

Practical Experience

Name of Tool: Field visit to agroecological dairy farmer

Aim of the Tool:

- To show activities of agroecological dairy farmer
- To discuss about the holistic approach of the farmer: nutrient cycles and the role of bacterias in the soil, the cow and humans
- To discuss about difficulties in legislation for agroecological practices

Target public:

Advisers

Methodology:

- Organize a field visit to the agroecological farmer
- The farmer explains about his way of farming and shows the advisors around in his farm (1h)
- Then there is an informal discussion between farmer and advisors (2h)
- Questions for the advisers
 - o Did you hear new insights?
 - o Do you agree with the vision of the farmer?
 - o Are these practices different than the ones you see on other farms?
 - o Are there inconveniences in legislation as regards this practices?
 - o Which information or practices could be interesting to transfer to other farmers?
 - o Where did the farmer find his information, knowledge and experiences?
 - O Do you have a suggestion on how you could transfer this information or practices?

(Expected) results:

- A better understanding of agroecological principles
- A view on a holistic approach on farming
- A change in legislation concerning fertilization and the use of clover

