

EUROPEAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, LIMASSOL
CYPRUS, 16-17 OCTOBER, 2008

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF FIELD TRIPS

Friday 17/10/2008 14h00-19h00

1. TRIP N° 1

THEME: EXTENSIVE WINE PRODUCTION –PROVISION OF PUBLIC GOODS –EFFECTS OF LAND ABANDONMENT

Itinerary:

GROUP 1 : Limassol – Alassa – Doros – Sylicou – Pera Pedi – Omodos – Limassol

GROUP 2 : Limassol – Omodos – Pera Pedi – Sylicou – Doros – Alassa –Limassol

Visits – Themes

- ALASSA : View of Kourris Dam: Water scarcity and droughts in Cyprus
- DOROS : Visit of Kommandaria Winery – Presentations in Village Center : Traditional Quality Wine psr; Provision of Public Goods; Effects of retreating agricultural activities; RD measure to preserve the environment; Vision of a LAG in the making.
- DRIVING THROUGH: Effects of land abandonment, environmental degradation; forest fires.
- OMODOS : Visit of Linos Winery : Improving the quality of traditional wine production.
- OMODOS : Walking through a historical village with rich traditions: Village renewal, cultural heritage.

2. TRIP N° 2

THEME : SUSTAINABILITY OF INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION – INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT

Itinerary:

GROUP 1 : Limassol – Phasouri (Lanitis Packing House ?) – Asomatos
– Kolossi – Kourris Dam – Limassol (wine tasting) – Hotel

GROUP 2 : Limassol – Kourris Dam – Kolossi – Phasouri (another
packing house ?) – Asomatos – Limassol (wine tasting) –
Hotel

Visits – Themes :

- PHASOURI : Visit to packing house - Presentations : sustainability of irrigated agriculture in the Kourris Delta; Water management; Aquifer management; Effects of water cuts and droughts.
- ASOMATOS : Intensive greenhouse production of vegetables and flowers
- KOLOSSI : (DRIVE-THROUGH) Traditions of Medieval Knights: Sugar Cane Production and Commandaria wine
- KOURRIS-DAM : Scarcity of water and droughts; Integrated management of the island's global water resources.
- LIMASSOL : A taste of Cypriot wines - 3000 years of tradition.

3. TRIP N°3

THEME : RURAL TOURISM – VILLAGE RENEWAL – DIVERSIFICATION – ACTIVITIES OF A LAG – APPLIED AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Itinerary:

GROUP 1 : Limassol – Psematismenos village – Zygi Research Station – Tochni village – Zygi village

GROUP 2 : Limassol – Tochni village – Psematismenos village – Zygi Research Station – Zygi village

Visits – Themes :

- PSEMATISMENOS : Walk through the village – Presentations by Larnaca's LAG: Village renewal; cultural heritage; Role and visions of a LAG
- TOCHNI : Visit of historical centre – Presentation by village authorities : The role of the Village Council in promoting rural tourism – achievements and prospects.

Visit to rural tourism accommodations: overview of the activities of a rural tourism entrepreneur; cooperation with locals; the role of the Rural Tourism Association; How does agriculture fit in?

- ZYGI AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION: Presentation by Research Staff: Examples of applied research to support sustainable agricultural production.
- ZYGI VILLAGE : Short presentation on diversification activities of a rural family (restaurant, flower decorations); walk through the village (Fishers' port under construction)

Optional: Dinner in typical Fish Tavernas (at own cost).