



Country:	POLAND
Organisation	KPODR

<b>Title of proposed session:</b>	<b>Care farming system’s benefits and challenges – based on the project supporting the intellectually disabled “Independently (not alone)”</b>
Main theme/ social challenge & innovation covered:	<p>How care farming started in Poland and in Kujawsko-Pomorskie region?                  What are its benefits and challenges for farmers, farming families, intellectually disabled and their close family?                  What is happening to the care farming system now? (undergoing rework)                  Exchange: 1. What is the situation (farmers’ needs, the system) in other partner countries? 2. What are the conditions, challenges and good practices related to development of institutional structures required to scale up the system to other areas and contexts?                  SI: Independently (not alone) - supporting the intellectually disabled in Tuchola county</p>

Summary of the purpose of the session:	<p>Providing information on care farming system – why it is needed both to farmers and inspiring examples of care farming innovations                  Exchanging experiences between Poland and other countries</p>
Target audience:	<p>Persons interested in options to acquire additional income at farms, sustaining or supporting the farms,                  interested in providing and supporting caring services for rural areas inhabitants, especially the elderly, the disabled, etc.                  i.e. farmers, farming organizations, social services, policy makers</p>
Attraction:	<p>Polish Ginger bread ☺                  We encourage the participants to bring over a little of their regional sweets as well!                  Interesting and direct outlook on care farming given by institutions and individuals directly involved                  The chance to get acquainted with the idea of care farming and its different kinds (on the example of work with the mentally disabled), or to get a different perspective on care farming, if the idea is already familiar</p>

Format:	<p>Presentation + discussion                  Presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The context of care farming in Poland – how it started, why is KPODR presenting this topic?</li> <li>2. Guests – the project’s coordinators share their experience working with farmers and the mentally disabled</li> </ol>
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	<p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Open discussion on the situation in other partner countries, farmers’ needs, relatable experiences and observations, policy recommendations</li></ol>
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