

## Workshop 5: Meeting of the SOCIAL INNOVATION Working Group

### Social Innovation: agriculture welcomes the autism – a transferable best practice from Marche Region



*Vallesina Bio* is an Italian organic farm, reborn from the ashes of the conventional family farm. To change the corporate imprinting, Vallesina Bio is growing with lot of *multifunctional* activities to became an **Innovation, Benefit and Social** farm of future.

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Among the corporate multi-functionality, Vallesina Bio has been operating for several years in **social agriculture**, working with users with different types of disabilities. It's really important the *dialogue* with users' **family**. Most of them are scared about the future of their children. They usually ask themselves what can happen after them. We are studying a solution. We consider users as a **resource** and we are here to find with them a way to work, a way to earn, a way to live.



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To give them an acceptable future it's essential to create excellent foundations for a Life Project, like the foundations of a house. This project must also be **economically sustainable**, work regardless of tenders and funding. It's therefore necessary to create a concrete and reliable business plan. All farmers must **evolve** into entrepreneurs for a **better common future**.

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A *structured project* is necessary to encourage the **best practice** of hospitality and **inclusion**. A *mapping* of the actions is necessary for the replicability of the good **format** in other farms and companies.

This is why the **partnership** between the various entities that support each other in order to optimize the path and strengthen **networking** is very important.



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Inclusion also takes place by creating creative and multifunctional teams with different abilities and skills. It is very important to learn to collaborate well, to respect rhythms and rules. These good practices are also fundamental in terms of co-housing as a hypothesis of future life. **Collaboration** is an archetype of society.

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What are we doing? We test and study many different activities in order to find what is most suitable for each subject and to create their own path for a profitable contribution, for a **career path** that makes them as **semi-autonomous** as possible.



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#### Happy moments



Our farm hosts the headquarters of a musical group, called «Riciclato Circo Musicale», (trans. Recycled Musical Circus) which helps us to carry out musical workshops.





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Our mission is **inclusion**: here other projects



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you very  
much for  
your  
time and  
your  
attention



Greetings from our **family!**