



The 2010 Autumn School for Agricultural Experts, Students & Extension Officers
Approved by the Grundtvig Program of the European Commission

Preparing the Organic Advisors of Tomorrow: Innovative Agricultural Experts and Extension Officers familiarized with Agro-Ecology Principles, Blended-Learning, and Modern ICT Tools

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- **Do you want to learn about innovative pedagogical strategies and best practices for using digital teaching & learning resources?**
- **Do you want to get in touch with new models of learning and apply innovative techniques that will help you advance your knowledge?**

This course aims to help trainers to understand current advances related to organic farming, Agro-Ecology, Blended-Learning, and Modern ICT Tools – particularly focusing on getting involved into the methods and practices of how interactive resources can be searched, found, annotated for classification and used for education purposes. In this way, a course combining ICT and OA topics is seen as central to encourage innovation in the way these resources are classified and retrieved from the Web for an ulterior use in training courses to agricultural professionals.

The 8-day course will include presentations and practical sessions (hands-on labs) to educate advisors on:

- Converting from conventional farming to organic
- Agroecology principles – Indicators of sustainability
- Organic Farming Legislation/ Certification and Standards
- Specialised topics in organic agriculture depending on the country of the participants (e.g. fertilization in organic farming and composting technologies/ applications, green manure and cover crops, etc.).
- Managing and administering an organic farm
- Packaging and marketing organic products in new markets
- Blended training methods to approach, educate and advise farmers
- Pedagogical strategies and best practices for using digital teaching & learning resources
- Strategies for searching information and educational material online
- How to design your own learning resources using e-Learning methods & tools
- How language teaching material can be organised in personal e-Portfolios
- How can you find other people with similar interests making use of Web2.0 tools and practices

If interested, you may receive a grant from your Grundtvig National Agency in order to cover all expenses to attend this course.

Trainers/ advisors have to ask for the specific Application Form or download it directly from the websites of their National Agencies. The list of all European National Agencies is available at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc1208_en.htm

Interested participants will need to complete the Application Form and send it to the National Agency until **30th of April 2010**.

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