



ANNOUNCEMENT

**Euracademy Association invites you to be part of the
Online Seminar**

On

“Regenerative & Biodiversity Enriching Agriculture: an effective tool in facing the challenges of modern agriculture”

To be held on **3rd March 2021, 16:00 – 17:30 CET¹**

Euracademy Association is glad to announce that we are organising our first Online Seminar in 2021. After successfully organising 18 Summer Academies at different locations around Europe, we also need to adapt to the changed circumstances. Euracademy wishes to promote capacity building in rural areas, and mobilise experts and practitioners of rural development, by offering them opportunity to improve their skills, widen their experience and expand their qualifications.

The theme

With our first Seminar of 2021, we would like to approach the topic “*Regenerative & Biodiversity Enriching Agriculture*”. Today, the loss of world’s fertile soil and biodiversity pose a real threat. Without protecting and regenerating the soil on our cultivated farmlands, pastures and forests, it will be nearly impossible to feed the world, keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius, or halt the loss of biodiversity. The term “*Regenerative Agriculture*” is often used to describe practices aimed at promoting soil health. It includes farming and grazing practices that reverse climate change by rebuilding soil organic matter and restoring degraded soil biodiversity.

Target group

The Online Seminar welcomes participants from all over Europe, who are working in the field of rural development. We are specifically targeting farmers’ associations, managers and staff of Local Development Agencies, LEADER LAGs and NGOs working in rural areas, local and regional authorities, policy and decision makers in the fields of agriculture and rural development, as well as researchers, academics, students and experts in related fields.

The format

The Online Seminar will include lectures followed by discussions and leading into future small group discussion groups that will explore the different case studies presented in more detail. Participants will review the concepts behind regenerative agriculture, in terms of definition, advantages compared to conventional agriculture, and good practices. All of the lectures will offer practical experiences.

¹ 15:00-16:30 GMT and 17:00-18:30 EET

Confirmed speakers of the Seminar:

- *Danilo Marandola, Agricultural Research Council, Policies and Bioeconomy (Italy), “Conservation agriculture: principles, characteristics and benefits for farmers and the environment”*
- *Cornelius van Blerk, Royal Society for Development (Norway), “Regenerative agriculture – another buzzword or needed paradigm shift?”*
- *Sabina Krsnik, University of Novo Mesto (Slovenia): “The role of phytotherapy in modern society”*
- *Paul Moore, Farmer (Ireland): “An Irish case study of supporting biodiversity on a commercial farm”*
- *Dora Beke, University of Győr, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences (Hungary): “Soil compaction: Good soil condition leads to healthy crops”*
- *Petra Sladek, Farmer (Slovenia): “Regenerating a traditional farm”*
- *Armando Vella, Farmer (Italy): “The point of view on CA of a small farmer from southern Italy”*

Besides the lectures, we also aim to generate a discussion regarding the above topics, sharing and exchanging experiences on regenerative and biodiversity enriching agriculture. Therefore, we also encourage our participants to share their ideas and views. After the Online Seminar, participants will have a chance to join speakers in a more interactive discussion. These follow-up events will be organised within a month after the Seminar, giving the chance to share specific local development issues with our experts on the topic.

A detailed programme (with time-frames) will be sent out prior to the Online Seminar.

Participation Cost

The Online Seminar will be freely available to everyone, no fee will be charged. However, participation requires a formal registration.

Registration

In order to participate in the Online Seminar, please fill in the online Registration Form, so that we can send you the link of the event. *(The invitations will be sent out through SECAD (Ireland), who is providing the technical background of the event.)* **The deadline for registration is 1st March 2021.**

Please, register here (click on the link below):

[Registration Form](#)

Euracademy looks forward to your participation!

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