

Promoting Agroforestry Measures across Europe:

Seven partners from six countries worked together to raise awareness and promote agroforestry measures across Europe.

The aim of the AGFOSY project has been to create a complex yet flexible training system relating to agroforestry. It has been based on case studies and best practices that provide farmers and landowners with the skills, knowledge and competencies to implement agroforestry systems on their own farms. Agroforestry (AF) measures are able to bring a wide range of positive benefits to land management, as well as help landowners to achieve the goals of the CAP. It can provide solutions to different issues from unemployment to income diversification as ecological services.

On November 2, 2020, ELO hosted the AGFOSY Virtual Final Conference. After over 2 years, the Erasmus+ project is coming to a conclusion. The conference opened with brief words by Daniel Monteleone of ELO, an introduction to the project by Martina Belasova of ASZ and opening remarks by Patrick Worms of EURAF.

Then, project partners presented the various Intellectual Outputs (which are available at <https://www.agroforestrysystems.eu/en/education-system/>). Each of these innovative learning modules was explained in great detail.

The next portion of the conference was the personal experiences of various farmers and academics from across Central Europe. Judit Csíkvári spoke with the audience about her family farm's development of agroforestry and how it's worked. Tamás Rétfalvi and Andrea Vityi spoke about biodiversity, microclimate and wildlife management. Radim Kotrba presented a case study on how agroforestry has helped reduce erosion and improve the farm's environment.

Panelists and project partners then came together to answer questions about their farms. From questions as deep as the intricacies of the CAP in regards to agroforestry to questions as entertaining as everyone's favorite agroforestry plant, a lovely discussion was had. The project is set to conclude at the end of the month. For more information, please contact us at Daniel.monteleone@elo.org or on our social media.

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