

## ***Social Farming in Germany and Europe: Status Quo and Future Perspectives***

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University of Kassel-Witzenhausen,  
Neue Aula, Nordbahnhofstraße

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**National Rural Network (NRN), Germany and PETRARCA (European Academy  
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**Monday, 23rd August 2010**

<b>8:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Opening speech and welcome</b> <i>Jan Swoboda (NRN Germany) und Thomas van Elsen (PETRARCA)</i>
<b>09:10</b>	<b>Social farming in Germany and Europe</b> EU-activities to support Social Farming (COST Action Green Care in Agriculture, SoFar-Project und working group Farming for Health) <i>Thomas van Elsen (PETRARCA, Germany)</i>
<b>I. Social farming in Germany: challenges und perspectives</b>	
<b>09:40</b>	<b>Potentials of social farming in Germany: the perspective of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV)</b> <i>Ralf Wolkenhauer (Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Germany)</i>
<b>10:10</b>	<b>The UN-convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its relevance for social farming</b> <i>Jens Kretzschmar (Office for Inclusion Schleswig-Holstein, Germany)</i>
<b>10:40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:10</b>	<b>Social farming as a task for training and education: the training programme in Weide-Hardebek</b> <i>Hartwig Ehlers (Farm Community Weide-Hardebek, Germany)</i>
<b>11:40</b>	<b>Financing and economic efficiency of social farming – the example of integrating permanently unemployed people (Waldeck Farm, Göppingen)</b> <i>Karin Woyta (Staufen Promotion of Employment gGmbH, Göppingen)</i>

<b>12:10</b>	<b>Development of social farming in the Netherlands: diversity and success of initiatives at local and regional level</b> <i>Jan Hassink (University of Wageningen, Netherlands)</i>
<b>12:40</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>13:15</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>II. Learning from European experiences: the Netherlands, Italy and Ireland</b>	
<b>14:15</b>	<b>Green Care as a solution to some challenges of the health care system</b> <i>Piet Driest (Social Work, Netherlands)</i>
<b>14:45</b>	<b>Social cooperatives as providers of social farming in Italy</b> <i>Francesco Di Iacovo (University of Pisa, Italy)</i>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>The European SoFar-Project as driving force – the example of Ireland</b> <i>Deirdre O'Connor (University of Dublin, Ireland)</i>
<b>15:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>III. Perspectives of social farming in Germany and Europe</b>	
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: “The future of social farming”</b> <i>Chair: Saverio Senni (Tuscia University, Viterbo, Italy)</i> <b>Introductory presentations:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Social farming as pioneer work in Poland</b> <i>Monika Latkowska (University of Warsaw, Poland)</i></li> <li>2. <b>Innovations in Green Care: the Greek examples Kassandra Farm Prison and the Eleonas Center for drug addicted people</b> <i>Christos Gallis (Forest Research Institute NAGREF, Thessaloniki, Greece)</i></li> <li>3. <b>Family farms and small structures – an insight into social farming in Switzerland</b> <i>Hans Wydler (Research Institute Agroscope Reckenholz-Tänikon ART, Switzerland)</i></li> </ol> <b>Further panellists:</b> <i>Thomas van Elsen, Jens Kretzschmar, Hartwig Ehlers, Karin Woyta, Jan Hassink, Piet Driest, Francesco Di Iacovo, Deirdre O'Connor</i>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>
<b>ab 20:00</b>	<b>Networking at „Gasthaus Zur Krone“</b>

Afterwards (24-26 August 2010) the final Conference "COST Action Green Care in Agriculture" will take place in Witzhausen. PETRARCA (European Academy for the Culture of Landscape) invites you to join this conference as well. Further information:

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