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**Western Balkans Urban Agriculture Initiative**

**19-20-21 June 2018**

LJUBLJANA STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME

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| **DAY 1: TUESDAY 19/06/2018**  **University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Agronomy (Jamnikarjeva 101, 1000 Ljubljana); field trip to Vrhnika and Borovnica** | | **Costs/ person (€)** |
| 09:30–9.45 | **Welcome day 1 (Lecture Room A2)**  Assist. Rozalija CVEJIĆ, Assist. Prof. Ana SLATNAR, Mateja SLOVENC and Špela ŽELEZNIKAR |  |
| 09.45–10.00 | **Welcome speach**  Prof. Marina PINTAR |  |
| 10.00–10.30 | **Presentation of the Department of Agriculture at Biotechnical faculty UL**  Prof. Andrej UDOVČ |  |
| 10.30–11.30 | **Presentation of the participant organisations** |  |
| 11.30–12.30 | **Presentation »Urban Agriculture in Ljubljana«**  Assist. Prof. Ana Slatnar and Špela Železnikar |  |
| **12.30–13.00 Coffee break** | |  |
| 13.00–15.00 | **Visit of the organic country estate Trnulja** (Črna vas 265, 1000 Ljubljana)  Organic oil tasting, demonstration of the cold-pressed oil extraction | 25 (degustation, presentation) |
| 15.00–17.00 | **Visit of the blueberry farm Lavrinc** (Drenov Grič 139, 1360 Vrhnika)  Ferdo LAVRINC |  |
| 17.00–18.30 | **Visit of the micro urban farm Njiv’ca** (Pot čez Gmajno 101, 1000 Ljubljana)  Luka ŽVOKELJ | 4.4 (presentation) |
| 18.30–19.00 | **Discussion and conclusion** | 10  (bus) |
| **19.00 End of study visit day 1** | |  |
| **19.00 Common dinner at the restaurant Druga violina (Stari trg 21, 1000 Ljubljana)** | | 20 |
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| **DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 20/06/2018**  **University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Agronomy, Jamnikarjeva 101, 1000 Ljubljana; field trip to Sežana** | |  |
| 09.30–10.00 | **Welcome day 2**  Assist. Rozalija CVEJIĆ, Assist. Prof. Ana SLATNAR, Mateja SLOVENC and Špela ŽELEZNIKAR |  |
| 10.00–11:30 | **Trip to Sežana by bus and presentation of Slovenian land use practices**  Mateja SLOVENC |  |
| 11.30–13.00 | **Visit of the social and ecological farm Brinjevka** (Mali Dol 4, 6223 Komen) |  |
| **13.00–14.00 Lunch Break**  **Farm Brinjevka** | | 10.9 |
| 14.00–17:00 | **Visit of the farm Renčelj** (Povir 54/e, 6210 Sežana) | 8.5 (degustation, presentation) |
| 17.00–17:30 | **Discussion and conclusions** |  |
| 17.30–19.00 | **Trip back to Ljubljana and continuation of the discussion** | 10  (bus) |
| **19.00 End of study visit day 2** | |  |
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| **DAY 3: THURSDAY 21/06/2018**  **University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty, Department of Agronomy, Jamnikarjeva 101, 1000 Ljubljana; urban food hubs in Ljubljana (LivadaLAB, Njiv’ca, Krakovski vrtovi)** | |  |
| 09.30–10.00 | **Welcome day 3**  Assist. Rozalija CVEJIĆ, Assist. Prof. Ana SLATNAR, Mateja SLOVENC and Špela ŽELEZNIKAR |  |
| 10.00–13.00 | **Visit of the LivadaLAB, socio-economic farm** (Dolgi breg 56, 1000 Ljubljana)  Mojca FAJDIGA (Zavod BOB) and Assist. Rozalija CVEJIĆ |  |
| **13.00–14.30 Lunch Break**  **LivadaLAB** | | **10** |
| 14.30–15.30 | **Walk around Ljubljana, presentation of the horticulture practices in the city center**  Mateja SLOVENC and Špela ŽELEZNIKAR |  |
| 15.30–18.00 | **Visit of the allotment site Krakovo gardens** (Krakovska and Eipprova street, Ljubljana)  Irena WOELLE |  |
| 18.00–19.00 | **Discussion and conclusions** | 1.2  (bus) |
| **19.00 End of study visit day 3** | | **100** |

**Description of selected examples of urban food production examples:**

**Country estate TRNULJA:**

**Description:**

The farming practice is based on the organic production integrated with eco-friendly tourist experience, paying special attention to preserving the unique cultural and natural features of the area in which the country estate is located. The mission of the farm is to show how one can live and run a business by decidedly respecting the environment, cultural and natural heritage, their region and the people who live in it.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

The farm is an interesting example of organic farming with additional eco-friendly tourist and catering services, product seales, etc. It lies in The Ljubljana Marsh Nature Park (vicinity of city centre), which is part of the European Union ecological network Natura 2000.

