

The well-being of small and family farms
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Vision of the theme We have to continue with small farms. They are important for the environment, community, integration with other business activities
Main issues Social, innovation, sustainability Market chain, infrastructure, co-operation
Suggested actions / policy – and who should implement Focussing on small farms with better support mechanisms, Easy access to EU funds, Reducing the bureaucracy, Setting up national strategies for making sustainable small farms
How should ERP work in the future in this theme? What is the role of the ERP partners? Attention and discussion for this subject – Important!
Amendments or messages to the manifesto In the future, policy should pay more attention to small farms, encouraging them to introduce new practices, innovations, new business models
Messages to the Venhorst Declaration Small farms can have their contribution to society through 'holistic farming': care for environment, nature, care for others, be part of the community, and combine with different activities (like care, recreation etc)
Ideas and case-study examples relating to the theme 2 presentations from Romania: 1. government facts and legislation 2. the well-being factors
Holistic farming model for small family farms: Innovation – personnel and business On farm / off farm Social - media/ on-line/ to the customer - family / personal Diversify – markets – customers Agriculture – food / environment Processing – by farmer – micro processing – co-op Sustainability / profit Government legislation/ red-tape/ bureaucracy