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Agenda

Date and time of the event:

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, 10:00 – 12:30 hours

Venue:

Dobrudja Agricultural Institute, General Toshevo

On the 20th of March 2024 a workshop for the local community was organised in the Dobrudja Agricultural Institute - General Toshevo, Bulgaria. It consisted of three lectures held by Krasimira Petkova, University of Forestry, Sofia, Borislav Paligorov, State Fund for Agriculture - Sofia and Veselin Ivanov, PhD student at the Forest Research Institute, Sofia.

First lecture:

'Agroforestry practices suitable for application in Bulgaria', Krasimira Petkova

The aim of the lecture was to introduce the participants to what agroforestry is, what are its benefits and the agroforestry practices suitable for application in Bulgaria. 6 types of agroforestry practices were presented: alley cropping, silvo-pastoral, protective forest belts, riparian buffer strips, forest farming and biomass plantations. The duration of the lecture was 30 minutes.

Second lecture:

'European and national policies to support agricultural producers related to agroforestry as a form of sustainable land use', Borislav Paligorov.

The aim of the lecture was to explain to farmers what financial support opportunities are related to agroforestry. 3 eco-schemes, at which they can apply and the respective criteria for evaluating the projects were presented. The duration of the lecture was 30 minutes.

Third lecture:

'Health status of the field protection belts in Dobrudja', Veselin Ivanov

An assessment of the health status of the buffer forest belts in Dobrudja due to active drying processes was presented. Possible pathogens and pests were indicated. The lecture lasted 30 minutes.

At the discussion, questions related to the possibilities of supporting agricultural producers for activities related to agroforestry were posed. The issue of the drying of part of the protective forest belts and the measures that can be applied for their restoration was also touched upon. The issues of the protective forest belts are of national importance and have a direct effect on climate change. The drought in the area and the rise in average temperature are of critical importance. Of the tree species in the belts, Turkish oak is currently the most resistant, but it is not known whether it will maintain its good condition in the future under the specified droughts.



There was also a direct statement in connection with the influence of protective forest belts on agricultural crops and it was pointed out that the issue of changes in soil fertility within the belts is very important. The role of the protective forest belts for the rainfall regime and for protection against wind erosion was emphasized.

The workshop was attended by representatives of the Dobrudja Agricultural Institute in General Toshevo, of the municipality of General Toshevo, farmers from the area, foresters from the nearby forestry districts and from the Regional forest directorate in Varna, a total of 34 people. and 21 completed questionnaires for evaluation.

ATTENDANCE LIST

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