**More info**: <http://trnulja.com/en/trnulja-vizija.php?a=a&setpiskotki=1>

**Video presentation:** [video](https://youtu.be/KZy1DlPESfs)

**Blueberry farm LAVRINC**

**Description:**

The farm covers 3 hectares of land and it grows approx. 6.000 plants of different varieties.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

The farm currently produced 23 tons of blueberries per year. High sort varieties makes the plantation the biggest one in Europe.The peri-urban location of farm and its vicinity to the city give farmer good marketing opportunity.

**More info:** <http://www.lavrinc.com/index-en.php>

**Farm NJIV`CA**

**Description:**

The farm was established in the year 2015 by a young agronomist Luka Žvokelj. It is dedicated to organic vegetable production and direct sales of vegetables packets to customers in the city centre of Ljubljana.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

Farm is newly established by a young farmer, who looks for his opportunity as an urban farmer.

**Farm BRINJEVKA**

**Description:**

The farm functions as a **social enterprise**. Farm activities focus in particular protection of disabled people, ensuring social inclusion, promoting employment and vocational training for people who are unemployed or threatened with unemployment, and organic food production. The farm comprises approx. 3 ha of agricultural land in a karst valley, and is a certified organic farm. The farm is developing activities in the field of organic agriculture in connection with the protection of the natural and cultural heritage and the development of the ecological tourism offer. They produce vegetables that are supplied directly to people's homes, sold in farms store located in Sežana (nearby town), supplied to public institutions for children, adolescents, elderly people, as well as certain restaurants.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

The farm is an interesting example of short food supply chain developed in naturally sensitive karts environment, with special emphasis on social benefits of farming for vulnerable groups. Despite its social character the farm is based on a firm economic business model.

**More info:** <http://www.brinjevka.si/o-nas/77-predstavitev-socialnega-podjetja-brinjevka-d-o-o-so-p>

**Farm RENČELJ:**

**Description:**

Family farm dedicated to the organic production of cosmetics from lavender and other lavender products at Karst village of Povir. The plantation comprises 5,000 seedlings of Lavandulaxintermedia, Lavandula hybrida, Lavandula Angustifolia. The lavender fields are also important for bees and honey production.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

The farm is an example of organic lavender production in environmentally sensitive environment that connects to urban environment through pharmaceutical industry and cosmetics.

**Multifunctional urban green area LivadaLAB:**

**Description:**

It was established under the EU FP7 GREEN SURGE project in period 2014-2017. Most urban gardening initiatives in the city of Ljubljana at that time aimed at educating school children, or adults (retired). 18-29 year-olds were (and still continue to be today) a particularly underrepresented group in urban gardening projects, although they may benefit particularly strongly from the social and economic effects associated with this activity, especially those who are unemployed. Therefore, it was agreed that the LivadaLAB showcase needs to target this particular cohort. The project stakeholders agreed on a 0.6 ha experimental site for implementing the showcase. Doing so resulted in the site being transformed from an under-used greenspace into one offering multiple benefits, varying from leisure to sports, culture, local food production and education about protected plant species.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

The purpose of the LivadaLAB pilot project is to create an urban green space for creative time-keeping for young people through participatory urban green space planning. The process is facilitated by a youth NGO Zavod Bob.

**More info:** <https://www.facebook.com/LivadaLAB/>

**KRAKOVO GARDENS**

**Description:**

In the inner center of Ljubljana, 1.8 ha of allotment gardens, known as the Krakovo gardens, are protected as cultural heritage as they were established in the Middle Ages. Older residents of Ljubljana still remember female costermongers with large carts, called cize, full of salad and other fresh vegetables. Many owners of the gardens have stopped to cultivate the land due to their age, lack of competitiveness with shopping centers and other reasons. Some of them have rented out or lended the land to the people who live in the vicinity and do not have their own gardens. Because of that, the local community and tradition of gardening are still vivid.

**Why is visiting this farm important in the Erasus+ BUGI context?**

Allotment gardens are often considered more as a rural pollution of urban lifestyles, than as an expression of an essential need of modern townspeople and a tool of community empowerment. Krakovo gardens are not typical community gardens but still they play an important role in urban place management, social networks, organizational capacity in communities and continuation of old and new traditions of gardening.