PROJECT MYRCAS

LEONARDO DA VINCI – TRANSFER OF INNOVATION

Pilot Course Report
IRIS-Organic Agriculture

Place:	Agroinstitut Nitra
Date:	1. – 2. February 2011 (Theoretical Part- 16 hours), 3. February 2011 (Practical Part- 8 hours) + 16 hours of distance training
Trainers:	Doc. Zuzana Palkova, SPU Nitra, Norbert Floris, Agroinstitut Nitra
Form of the training:	Self-study (16 hours), theoretical training at Agroinstitut Nitra (16 hours), practical training (8 hours).
Subject:	Organic Agriculture
Trainees:	Farmers, teachers at secondary agricultural schools 10 persons Nº of Women: 2 Nº of Men: 8 Younger than 20: 0 Between 20 and 40 years: 4 Older than 40: 6 University Education: 3 Secondary Education: 7

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Nr	Name	Organization	Sex	Age	Education
1	Ronald Jokel	Private Farmer	M	20-40	University
2	Jaroslav Hrehor	Agroprofit Boliarov	M	20-40	Secondary
3	Bartolomej Torok	Bartranz Agro, s.r.o.	M	20- 40	Secondary
4	Bretislav Sehnal	Bartranz Agro, s.r.o.	M	> 40	Secondary
5	Jan Blažek	PD Smolinské	M	> 40	Secondary
6	Pavel Švarc	Emean s.r.o, Skačany	M	>40	Secondary
7	Eva Švarcová	Emean s.r.o, Skačany	F	>40	Secondary
8	Michal Berkeš	Stredná odborná škola poľnohospodárska, Levice	M	>40	University
9	Hedviga Gulova	Stredná odborná škola poľnohospodárska, Levice	F	>40	University
10	Roland Szabó	Agrocontract, Jasová	M	20-40	Secondary

Steps to implement the Pilot Course:
Selection of the subject of the Pilot Course
Development of the Pilot Course Programme
Preparation of the Participation Form and Evaluation Questionnaire for trainees
Selection of trainees
Implementation of the Pilot Course
Evaluation

Selection of the subject of the Pilot Course: As the preferred subject was selected Organic Agriculture (IRIS Manual).

Development of the Pilot Course Programme:

DISTANCE TRAINING: 16 HOURS
Mail correspondence: delivering of the Slovak translated parts of IRIS manual in electronic format.

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THEORETICAL PART: 16 HOURS

- **Introduction to LLP and Leonardo da Vinci programme**
- **Introduction to MYRCAS Project**
- **Module 1: Introduction to organic agriculture in Slovakia**
    - Organic farming development in the Slovak Republic
    - Organic farming registration system
    - Agroenvironment programmes' aid for bio-farmers
    - Bio-Products Inspection in the Slovak Republic
    - Certification of bio production
    - Bio products labelling – demonstrations
- **Module2: Basic methods and techniques in organic agriculture**
- **Module 3: Ecological stockbreeding**
- **Module 4: Commercialisation of organic products and quality labels.**

PRACTICAL PART: 8 HOURS

Place: Slovak University of Agriculture

- practical demonstration of registers, registration system in Organic Agriculture
- data processing
- statistic data collection
- biofarmers controlling
- soil contaminants monitoring – excursion in laboratories performing soil and plant analysis with pesticides utilisation
- samples record
- pesticides and fertilisers registration

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Preparation of the Participation Form and Evaluation Questionnaire for trainees:

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Program celoživotného vzdelávania

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Prezenčná listina

Projekt MYRCAS
Pilotný kurz

Miesto konania: Agroinštitút Nitra
Dátum konania: 1. - 3. 2. 2011

Por.č.	Priezvisko, meno účastníka, titul, označenie*	Názov organizácie	Stravné (raňajky, obed, večera)	Ubytovanie	Propagačné materiály a predmety	Podpis
	JOKEL RONALD, ING.					
	JAROSLAV HREHOR	AGROPROFIT BOL/AROV SRO				
	Bartolomy Török	BARTRANZ AGRO s.r.o				
	BRETISLAV SEMMAL	BARTRANZ AGRO SRO				
	Blažek Jan	PD Smolinské				
	PAVEL ŠVARC	EMEAN s.r.o Skačany				
	EVA ŠVARCOVÁ	EMEAN s.r.o Skačany				
	Ing. Michal Berhuš					
	Ing. HEDVIGA GULOVÁ					
	Roland Szabó	AgroContract m.f. JASOVÁ				

*Evaluation Questionnaire: attachment

Selection of trainees:

Information about the expected Pilot Course, together with registration form, has been sent to different subjects. 10 persons confirmed their participation.

Implementation of the Pilot Course:

Before beginning of the presence training, the 10 participants received selected parts of the IRIS manual in electronic form to use it for self-study.
The theoretical lessons were implemented during 1st and 2nd February in total duration of 16 hours, the practical part of the training was conducted in the premises of Slovak University of Agriculture in extent of 8 hours.

At the end of the course evaluation questionnaire was distributed among the participants in order to receive feedback from them.

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Evaluation and conclusions:

Participants generally provided a highest rate of a pilot course evaluation. They especially appreciated provided course topic itself, as it is very professional and it provides possibilities of organic farming from point of view of agricultural activities diversification. Most of participants expressed their opinion that those training modules might contribute to sustainable development of rural areas.

Organizational part of training was evaluated very well, too. Participants would appreciate some more practical shows, for instance excursions to companies (farms) performing such activities in practice.

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