

# EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

## THE SOCIAL PILLAR OF CAP

"Cultivating Community: Social Farming's Role  
in Ageing Well"

### AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30 Networking coffee and registration

10:35 – 10:45 Keynote address: Policies supporting social  
farming in the European Union

**Matyas Szabo, Policy Officer, EC DG AGRI, Unit B3**

10:45 – 11:05 Social Farming: FARMELDER experience

**Elaine Cleary, Researcher at the Sustainable  
Development Research Institute, TUS**

11:05 – 12:05 Panel discussion: Social Farming: Aligning  
Research, Practice, and Policy for Cultivating Change

12:20 – 14:00 Networking light lunch

**Thursday June 6th**

**10h - 14h**

**Atelier29, Rue Jacques de Lalaing 29**

**Register now**



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**Social Farming  
for the Elderly**

# SOCIAL FARMING

*"Short or long-term activities that use agricultural resources such as animals and plants to promote and generate social services in rural areas. Examples of these services include rehabilitation, therapy, sheltered employment, life-long education, and other activities that contribute to social inclusion"*

*Di Iacovo & O'Connor, 2009*

The FarmElder project aims to offer farmers the opportunity to engage in Social Farming. For farmers already engaged in social farming, FarmElder offers training on how to work with the elderly. It helps them to collaborate with new service providers and supporters and to increase the visibility of their work.



# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**Identify** key issues and needs facing elderly people and how social farming addresses these needs.

**Show** how social farming can be a pathway to overcoming social inclusion barriers for the elderly in remote and/or rural areas.

**Develop** an online training course to educate and build skills in supporting social farming activities for the elderly.

**Produce** a series of videos, describing successful practices, and highlighting key themes examined during the project.

**Organise** Learning Teaching & Training Activities with a unique focus on key aspects of social farming.

**Disseminate** project results at five conferences to a wide range of stakeholders and beneficiaries across partner countries.

# LONG-TERM IMPACTS

**Positive** impact within the farming community, especially with farmers on more marginal holdings as it provides them with opportunities to increase their viability.

**Impact** old-age service providers and associations to examine their activities and explore the potential of using social farming therapies for their clients.

**Inform** policy makers at local, national, & regional levels of the potential of social farming and as an applied meaningful activity/therapy for the elderly.

**Draw** attention to the needs of the elderly and their importance in policy planning. FarmElder, coming at the start of the UN decade for the elderly, will highlight the importance of considering the needs of this very important and valuable segment of society.

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### CONCEPT

Social Farming: holistic solutions for elderly challenges in line with EU's Green Paper on Ageing.

How can Social Farming contribute to overcoming social issues in rural areas?

How can the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) support Social Farming?

**Share your point of view and be part of the change!**

