



Country Report for Croatia



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Topics of demonstration

- Sustainable use of pesticide
- New types of seeds
- New types artificial fertilizers
- New mechanization

Providers and purpose of demonstration

- Advisory Service Croatia in close collaboration with companies in private sector involved in seed production and distribution, agricultural mechanization, artificial fertilization and pesticide.
- In addition to the faculties and other institutions of higher education, research and vocational trainings for farmers is carried out by dozens of institutes.
- Purpose of demonstration is mutual experience exchange, exchange of knowledge and innovation uptake .

History

- It can be said that agricultural secondary vocational education has its beginnings around 1888 at the time of banishment of Khuen-Hedervary when the Law on Education was adopted.
- The history of demonstration as a structured transfer of knowledge in Croatian agriculture is very difficult to reconstruct due to the lack of information.
- From the time that we have available data, the transfer of agricultural knowledge, information and implementation of new technologies is carried out by a number of national , public expert services but mostly by the Advisory Service Croatia.



Types of Demonstrations

- Field days, demonstration, experimental fields, workshops, presentation, manifestation, open field classroom, practical presentations, demonstration farms, etc.
- Advisors from Advosiry Service Croatia organize demonstration activities such as: trees pruning, cheese production, trimming hooves of dairy cows etc.

Access Issues

- There is no financial resources for demonstration activities in Croatia. The organizer of demonstration activities covers all the costs and participants have to pay for their own travel costs.

Other Issues

- Lack of peer to peer knowledge transfer amongst farmers .
- A lot of demonstration activities but no feedback from the field.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- Advisory Service Croatia is committed to take part in the demonstration activities within knowledge transfer and information activities through rural development measures. Certain amount of European Agricultural Funds for Rural Development should be allocated for development of organization and implementation of demonstration activities. Young farmers will be in focus for implementation of the demonstration.



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