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On 14 November 2017 at the Azienda Agricola Mannucci Droandi, the Open Day was held, a planned information activity within the Solmacc project, a European project involving three countries, Italy, Germany and Sweden and four farms for every nation; in particular in Italy two are horticultural and two address vine and olive growing.



*Project Solmacc (Foto D. Fontanive).*



*Group photos participating in the Open Day at Azienda Mannucci Droandi (Foto D. Fontanive).*

During the day the project was presented and its objectives, such as the lowering of greenhouse gas emissions, the awareness of issues such as: the containment of soil erosion, the reduction of work and the protection of resources water through the implementation of innovative and virtuous practices on farms.

The presentation of the project was given to Daniele Fontanive, AIAB coordinator of the Solmacc project.

In presenting the program, he mentioned that the companies involved are 12, four for three different countries (Italy, Germany and Sweden), and how the incentive of innovative agricultural practices can be useful for the conservation of the environment and how many companies although variegated and different, they can collaborate in a project to conserve the environment in different territories. The main objectives of the project were to highlight the actions carried out in the company, limit the processing and management of the wooded areas and hedges in the company context.

All operations to reduce emissions and conserve biodiversity, lead, has confirmed Fontanive, to a better economic management of the company, reducing in some cases the costs and processing. By implementing good agricultural practices, these also lead to better plant health management as plants are less vulnerable



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to different adversities (fungal attacks, harmful insects, etc.), with a strong benefit especially to organic farms.



*Vigneto e oliveto presso l'Azienda Agricola Mannucci Droandi (Foto D. Fontanive).*

The inspection in the field, was conducted by the owner Roberto Droandi and his wife Maria Grazia Mammuccini, has allowed to illustrate the methods of implementation of the methodologies of implementation of good agricultural practices (proposed by the project especially in the management of agro-forestation and mimimage processing), immediately assessing the visual difference of a land conducted with minimal processing and grass, unlike one worked with conventional techniques.

The agricultural management of the vineyards provides for minimum tillage between the rows, in addition to the normal phytosanitary management during the various stages of ripening of the grapes.

The grassing of the vineyard and the olive grove is natural and managed in this way for about 20-30 years depending on the plots.

Only in dry vintages where the ground is too compact then we proceed with openings of the ground to ventilate it.

Phytosanitary treatments have been significantly reduced if not eliminated in some favorable years, by virtue of the innovative techniques that in the course of several years of experimentation have brought the biodiversity of the business context into a state of equilibrium that reduces attacks by the entomofauna.

The vineyards, the olive grove and the arable land are completely surrounded by wooded areas consisting mainly of brambles, acacias, oaks and holm oaks. All the essences present are natural and the farmer owner deals only with the maintenance of this wealth which greatly increases the biodiversity.

The farm leads areas of arable land where it grows ancient seeds, areas with horticultural crops, olive groves, vineyards where there are up to 11 local varieties (Foglia Larga, Barsagliana, Pugnitello, etc ...) as well as common varieties for the area such as Sangiovese and the Canaiolo.

Only 6 people took part in the meeting, unfortunately the day took place after a bad weather that hit the surrounding areas, so many guests were not able to attend the meeting.

Several observations were raised by the participants regarding technical and economic aspects of the project, and the management of the farm.



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At the end of the information day the company has set up a buffet to let its participants taste their products.



*Farm Agricola Mannucci Droandi (Foto D. Fontanive).*