

BRING NATURE, SKILLS AND NEW
OPPORTUNITIES INTO YOUR PRISON!
FREE ONLINE COURSE ON
ECO-SOCIAL FARMING IN PRISONS



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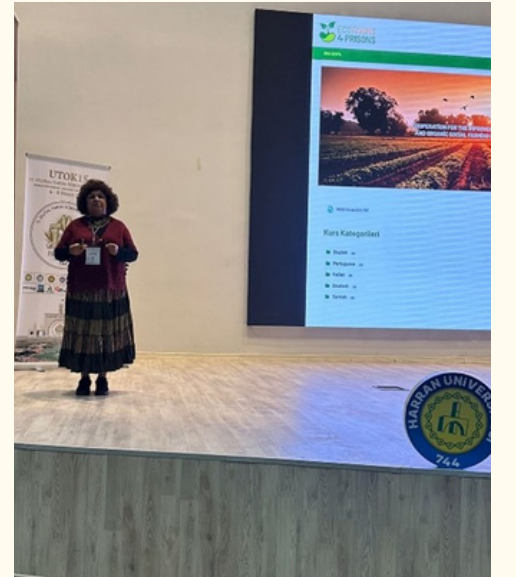
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Social Farming: Experiences from Türkiye and Europe – The Example of Ecofarms4Prisons

Prof. Dr. Hamide GÜBBÜK delivered a presentation entitled **“Social Farming: Experiences from Türkiye and Europe – The Example of Ecofarms4Prisons”** at the 15th National Student Congress, which was held this year in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye.

The presentation attracted **significant interest** and participation from **students** attending the congress from various **universities** across Türkiye. The event provided an important platform for discussing **social farming practices** and **promoting** the **Ecofarms4Prisons** project within an **academic environment**.



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Training on rehabilitation-oriented social farming practices in correctional institutions and agricultural activities implemented in European open prisons

Within the scope of the WP4 activities of the Ecofarms4Prison Project, **informative meetings** were organized at the **Open Prisons in Manavgat, Elmalı,** and **Döşemealtı** regarding social farming and agricultural practices implemented in European prisons. The first training session was held on April 14, 2026, at **Manavgat Open Prison** (photo 1 and 2) with the participation of **26 inmates, 2 correctional officers responsible for agricultural activities, 1 teacher, and 1 psychologist.**

Subsequently, a meeting was organized on April 21, 2026, at **Elmalı Open Prison** (photo 3 and 4) and attended by **23 inmates, 1 teacher, and 1 correctional officer responsible for agricultural activities.**

Finally, an additional training session was conducted on April 28, 2026, at **Döşemealtı Open Prison** (photo 5 and 6) with the participation of **129 inmates, 1 teacher, and 1 correctional officer responsible for agricultural activities.** During these meetings, participants were informed about the importance of **social farming, rehabilitation-oriented agricultural practices,** and examples of **good practices** implemented in correctional institutions across Europe. Through these **training and information activities, a total of 186 participants were reached.**



GERMANY



A pilot of the **EcoFarms4prisons course** will take place in the **Open Youth Prison**, Göttingen/Rosdorf that the project team already visited during the kick off meeting.



The prison is producing ornamental plants in its nursery **without** using **pesticides** nor artificial fertilizers. The youngsters will learn principles of **organic farming** and **practical skills like composting**.



Johannes Hohl, a student of organic agricultural sciences of the University of Kassel – Witzenhausen, will carry out **interviews with the young offenders** and include the **results in his bachelor thesis**.

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Berlin, 30.5.2026 (15:00 - 19:00)

Tour to intercultural urban gardens, with information about the EcoFarms4Prisons training course and integration of offenders into garden projects

Witzenhausen, 2.6.2026

Social inclusion within Market Gardening: Presentation of the EcoFarms4Prisons training course within the course "Market Gardening – Soil, cultivation and management"

ITALY

Let's sow surprises!



Recently, thanks to the **EcoFarms4Prisons project**, inmate **students in Volterra prison** had the opportunity to take part in an **organic farming course**.

But what can be grown in a limited space, where resources are minimal?

This is how the idea of **cultivating sprouts** was born—small, **nutritious crops** that could be donated to the **prison's culinary school** section for dinners and events open to the public. At that point, a sprouter was needed.

After some online researchers, the teachers and trainers requested a quote from an Italian company, **GermoglioSi**.

Once the company learned about the EcoFarms4Prisons project, it recognized and appreciated its strong social impact and decided to donate a manual sprouter.

This kind and unexpected gesture filled both students and teachers with joy.

And now... time to get to work!

PORTUGAL

Horta do Brejo – regenerating the land and the people



At **Horta do Brejo**, nine **female inmates** work together as a team every day to **produce fresh, organic, locally grown food**, which is then donated to families in need who would otherwise struggle to access this kind of food.

This **garden practises regenerative agriculture**, working with the soil and shifting from a model of exploitation to one of active soil recovery.

Just as the soil is regenerated, so too do the women who work there find a form of regeneration, not only through the **therapeutic effects** of working with the soil, but also as a way of giving back to those most in need.

The **food** is then **distributed** through seven **charitable organisations**, which deliver it directly to families in need or via social shops. In 2025, over 18 tonnes of organic produce were donated. [Find out more about this project here.](#)