



Ecologie Paysanne Europe
FARMERS ECOLOGY WORKSHOP
27-28 September 2010

FARMERS ECOLOGY – ECOLOGIE PAYSANNE EUROPE PROJECT:

Throughout the world, farmers and rural societies have accumulated empirical knowledge about the territory they live in, as a result of centuries of observations and experimentations. With the modernization and industrialization, this knowledge is disappearing and is little studied as a resource for the management of natural resources and agro-ecosystems. Geysier (France), Mas de Noguera (Spain) and Civitas Foundation (Romania), together with local groups already working on Farmers Ecological Knowledge have been setting Ecologie Paysanne Europe project with the support of Forum Synergies. The aims of the project are:

- to safeguard farmers ecological knowledge before they disappear, exchanging on how supporting the collection, transmission and promotion work.
- to disseminate these knowledge from local to European level, through actions which emphasize their contribution to sustainable development.
- to settle the foundations of a European network of people, groups and entities already involved or interested in the safeguarding and promotion of this intangible European heritage little considered but essential for sustainable development.

A 1st workshop is taking place in September 2010 in Romania, with participation of local French, Spanish and Romanian partners: it will be the opportunity to exchange on methodology and topics already worked out by the local groups and to know more about the Romanian initiative.

PROGRAMME

Our partner CIVITAS FONDATION is organising the Fruit Festival and an International conference just before our workshop, to which we are invited to participate in, with the following programme:

23th September: *International Conference: Community-based rural economic development – challenges and opportunities.* (Cultural House – Odorheiu Secuiesc, Tamási Áron str. 15)

The aim of the conference is to enrich mostly the practical knowledge on sustainable rural agricultural practices, especially of those being relevant for the local farmers.

24th September: *Thematic study trip* (choice between) :
 - Agriculture and landscape management
 - Rural tourism
 - LEADER program in the region

24-26 September. II. Fruit Festival of Odorhei Region (Odorheiu Secuiesc, City Park)

The event would offer an opportunity to the farmers of Odorhei Region to place to its worthy position the old fruit varieties, and the fruit made products evolved for centuries within frame of traditional agricultural system by supporting their joint willingness and collaboration necessitates. During the Festival each participating community will exhibit their locally made products by having in the same time introspection into the diversity of local traditions.

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Monday 27th: AM: presentation of status and progress of the Romanian Local project
 PM: visit of Romanian experience

Tuesday 28th : AM: Exchange on what has been visited. Presentation of experiences from other countries.
 PM: exchange (EPE project) on the collect, organization of the information (wiki page), typology of knowledge.

(A more detailed programme will be sent at the beginning of September)

LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT

1. Dates

You will have 2 options to participate in our Romanian Workshop.

A. If you will participate only in the Workshop, on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th September 2010:
Arrival: on Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th (morning) in order to participate in the last day of Odorheiu Fruit Festival

Departure: Wednesday 29

B. If you will participate also in the International Conference, Fruit Festival and Workshop: from Thursday 23th to Tuesday 29th:

Arrival: on Wednesday 22 or Thursday 23 morning.

Departure: Wednesday 29

2. Airports

The best way to get to Romania is by plane to one of the closest airports to Odorheiu Secuiesc:

- SIBIU
- TIRGU MURES.
- CLUJ NAPOCA

There are direct low-cost flights from/to main European destinations or through Bucharest. The flight from Bucharest to Sibiu, Cluj or Tirgu Mures takes about 1 hour.

The distance from Sibiu to Odorheiu Secuiesc is 150 km, from Tirgu Mures 100 km and from Cluj Napoca 200km.

Our guests will organize our transport by car or bus from the airport to Odorheiu

3. Accommodation

We will stay in Rural pensions, 20 €/day/person, including breakfast (accommodation in double rooms)

4. Fee for FS WORKSHOP (September 27-28)

Our budget to cover travel reimbursement for EPE partners, thanks to FDF grant, is already committed but we welcome FS members and partners to participate in the workshop. Fee is free.

If you will only participate in the Conference and Fruit festival, please contact directly our Romanian partners. (Istvan Mar: istvanmar@civitas.ro)

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