

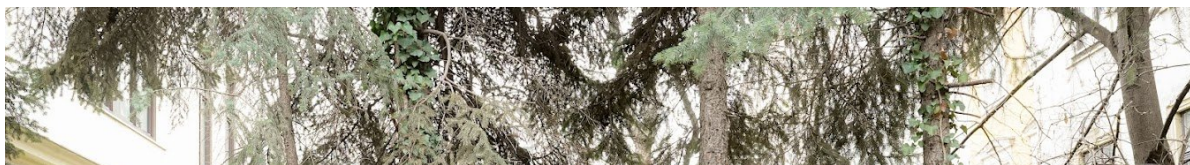
CAPTIVATE

3rd newsletter

January - August 2023



3rd Transnational Project Meeting took place in Vienna





CAPTIVATE team gathered in Austria in Vienna on their 3rd Transnational Project Meeting (TPM), hosted by FiBL-AT, from 16 to 17 January 2023. This was a crucial and busy period by the CAPTIVATE work plan, right before starting the learning activities for farm advisors and farmers and finishing the development of our knowledge base with connected national CAP measures and eco practices, eco-farm assessment and decision tool, and e-learning platform. We have also used the TPM as an opportunity to prepare for the Learning, Teaching and Training activity, and the preparation for the first wave of Multiplier events.

Learning, Teaching & Training activities (LTT)



Following the TPM, CAPTIVATE partners conducted Learning, Teaching, Training (LTT) Activities in the coordination of FiBL-AT.

LTT was held for project partners and staff members of the partners that are not directly involved in the project activities, who will carry out the training pilot for learner participants as part of the Project result 4 – “Learning (Open Education Resource) modules”.

Main focus points of LTT were:

- summarizing and common understanding of the previous project outputs and results
- defining and discussing on the main topics of the learning modules
- becoming proficient at the best eco-practices identified by the project, linked to the CAP measures and requirements
- capacity building related to the application of Eco-Farm Assessment and Decision Tool

CAPTIVATE presented at the Symposium on Agriculture in Dubrovnik, Croatia



On 15 February 2023, IPS Konzalting participated at the 58th Croatian & 18th International Symposium on Agriculture held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, with the presentation “CAPTIVATE supports farmers in implementing the elements of the green architecture of the Common Agricultural Policy”.

Participants of the Symposium, mainly students and members of research and educational institutions, were introduced to the main EU strategies concerning green ambitions of the new CAP and to the main activities of the project oriented towards supporting and strengthening the efforts of the European farmers to contribute to the EU's climate and environmental protection goals.

CAPTIVATE team organized Multiplier events in Hungary, Slovakia and Croatia





The first wave of multiplier events was organized by partners from John von Neumann University (NJE), Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Institute (IZPI) and IPS Konzalting (IPS) in order to communicate our project activities and progress to the main stakeholders of our project. Participants were introduced to the main project objectives, activities and expected results, as well as the tools that are currently under development. Stakeholders got the opportunity to learn more about how CAPTIVATE supports farmers in implementing various elements of green architecture of the new CAP, and how they can engage in the upcoming project activities.

EAD Tool – National experts involved in the impact weighting process

Name of respondent: Richard Petrasek							
				Theme	Atmosphere		
				Subtheme	Greenhouse Gases		A
Name	Auditor question	Remarks	Unit	Scale/score	Impact	Comments	Impact
No use of fungicides	What proportion of agricultural land is not treated with fungicides in a year?	All agents used with a fungicidal effect are considered.	% of agricultural area	linear / 100% = 100% of agricultural area	0		0
Use of high performance breeds	Does the farm manager keep high performance breeds?	Refers to the main animal category kept on the farm.	0=no 1=yes	100% = no	0		0
Number of elements in crop rotation	What is the minimum number of elements in a crop rotation on the farm? Clue: Consider the worst condition found on at least 10% of the arable land.	Perennial clover grass Count as one element, intercropping of two or more crops, e.g. one main crop and one or more intercrops, counts as 2 elements	Quantity	100% = $ x \geq 6$	0		0

