



4th Study Visit to Italy

ORGANIKO LIFE+ PROJECT

Revamping organic farming and its products in the context of climate change mitigation strategies

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The study visit has taken place according to the enclosed daily programme and the participants have been the representatives of all the *Organiko* Partner organizations, as shown in the attached participant signatures' list.

The visit has served the following purposes:

1. Sharing, with relevant Italian institutions and NGO representatives the preliminary results of the two research studies implemented within the *Organiko* project.
2. Inform the FAO officials about *Organiko*, the two research studies the forthcoming project initiatives.
3. Update the Partners from Cyprus about the latest organic farming (OF) developments in Italy.
4. Extend the invitation to the *Climatico* conference, scheduled to take place in Limassol on 11 and 12 April 2019, to all the Colleagues met.
5. Having a Partners' meeting on the project's next steps, tasks and task division.





The preliminary results of the two research studies implemented within the *Organiko*, shared with ppt presentations by the Colleagues from Cyprus, have raised curiosity and interest: the Italian State Secretary responsible for organic farming, the FAO officials, the CREA officers and the Legambiente and WWF Italy NGO representatives have all explicitly asked to be kept informed about the final research results, underlining, from different perspectives, the value of the work presented and of its replicability and added value potentials also in other national contexts.

Information and updates on the latest Italian OF developments have been supplied, on agro-ecology and the bio-districts experience, during the visit and meetings at the Biobagnolese farm; on the new Italian Government's policies stressing the 100%-Italian-organic approach and principle to be included in the new national OF legislation whose approval is expected for the beginning of 2019; with the latest OF economic research carried out by CREA; the new interest by the Head of State in the increasing organic component in the management of the presidential Castelporziano estate and during the meeting with the Legambiente and WWF Italy representatives.

The invitation to the *Climatico 2019* conference has been extended during the various meetings and it will be followed up by Kyoto Club and the Partners' meeting took place, as scheduled, at the Kyoto Club office on December 06, from 17:30 to 19:30.

