

Social farming in Poland



We combine the agriculture with the social, therapeutic and educational services on the local level.



GROWID Project - Developing care farms in Poland

The care farm may be a solution of demographical problems, which are connected with social ageing and other issues regarding care services in rural areas. The idea of care farm consist in the combination of the multifunctional agriculture with social services on the local level. The aim of the GROWID project is to develop and implement a model of “care farm”, which would be acceptable in polish specific legal, demographic, social and cultural conditions. Project is financed by polish National Centre for Research and Development. It is conducted by consortium of 4 partners: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, University of Agriculture in Krakow, Jagiellonian University in Krakow and Agricultural Advisory Centre Branch Office in Krakow.



Polish National Network of Educational Farms

The main idea of Educational farm is to implement educational objectives in rural households. The Agricultural Advisory Centre Branch Office in Krakow runs Polish National Network of Educational Farms, which gathers more than 250 undertakings and this number is still growing. The members of the network has a right to use the name “educational farm” and reserved graphic sign.

Agricultural Advisory Centre Branch Office in Krakow provides:

- trainings for the farmers running Educational farms,
- trainings for rural advisors working in Regional Advisory Centres, which are responsible for developing the network on the local level,
- promotion of the idea of education in rural households and promotion of the services of educational farms,
- cooperation with international partners.



CARE-T-FARMS: therapy on social farms

CARE-T-FARMS project is funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union under Key Action 2: Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices. Project involves 7 organisations from 5 countries involved. The Agricultural Advisory Centre Branch Office in Krakow is a coordinator of whole undertaking.

The main purpose of the CARE-T-FARMS project is to create online training modules targeted to 3 groups of actors:

- The “Care Farm Tutor” module is aimed at farmers, farm workers and secondary school students. It aims to give to the learners a basic understanding of the day-to-day activities associated with tutoring people on farming activities in a social farm setting.
- The “Care Farm Manager” module is designed for farmers who have experience in hosting people on their farms and in conducting teaching activities. It will give this farmers detailed knowledge on planning care farming activities.
- The “Care Farm Social/Health Educator” module is designed for social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists. This module provides specialistic knowledge on planning social or care farm courses as an extra-clinical treatment or intervention

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