The Eco Farm Assessment and Decision Tool is a central part of the CAPTIVATE project which aims to connect the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the EU with proven and innovative good eco-management practices on farms. One of the EAD Tool's main objectives is to support farms in selecting appropriate CAP measures to meet specific farm conditions and to improve its environmental sustainability performance. This will lead to better understanding and more effective implementation of CAP measures, and will have a positive impact on the environment due to more farmers carrying out measures properly. EAD Tool consists of ecological themes and subthemes based on the SAFA Guideline: Atmosphere (GHG, Air Quality), Biodiversity (Species Diversity, Genetic Diversity, Habitat Diversity), Materials & Energy (Material Use, Energy Use, Waste Reduction & Disposal), Soil (Soil Quality, Soil Conservation), Water (Water Withdrawal, Water Quality), Anima Welfare (Husbandry Conditions, Animal Health). CAPTIVATE partners have engaged with their national experts, representatives of research community and farm advisors, to do the impact weighting process of various EAD tool indicators. This step was crucial for further development and refinement of the EAD Tool, as it helped us to better understand if a certain indicator has an impact on the respective sub-theme, and whether that impact has positive or negative effect on the achievement of the subtheme goals.

4th Transnational Project Meeting took place in Hungary



CAPTIVATE team gathered for their 4th Transnational Project Meeting in Kecskemét in Hungary from 13 to 14 June!

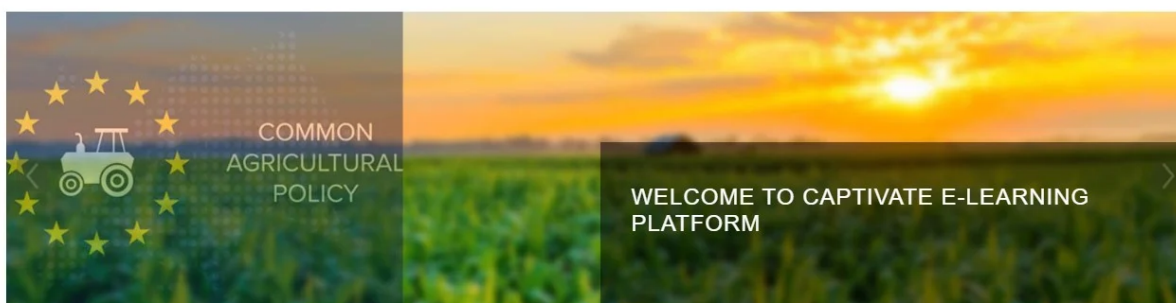
During a 2-day meeting, partners had the opportunity to discuss on the current progress and the upcoming activities of the project.

Team was focused on finding the best approach in interconnecting various project results so that EU farmers can improve their farming practices and implement new CAP green measures in the most efficient way!

Take part in CAPATIVATE learning activities!



e-Learning Platform



The common agricultural policy supports farmers and ensures Europe's food security.

The CAPTIVATE e-learning platform provides training content, supplemented by modular educational materials on the most important topics in the field of organic agriculture. CAPTIVATE e-learning course is available in following languages:

As part of the project, educational materials on high importance areas in green farming are being produced. The main aim is to create a know-how CAP specific education that will serve our stakeholders, mainly aimed at farm advisors and farmers, to better understand and gain knowledge on new green CAP ambitions, and to learn how to efficiently use other project outputs that can help them in complying with the new CAP. Learning materials cover three main modules:

Module 1: EU's New relevant strategies

Module 2: Good eco-practices

Module 3: Using the digital learning platform

Courses on the Learning platform will be available from beginning of October. Two courses, one month each, will be available under Module 1 and 2, to help advisors and farmers with organic farming and the support available under the new CAP.

More details on the training and participation will follow soon on our project [website](#) and [Facebook page](#), so stay tuned!

If you would like to get more information and take part in the learning courses, please leave us your contact information in the form below.

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PROJECT RESULTS

1. CAP Eco-Practice Knowledge Base
2. Eco-Farm Assessment Tool
3. Knowledge Management Platform (IT modules)
4. Learning (OER) modules
5. Methodology and Implementation Guidelines

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