



# Agricultura Capodarco: Social Cooperative



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## **Promoters.**

**Hungarian Quality  
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## **Funders.**

**Some members of  
Capodarco  
Community of Rome**



## **Context.**

**Agricoltura Capodarco is a social cooperative that has been established more in the territory of Grottaferrata since 1978 by a small nucleus of members of the Capodarco Community of Rome. It has therefore become over the years an integral part of the social and productive fabric of southern Rome. Today it promotes the social, sustainable and supportive economy, resonating on the riches of the territory to build welcoming and supportive communities.**





## **The project.**

**Agricoltura Capodarco's daily commitment is based on 2 principles: the centrality of the person and respect for the environment. In practice, the path of social inclusion and integration of work can be exemplified by cooperative employees who have psychophysical disabilities, who are in a situation of social distress, or as non-EU workers regularly hired.**





## **The process.**

**Regarding social agriculture, the strategy adopted is to use agricultural practices to generate well-being for the local community and carry out activities of social importance aimed at people in suffering, such as educational activities, training and employment, territorial animation initiatives, promotion of behaviors aimed at responsible consumption and protection of landscape heritage among others.**



# Governance and Policy Making



**Revitalist initiative**

**Top-down perspective**

In addition to the support it receives from the Erasmus+ programme, Agricoltura Capodarco is one of the 7 partners that make up Revitalista, so it takes a "down" position in the topdown approach of this initiative. It intends to implement a social and therapeutic method of education whose target group are farm employees.



# Activism and Civic Participation



**Inclusion**

**Viva-io**

Vivaio is a social laboratory where people with mental disabilities perform manual work in the greenhouse, in synergy with the agricultural and agrotourism context of the company itself, observing the shapes, colors and lights of the plants they care for. To further increase the participant's self-esteem and confidence in this laboratory, decoration requests are met for special occasions or events.



# Social Interactions and Relations



**Communication skills**

**Interpersonal relationships**

In addition to the teamwork they may have to perform in the farm's activities, participants connect with the local employers, improve their communication skills and enhance their interpersonal relationships during the conviviality.



# City and Environmental Planning



**Restaurant services**

**Tourist attraction to the city**

This project also stands out for its restaurant services (Grottaferrata and AgriRistorante Mystica), which naturally attract more visitors including the inhabitants of the city itself since in one of the rooms it is possible to make events such as weddings, parties and conferences up to 200 seats.



# Production, Distribution and Consumption



**Organic certification**

**Cooperative's production**

Around the implementation of social agriculture, over the years the cooperative has strengthened its productive capacity and diversified its activities, from the production and direct sale of vegetables, oil, wine, honey and biscuits - all with organic certification - to poultry, agrotourism and buffet.



# Skill Training and Education



**AgriSocial Network**

**Social agriculture skills**

In its pedagogical aspect, the social cooperative has the initiative "AgriSocial Network" that promotes agricultural activities related to social intervention. Thus, participants, while being integrated into the community, receive theoretical teachings and practical training for a rural context.

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