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**Farm
4SD**

**Small and Medium Farm
Holders as Agents of
Sustainable Change in
Agriculture**

Result 3: Farm4SD Train-the-Trainers Programme for VET Educators

As always, we want to give an update on the progress and the accomplishments during the last months. The most important one is the progress of Result 3, which is the **Farm4SD Train-the-Trainers Programme for VET Educators**. This course has the aim to ensure that the content materials (R2) are

adequately and professionally delivered to our farmers. The focus is put on non-traditional, participatory, community-based coworking and self-directed learning resources and on exploiting digital learning environments, based on the newest research and trends in effective learning.

Further, the training course for the VET-trainers gives input on qualifications' recognition and validation approaches - the updated ECVET and/or ECTS and micro-credentials - appropriate for a successful intervention focused on the needs of farmers.

The training course has been translated into all partner languages and is currently in the phase of pilot testing, through its delivery to at least 10 VET educator in each partner country. With the finalization, we will reach the final step for the delivery of the courses. After the successful completion of the Programme, the selected trainers will be fully equipped to deliver the training materials developed for the farmers (R2), which will commence in the up-coming year.



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LTTA in Slovenia

The Joint Staff Training Activity (LTTA) of the project partners in Slovenia proved to be extremely instructive and enriching. From September 19 to 21, 2023, we had the opportunity to deepen our cooperation, expand our professional skills and strengthen team spirit. Nine of our colleagues on-site, and more connected in a hybrid-way, came together to reskill and upskill on sustainability in the agricultural sector, on key competences regarding agriculture entrepreneurship, funding opportunities, advanced VET learning methods and techniques and the implementation of the updated ECVET, ECTS and Micro-credential approach in validating learning outcomes.

The training event took place close to the picturesque capital city of Ljubljana, which with its charming architecture and vibrant culture provided an inspiring backdrop for our get-together. The organizational excellence of our Slovenian partner contributed significantly to our positive experience.

One of the key elements of the **training was the opportunity to learn from experienced trainers** on-site. We had the privilege of attending a 3-day training, focusing on the practical application of the modules we developed during the project. We were able to test the modules in a real training environment and received valuable feedback from our colleagues. This was very useful as it allowed us **to refine our materials and teaching methods and adapt them to the needs of the learners**. This training helped us to **develop a deeper understanding of how to deliver knowledge and skills in a way that promotes sustainable learning**.

Away from work, our host offered us a varied accompanying program that let us explore the culture and beauty of Slovenia. We had the

opportunity to visit historical sites, taste local specialties and enjoy the breathtaking nature of the region. These activities not only helped to strengthen the cohesion in our team, but also gave us insights into the cultural nuances of the host country.

Special mention should be made of the excellent support we received from our Slovenian partner. The planning and execution of the LTTA was done with great care and dedication. The hosts were always on hand to ensure that our needs were met and were available to offer advice and assistance.

Overall, the project partners' training in Slovenia was an all-around successful event. We returned home not only with deepened knowledge and new skills, but also with strengthened team spirit and valuable memories. **This LTTA will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the progress of our project since it equipped us with the necessary skills to proceed with the delivery of the materials.**

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