



**4th European COST 866 Workshop
in Green Care in Agriculture**

**“Green Care for Health and Well being:
Addressing Research Needs and Policy Challenges”**

**28-30 September, 2009
Divan Hotel, Antalya, Turkey.**

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BACKGROUND

“Green Care” is the use of agricultural farms as a base for promoting human mental and physical health. The health sector and social services need alternatives to traditional medical treatment, therapy, rehabilitation and work training. In the countryside and on farms, the animals, the plants, the garden, the forest, and the landscape are used in recreational or work-related activities for psychiatric patients, mentally disabled persons, people with learning disabilities, people with burnout problems, people with drug problems, young people, elderly people, prisoners in farm prisons, and clients of social services. Such activities may not be pure therapy but extensive experience suggests they may have therapeutic value. The number of such multifunctional farms offering Green Care services is increasing rapidly in Europe. Recent studies suggest the following numbers: Norway: 600, Netherlands: 830, Italy: 685, Germany: 300, Austria: 250, Belgium: 400, Slovenia:15 and Ireland: 100. Many countries do not have good estimates and numbers are best estimates and depend on how green care is defined.

The main objective of this COST Action is to increase the scientific knowledge on the best practices for implementing Green Care in agriculture with the aim of improving human mental and physical health and the quality of life. The objective will be fulfilled by multidisciplinary contributions and discussions among scientists in agricultural sciences, forest science, economy, medicine, psychology, social sciences, nursing science, etc. The three Working Groups (WGs) of the Action are: WG1 – Health effects of Green Care (chair: Joe Sempik, UK), WG2 – Economics of Green Care (chair: Joost Dessein, Belgium), and WG3 – Policies related to Green Care (chair: Thomas van Elsen, Germany). The previous conferences in this Action have focussed on presentation of research activities and discussion of concepts and theoretical frameworks of Green Care research. The Action is in operation between 2006 and 2010. Further information is found here: www.umb.no/greencare.

You are cordially invited to participate in this workshop of COST Action 866 “Green Care in Agriculture”. The aim of the workshop is to discuss and to address the research needs and policy challenges in Green Care for health and well being in Europe. The workshop will consist of plenary lectures and meetings in the three Working Groups of the Action. Most of the time will be devoted to scientific and methodological discussions. There will be two poster sessions. Posters will be hanging up during the whole workshop.

Posters shall focus on methodological aspects of ongoing or planned research, or discuss methodological issues of relevance for green care research.

PROGRAMME

Sunday, September 27, 2009

18.00-20.00 Registration

20.30-22.30 Welcome Reception

Monday September 28, 2009

08.00-08.30 Registration

08.30-09.00 Artistic Performance on Green Care

Plenary Session 1: Opening Remarks

Chair: Prof. Hamide Gubbuk

09.00-09.15 Welcome by the Turkish Authorities

09.15-09.30 Welcome and introduction of COST 866 Green Care in Agriculture by
Chair of COST 866

Dr. Deirdre O Connor, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Plenary Session 2: Green Care in Changing Policy Contexts

Chair: Dr. Christos Gallis

09.30-10.00 Dr. Marco Martuzzi, World Health Organisation (WHO)
The global and European vision of health and its relation to Green Care.

10.00-10.30 Prof. Gianluca Brunori, University of Pisa, Italy
Role of Green Care in the changing context of rural development.

10.30-11.00 Response/Discussion Opener: European Commission Perspective on
Green Care and emerging agri/rural development /quality of life issues. (10-15 minutes
followed by open forum).

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Plenary Session 3: Green Care and The Social Economy

Chair: Dr. Joe Sempik

11.30-12.00 Mr. Peter Couchman, Chief Executive, Plunkett Foundation, UK.
Tackling social exclusion in Europe: the potential role of Green Care in the social economy

12.00-12.30 Prof. John Grin, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands,
Challenges in innovations across the domains of agriculture and social care: Research questions and policy implications from a transition perspective.

