



AGRO FORESTRY PRACTICES IN WEST BALKAN
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
WEAKNESSES AND STRENGTHS



Report on
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STUDY VISIT AGENDA

Thursday April 25 th 2024	
08:30 h	Departure from the hotel
09:00 – 09:30 h	A visit to a wind protection belt in Čepić Polje as an example of agroforestry practice
10:30 – 12:00 h	A visit to the Karlič truffle plantation as an example of agroforestry practice
12:00 – 13:00 h	<i>Lunch at Karlič truffle plantation</i>
13:30 – 15:00 h	A visit to Grožnjan with coffee break
16:00 – 17:00 h	A visit and cheese tasting in Stancija Kumparička as an example of agroforestry practice
18:00 – 20:00 h	<i>Dinner at Konoba Jadruhi</i>



Participants from 5 partner institutions - University of Belgrade Faculty of Forestry, Serbia (UB); University of Montenegro Biotechnical faculty (UOM); University of Forestry from Sofia, Bulgaria (UFS); Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek Faculty of Agrobiotechnical Sciences (UNIOS) and Croatian Forest Research Institute from Jastrebarsko, Croatia (CFRI) were present at the study visit. The study visit was attended by 17 professors and 5 students.

The Study visit of the project *Agroforestry practices on West Balkan: weaknesses and strengths – AGFORWEB* was held on Thursday, April 25th, 2024.

The study visit started at 8:30 am. The first location to visit was a wind protection belt in Čepić Polje as an example of agroforestry practice (Picture 1). The participants were given basic information about the site and then made a short walk around poplar trees (*Populus x canadensis* Moench) that are the dominant tree species on the location.



The next location we visited was Karlić truffler plantation in a small village Vrh, near the city of Buzet. It is one of the most known producers of truffler products in Istra and it is a great example of agroforestry practice. We had a welcome presentation that introduced us with their production processes and the plantation (picture 2). After that, we made a tour with an experienced guide and two truffler dogs around the plantation (picture 3) and we were shown how truffler hunting is performed.



welcomed by the owner Aleš Winkler who told us about their production and challenges, as well as offered us to taste their cheese (picture 5 and 6).

After a short walk round the farm and a conversation with the owner, we completed the planned visits and finished our field trip with dinner in Konoba Jadruhi.

The return to the hotel was at 8:30 pm.

The list of attendees is attached below.





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