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INTERNAL DOCUMENT: WP3 STUDY VISIT ASSIGNMENT REPORT

Study visit dates: 6th to 9th September, 2021

Study visit location: Ljubljana

HEI responsible: University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Agronomy

Persons in charge for organization:

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Introduction

Study visits and trainings (Deliverable 3.2.) are three days events organized at program HEIs according to the proposed modules, specific typology of Urban Agriculture as well as results/guidelines/experience from Project. Six study visits with training for five participants from five HEIs will deliver 150 trainings. Study visits and training aims to equip teaching staff from partner HEIs with first-hand experience in Urban Agriculture (UA). During study visits teaching staff will visit UA sites and project at program HEIs. During that time they will practically implement UA skills and knowledge in real work surroundings, or otherwise gain first-hand experience needed for BUGI Project curriculum implementation. Partner HEIs teaching staff will work closely with program HEIs teaching staff to facilitate knowledge transfer and good practice. The emphasis will be placed on teachers training that foster interactive, problem-based learning and entrepreneurial skills through new and creative ways of teaching and learning. New methodological approaches exercised by the teachers will enable them to work independently in implementation of new curriculum and LLL programs.

Study visit assignment

The study visit and training aimed to provide the first-hand experience of UA in Slovenia to the teaching staff of the partner HEIs (University Dzemal Bijedic of Mostar, University of



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Donja Gorica, University of Haxhi Zeka, University of Prishtina, and University Sarajevo). The study visit and training aimed to facilitate knowledge transfer and best practices of UA and to support the implementation of the curriculum of the project BUGI.

The objectives of the study visit and training were to:

- To discuss together with the participants whether the project meets their expectations, discuss the lessons learned during the project and the key messages and considerations for future development of UA in higher education;
- Provide state-of-the-art examples of UA in north-eastern and central Slovenia, including production of orchids, seedlings, and biodynamic agriculture, and protection of genetic resources of plants in University Botanic Gardens Ljubljana;
- To facilitate first-hand experience and knowledge exchange between the present HEI and between the HEI and the UA producers.

Study visit outcomes

During the study visit and training the participants:

- Were provided with the state-of-the-art overview of UA practices in Slovenia focusing on integrated economic, environmental, social and planning aspects of UA,
- Presented their own innovative UA examples from their cities. The participants have extensively discussed the main challenges and possible solutions to UA in a facilitated focal group, which helped set general outlines for the BUGI Project curriculum programming,
- Visited 5 UA practices. The participants were presented in-depth with the production process at the UA examples. At every example, we discussed the business plans of UA and opportunities for engaging with the broader society. At every case study example, the participants were able to taste or experience UA products.



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Study visit program

Day	Timeline	Activity
Monday, 6.9.	15:00-16:00	Welcome, lessons learned discussion (at faculty)
Wednesday, 7.9.	8:00-16:00	
	7:00	Departing with bus from Biotechnical faculty, Jamnikarjeva 101
	9:30	Ocean Orchids d.o.o.- orchid production (Figure 1)
	12:00	Podjetje Cornus d.o.o. – production of vegetable seedlings
	14:30	Kmetija odprtih vrat Pavalec S&S – open door farm
	16:00	Ekološka kmetija in izobraževanje "Zlate Misli", Matjaž Turinek s.p. – partnership farming
	19:00	Arriving back to Biotechnical faculty
Tuesday, 8.9.	8:00-12:00	University Botanic Gardens Ljubljana
	12:00-13:00	break
	13:00-14:30	Evaluation of the study visit
	14:30-16:00	Discussion on the preparation of the final report

Impressions



Figure 1: Group photo at the Ocean Orchids d.o.o. (Credit: Urša Pečan).



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List of participants

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- 1 Semina Hadžibulić
- 2 Jasna Hasanbegović
- 3 Vedrana Komlen
- 4 Alma Rahimić

University of Sarajevo (UNISA)

- 5 Muhamed Brka
- 6 Mirha Đikić
- 7 Irzada Taljić
- 8 Jasna Avdić
- 9 Asima Akagić
- 10 Osman Musić

University Haxhi Zeka (UHZ)

- 11 Hajrija Škrijelj
- 12 Shabani Halit
- 13 Mazreku Ibish
- 14 Shala Nexhdet

University of Prishtina UP

- 15 Dragusha Bedri
- 16 Bytyci Hysen
- 17 Thaqi Mentor

University of Ljubljana (UL)

- 18 Urša Pečan
- 19 Rozalija Cvejić

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