

Conference European Ruraal Network –  
 Linking Rural Development and Social Farming  
 30th of September – Excursion Programm

### Theme : Linking agriculture and social welfare

Introducing the concept of social farming incites both sectors, welfare and agriculture, to tune in their offer and demand. Farmers who decided to work together with people with special needs reconsider the objectives of the entrepreneurship.

From the side of the welfare institutions one can observe methodological adaptations. Cooperation with social farms gives new prospects for social inclusion and coaching youngsters and adults with special needs.

We will visit a small farm. The farmer works with different target groups and we will have a discussion with social workers about this issue.

13u00	<b>Departure by bus</b> (transportation from Mechelen to Tielrode, 30km) Commentary and information during the bus ride about the functioning and role of care farms in the flemish region and the excursion's time-table.
13u30	<b>Short welcome and introduction</b> <i>Mieke Braet, Groene Zorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i> <i>Johan Deyaert en Martine Van Landeghem, care farm De Wollebol</i>
14u	<b>Partnership between Education and Agriculture</b> <i>Elke Catthoor, orthopedagoge Baken, school for special education</i> <i>Johan Deyaert, care farm De Wollebol</i>
14u30	<b>Partnership between Disability Care and Agriculture</b> <i>Peter De Pauw, jobcoach activitycentre</i> <i>Johan Deyaert, care farm De Wollebol</i>
15u	<b>How to make the link between Welfare en Agriculture? Community based care : both volunteering and professionalizing are needed.</b> <i>Gaby Desmyter, Groene Zorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i>
15u30	Coffeebreak
16u	<b>A network of care farms : an answer to concreet needs in welfare institutions</b> <i>Swa Janssens, coördinating the time-outproject from Begeleidingstehuis De Steiger</i>
16u30	<b>Conclusions</b> <i>Gaby Desmyter, Groene Zorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i> <i>Mieke Braet, Groene Zorg Oost-Vlaanderen</i>
17u	<b>Departure</b>