SOCIAL FARMING

WHAT ARE THE NEW TRENDS FOR SOCIAL AND THERAPEUTIC AGRICULTURE?
CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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ABOUT SOCIAL FARMING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

MILESTONES

- The Velvet revolution
- The emergence of a private for-profit sector
- The restitution and return of land to their owners
- The emergence of a non-profit sector
- Stronger civil society
- The decentralisation of social care services provision
- Accession to the EU
- ESIF and European projects
- Philanthropy
MAIN OBJECTIVES OF SOCIAL FARMING

- Sheltered employment (WISE)
- Social care services, therapy, rehabilitation
- Education and community development
NORMATIVE DEFINITION

**Economic and entrepreneurial dimension**
- a) continuous activity producing goods and selling services;
- b) high degree of autonomy
- c) significant level of economic risk
- d) minimum amount of paid work

**Social dimensions**
- e) explicit aim to benefit the community
- f) initiative launched by a group of citizens or civil society organisations
- g) limited profit distribution

**Participatory governance**
- h) high degree of autonomy
- i) decision-making power not based on capital ownership
- j) participatory nature, which involves various parties affected by the activity

(Defourny & Nyssens, 2014: 26-27)

Source: Hulgård (2007)
## Social, economic, environmental and local benefits of social farms (N=15, 2018-2019)

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SOCIAL FARMERS AS SOCIAL ENTERPRENEURS

- Farmers
- Officers
- Civil servants
- Social workers
- Educators
TARGET GROUPS

- People with intellectual/learning disabilities
- People with physical disabilities
- People with sensory disabilities
- **People with autism (or autism spectrum disorder, ASD)**
- People with mental ill-health
- People with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
- People experiencing burn-out
- People with dementia
- Long-term unemployed

- Older people
- **Children**
- Disadvantaged young people
- **Young people at-risk**
- People accessing addiction service(s)
- People accessing homelessness services
- Refugees/people seeking asylum
- Ethnic minorities
- Ex-prisoners, people in the Justice system
- **Socially isolated or excluded**
ORGANIZATION FORMS

Self employed person (free lancers)
Civic association
Limited liability company
Co-operative
Public beneficiary corporation
Institute
POLICIES AND NETWORKS

Organic and multifunctional agriculture
Social services
Employment
Rural development
Social policy
Social economy
CSA
WWOOF
LAG
Universities
ESIF
Volunteering
RDP (CLLD)
Foundations
TRENDS

Back to our roots
Crafts
Soil
Birth and death
Real life
Respect
Real food
Gifts of the Nature
Prevention
Resilience
Ethic market
Inclusive economy
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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