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AGFOSY is an EU funded Erasmus+ project that will create a flexible training system relating to agroforestry. It will be based on case studies and best practices that will provide farmers and landowners with the skills, knowledge and competencies to implement agroforestry systems on their own farms.

Agroforestry (AF) is a land-use system where trees are grown in association with agricultural crops or livestock on the same land. Such measures can bring a wide range of positive benefits to land management, as well as to help landowners to achieve the goals of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The project began in 2018 and will run for 24 months. The consortium is made up of 7 partners from 6 countries.

The project will:

- Create a state-of-the-art analysis on the situation of agroforestry implementation in partner countries
- Compile a set of interesting case studies that will represent the core content of the training system
- Develop methodological sheets for establishment and management of agroforestry
- Develop training materials with introductory videos.

Final online conference of the AGFOSY project



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 Belášová** of ASZ ČR 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.

Meet the Partners

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Republic is a voluntary professional organisation of private farmers in the Czech Republic. All its activities are based on respecting old peasant traditions and the conviction that family farms are the foundation of modern European agriculture and a lively countryside.

The Czech Association for Agroforestry is an NGO, whose main objective is to promote agroforestry in the Czech Republic. CSAL is focused on building awareness among a broad range of stakeholders working in the rural environment about positive impacts of agroforestry systems.



On Projects is a project management consultancy company. Its main focus is advising companies, associations, and public bodies on the management, monitoring and evaluation of publicly funded projects.

The Co-operational Centre of the **University of Sopron** focuses on research activities in the field of Environmental Resources Management, Agroforestry and Improvement of the methodology, and practical implementation of environmental impact assessment procedures. Work is carried out on a participatory basis, in cooperation with experts at the University's faculties and networks of stakeholders.



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The French Agroforestry Association aims to promote and encourage the development of agroforestry across France. The association is involved in a number of projects ranging from research and development through awareness raising and education.

National Forest Centre is a semi-budgetary forestry agency established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic. The agency is in charge of the research and development of all areas of

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The European Landowners' Organization is a federation of national associations from the 28 EU Member States and beyond. They represent the interests of landowners, land managers and rural entrepreneurs at the European level. ELO is committed to supporting sustainable development, conservation and the responsible use of natural resources.

If you would like to keep up to date with the project development, you can follow us on the links below.



GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

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