



Report from EPOS Multiplier Event ‘Innovative Education towards the Needs of the Labour Market’ organised by University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, 19th July 2016

Multiplier event was organised in Dačice (South Bohemia region). EPOS Multiplier Event was organised in cooperation with the PRO BIO company Ltd. and BIODOM CZ. We had 35 signed participants. Profile of participants: Organic farmers (60%), Organic producers (20%), Organic traders (10%), Researchers (10%).

Programme was divided into two parts: A) Theoretical presentations (morning) and B) Visit of organic farm BIODOM CZ (afternoon). In the first part there were presentation in following topics: Information about EPOS project outputs, Analysis of stakeholders needs (summarised results of EPOS project), Information about Educational tools and study methods developed/tested within the project: e-learning, summer course, internships, Research activities of Department of Agroecosystems (USB in České Budějovice), Current news in organic advisory system in the Czech Republic, Introduction of BIODOM CZ and PRO BIO companies. In the second part, visit of organic part contained moderated discussion between scientists, farmers and organic traders on the field in the topic of hulled wheat species, organic papaver growing field and composting in organic farming.

Following points contain summary of important feedback gained from participants. Participants were more interested in afternoon part (field exhibition). During presentation they had some questions mainly to specific topics related to certification system in organic farming, some practical aspects of plant growing in organic farming. Some participants were also interested in project outputs and put some specific questions. Some interesting points were also mentioned during discussion. Farmers and organic stakeholders want university absolvents which have high practical knowledge. Most of stakeholders is interested in cooperation with scientists, but also most of them think that scientists (also in organic farming sector) are long way from reality (a lot of research is not practical).

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