12.30 -13.00 Response/Discussion Opener: Mr. Koen Repriels, VOSEC (Flemish Umbrella Organisation for Social Economy, Belgium (10-15 minutes followed by open forum)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Parallel Sessions 1

14.00-15.30: Transversal thematic workshops (TTW) on key points raised during the morning session. Logistical details to follow. The themes are as follows:

- Multilevel governance in Green Care.
- Investigating policy barriers with future research methodologies.
- Linking Green Care with new concepts in the Social Care Sector.
- Challenges in innovations across the domains of agriculture and social care: lessons from a transition, entrepreneurship and social network perspective.
- Synthesis of current state of the art on research in Green Care – methods, approaches, outputs.
- European Manifesto on the Added Value of Social Farming

15.30-16.00 Coffee and poster session

16.00-17.30

Plenary Session 4. Feedback session from Transversal Thematic Workshops (TTWs) with focus on moving towards research questions.

Chair: Dr. Deirdre O'Connor

- o Panel session with rapporteurs from the TTWs – each providing a brief summary/feedback of TTW discussion
- o Prof. Grete Grindal Patil, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway: Research Needs in Green Care – Insights from Norway
- o Input from other discussants and stakeholders – with focus on moving towards research questions.

17.30-17.45 Summary of the day: Dr. Katriina Soini, MTT AgriFood Research, Finland

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday September 29, 2009

Plenary Session 5: Challenges and responses to the development of Green Care

Chair: Prof. Saverio Senni

09.30-10.00 Prof. Eddie Kane, Director of the Personality Disorder Institute, School of Law and Social Policy, University of Nottingham:

What are the evidence and policy barriers for acceptance of Green care?

10.00-10.30 Ms. Johanna Schuessler, University of Hohenheim, Germany

Tools to support the development of Green care: the role of support centres.

10:30-11:00 Dr. Jan Hassink. Plant Research International, Wageningen University and Research Center, The Netherlands.

The successful pioneer in green care: lessons from social entrepreneurship.

11.00-11.30 Coffee and poster session

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13.00-14.00 Lunch

Plenary Session 6. Feedback session from TTW with focus on moving towards research questions.

Chair: Dr. Joost Dessein

14:00 15:15

- Panel session with Rapporteurs from the TTWs – each providing a brief summary/feedback of TTW discussion
- Massimo Burioni, Scientific Officer, DG Research, European Commission. Insights from EU DG Research on Identifying Future Research Needs for Green Care.
- Input from other discussants and stakeholders: focused on implications for research questions.

15:15-15.30 Summary of the day: Dr. Thomas van Elsen, Petrarca, University of Kassel/ Witzenhausen, Germany.

15:30-17:30 Parallel WG meetings

17.30-19.00 Management Committee Meeting

Exchange/feedback from Chairs of each WG on state of play re their key outputs/documents/contributions.

Agenda for Management Committee meeting to follow.

20.30 GALA DINNER

Wednesday September 30, 2009

Scientific and cultural excursion

08.15 Meeting point DIVAN Hotel

08.30-9.30. Visit the Dolphin Center to watch therapy session with dolphins (see <http://www.yunusterapi.com/index2.jsp> for more details)

09.45-10.45. Visit to school for people with disabilities

11.00-12.00. Viewing the Dolphin show

12.00-13.30. Lunch

14.00-15.00. Visiting the Sevgi Village

15.30-18.30. Visiting the Aspendos and Perge ancient villages and theatre

Conference Hotel/ Venue Information

4th European COST 866 Workshop in Green Care in Agriculture will be held at Divan-Talya Hotel & Convention Center, Antalya, Turkey

Hotel Address

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<http://www.divan.com.tr>

Hotel Price

Single Room €80 (per room per night)
Double Room €115 (per room per night)
Rates are inclusive of buffet breakfast, set menu lunch, buffet dinner, and 1 soft drink for each meal and taxes

Registration Information

Please complete the Conference Registration form and send it to the local organizer by email to gubbuk@akdeniz.edu.tr before 11th September 2009.

Please also complete the Hotel Booking Form and return it to the hotel by email to mervet@divan.com.tr as soon as possible.

Registration Fee (125 EURO per person) includes conference material, welcome cocktail, coffee breaks, gala dinner and excursion

Important Dates

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2009

Registration

September 27, 2009
Time: 18:00-20:00
Place: Divan-Talya Reception Desk

Welcome Cocktail

September 27, 2009
Time: 20:30
Place: Divan-Talya Convention Center Terrace