pasta made with wheat and broad bean flour and has the shape of small strips of 20 cm - 25 of length and 3 - 4 mm of thickness and width of compact and wrinkled pasta.



- 2) Study visit to olive oil farm "Storoni" in the town Fratte Rosa

In this mill they produce 3 different varieties of extra virgin olive oil: frantoio, leccino and reggiola. The owner explained and showed the machineries used in the different steps regarding the

olive oil process: collection, pressing, milling and so on. This farm is also specialized in different kind of wine production.

- 3) Study visit to the cattle farm and agro-tourism "Pian di Gallo" in the town of Frontone

The cooperative farm 3A has been specializing in cattle breeding since the late seventies. There are about 100 livestock mainly of the specie called "Italian pezzata rossa". Animals grow free and outside all year long. Some livestock are taken to the mountains for pasture from about 1.000 to 1.700 meters on the sea level during the period from the end of May to the end of October. Since 2010 he decided to diversify his agricultural and breeding activities by starting farm-tourism. In the restaurant of this agro-tourism called Pian di Gallo, deriving from the old name of the area, the participants had lunch tasting different meals mostly produced in the farm itself or in other farms of the same area.

After the study visits the participants had the chance to visit the Monastery of Fonte Avellana in the town of Serra S. Abbondio, founded in 1014 by S. Romuald and the castle of Frontone, one of the finer examples of 11th century military architecture. The participants also visited the headquarters of Medit Silva where they met the President, the vice-major and representative of the local farmers association.



During the **third day**, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, all participants were in the meeting room of hotel Beurivage in Fano. The meeting was held between 09.00 am to 16.00 pm and various managerial and technical aspects of the Befarmex Project were discussed such as the needs analysis report, the didactic material and the booklet. After the meeting the participants had the chance to have a tour of the city of Fano.

The **fourth day** Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, was the date of departure of the participants.

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