



BEGINNING FARMER EXTENSION

10 - 13 July 2012

Craiova – ROMANIA

6th WORKSHOP REPORT

The sixth meeting of “BEFARMEX Project” was held in Craiova, Romania in the period from 10th to 13th July 2012. This was the sixth mobility activity of the project. The participants were 36 : seven from Turkey, two from Romania, four from Italy, twelve from Spain, eight from Hungary and three from Greece.

After the arrival of all participants, the activities started in the morning on the 11th July with the visit to the Winery “Vie Vin Vinju Mare”. This winery is located in the wine-growing region of Wallachia and Oltenia Hills in the Mehedinti County. The company has purchased the wine-making centre of Vanju Mare, which was modernized through the acquisition of modern machinery, of stainless steel, which allows automated processing of the grapes, producing and storing wines under conditions stipulated by international standards of quality. At the moment the company owns 350 ha of vineyard and they are going to buy farther 100 ha within next year. There are three directions: wine grape production, wine production and sale of wines. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures to ensure the fermentation procedures for both red wines and white wines. The fermentation process lasts one month in order to let the wine get the aroma. They don’t use chemicals for fermentation but just temperature control technique. Participants could see the new machinery bought thanks to SAPARD financial funds, for example grape pneumatic pressing system with 8 tons capacity for white wine and 15 tons capacity for red wine. The winery exports its products especially in China, South Korea and Netherlands.



After the visit in the winery, the staff offered all the participants the possibility to taste all the different kinds of wine they produce.



The Befarmex group came back in hotel in the late afternoon and in the evening everybody enjoyed the final good-bye party.



The day after on 12th July the Befarmex group visited the Isalnita Greenhouse in the village of Almaj. Originally the complex was composed of 200 ha of greenhouses under glass. The main production consists of cucumber under protection (greenhouses). Last year they had 76 ha of production but this year it is estimated to be 41,5 ha because of the cold winter. Generally they have an average production of 9.000,00 – 10.000,00 tons of cucumber per year and they don't use any kind of chemical products against insect but only natural ways. The group could see how the cucumber are divided on the basis of their size before being put into cool rooms and then put into colored cases in order to be delivered to the customers. The production is divided into two parts:

the first one starts on 15th May and is ending during these days (half of July) while the second one begins on 15th August until the end of October. 90% of the production is sold in West and Central European countries such as Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, Hungary and Czech Republic.



After lunch the group started the meeting in the center of Craiova. Because this is the last meeting of the project it was pointed out which products and activities are missing and have absolutely be completed within the end of September.



After the meeting everybody went for a walk to in Romanescu park and in the center of Craiova and the day after, on 13th July, the participants left from Craiova.