

Good Practice template

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- NB: in orange: 2 optional fields. All other fields are compulsory.

1. General information	
Title of the practice	KORENIKA SOCIAL FARM
Does this practice come from an Interreg Europe Project	No

In case 'yes' is selected, the following sections appear:

Please select the project acronym	Drop down menu with all acronyms
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Specific objective	Drop-down list of the 6 specific objectives <i>[Technical: In case a project is selected, the specific objective is automatically completed]</i>	
Main institution involved	Association Korenika, Slovenia	
Location of the practice	Country	SLOVENIA
	NUTS 1	SLOVENIA
	NUTS 2	SLOVENIA
	NUTS 3	POMURJE

2. Detailed description	
Detailed information on the practice	<p>In 2006 the first idea of Eco social farm started based on the fact that Association Mozaik and the local community of Šalovci found joint interest in developing the centre for work rehabilitation and employment of underprivileged people and other vulnerable groups. Local community Šalovci provided over 20 ha of land including the farm buildings. Based on that decision Association Mozaik founded Korenika association in 2008. Korenika's main goal at that time was to provide work rehabilitation and employment of underprivileged people and other vulnerable groups.</p> <p>At the farm they renovated the buildings and started the production of eco crops and their products. They have their own market label and they produce and sell herb, herb tea, oil, fruit and vegetables and its processed products. They also have a webshop of their own. Based on the experiences of the rehabilitation and employment program (concession from the state) the social enterprise was also registered, which provide further inclusion and work for vulnerable groups. Based on their previous experiences they have arranged an herb garden, they have animals and they provide diverse trainings and visit programs (including meals) for different goal groups. Additionally, they have different workshops at their estate, where vulnerable goal groups produce different products, that are part of their trade mark and they are sold in the real estate and other local and regional markets in Slovenia. Recently they also developed the service: support to owners of the protected houses at the renovations.</p>

Resources needed	Public resources are not known (they have concession from the state for employment centre and since 2008 they receive regular national public funding, which represents a big share of the yearly income). Minor part of the income is produced on the market.
Timescale (start/end date)	2008 – onwards
Evidence of success (results achieved)	The Association Korenika is the first social enterprise in the area of Goričko. They are successfully developing and implementing the programme for handicapped people based on the production of eco agricultural products. Additionally, they have developed a successful social enterprise with including handicapped and other vulnerable groups into psychosocial and work therapy (on the farm and in production of products, programs for visitors).
Difficulties encountered/ lessons learned	Due to the fact that Korenika includes vulnerable groups in their work with specific needs it is not possible to open a new unit outside of the region. The other limitation is also connected to content and financial viability of their business model (so far slow growth have shown).
Potential for learning or transfer	The lack of specific support measures for handicapped and other vulnerable groups based on the production of crops and products from crops in farm environment cannot be seen in other regions. There are other attempts in Slovenia, but they are rather slow, due to lack of land, lack of knowledge etc. Association Korenika can provide knowledge and expertise in a wide range of fields in ways of work with vulnerable groups on the farm, their work has been recognised as good practice in Slovenia too. Their work is very specialised and show very good results. Vulnerable goal groups are mostly used to work on the farm before and Korenika provide them safe environment to obtain additional skills and to feel welcomed and confident in the results of their work (e.g. products are sold through trademark). We are convinced that the good practice of Korenika can be transferred also to other regions in Slovenia.
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