



On 29 September 2016, a SOLMACC Open Field Day took place at the farm Paolo Fontanabona in Italy.

The farm has an area of about 7 hectares, mainly produces vegetables and kiwi.

The event was attended by about 40 people, mostly owners and technicians of farms, both from the area of Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia.



The SOLMACC project and its objectives (lowering of GHG emissions and helping farms to adapt to climate change) as well as the different farming practices were introduced.

Later, the farmer Paolo Fontanabona explained how to obtain a quality compost, the crop rotation on the farm and according to this, such technical means and which processing the company uses in order to reduce the interventions with the machines to a minimum. A new feature this year was the planting of a mixture for the green manure (oats, mustard, clover, leguminous grass) between rows of the farm orchard.

It is learned that a good part of the working is done by hand, without the aid of mechanical means. This last aspect has aroused considerable interest among the participants, as to do so in horticulture with certain operating space turns out to be a very tough and tiring practice.





*The wall where Paul holds many tools for manual processing (Photo D. Fontanive)*

The participants have subsequently been able to discuss and exchange views on the various topics covered and practices implemented by the company since the project started in 2013.

