

SUMMARY

As a follow-up to the Grundtvig Learning Partnership project "Farming the Future", a coalition of civil society (CS) and academic entities proposes an innovative answer to the ecological and economic crises. It engages agroecology practitioners, degrowth theoreticians and CS organisations in educational activities. The project will fill a gap, providing a course linking these stakeholders.

Modular curricula on sustainable degrowth, encompassing the three branches (theory, practice and politics), will expand and integrate a collection of existing courses and experiences. In order to achieve a large multiplicative effect, a special train-the-trainer (TTT) module will also be developed. The core and TTT modules will both be piloted. International meetings will involve all partners in planning and refining these modules for dissemination. Each partner institution will contribute with an additional module in its area of expertise.

The partnership will generate a large number of mobilities between partner institutions from Southern, Central and Eastern Europe. Learners desiring further formation as international degrowth trainers can attend additional courses at partner institutions. Trainers will become part of a European-wide pool, such that CSOs or local initiatives, as well as educational institutions, can access qualified local trainers for their specific needs.

The course will be supported by an open-source (Drupal based) internet platform. The platform co-munity.net provides a back office for group communication, collaborative writing and project management, as well as social networking features. This set of functions supports strategies for outreach, community peer review of content for quality control and improvement, and team and community building.