

Short title <u>in English</u>	The Association of the Croatian Family Farmers' Life
Country	Croatia
<p>Short summary for practitioners in <u>English</u> on the <u>(final or expected) outcomes</u> (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces).</p> <p>This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) – The main practical recommendation(s): what would be the main added value/benefit/opportunities to the end-user if the generated knowledge is implemented? How can the practitioner make use of the results? <p>This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers/end-users, using <u>a direct and easy understandable language</u> and pointing out entrepreneurial elements which are particularly relevant for practitioners (e.g. related to cost, productivity etc). Research oriented aspects which do not help the understanding of the practice itself should be avoided.</p>	<p>The Association of the Croatian Family Farmers' Life is the biggest association representing family farmers in Croatia. The association was founded in 2014 to fight for the family farmers in Croatia and to strengthen the position of family farms. At the time there was not a group that combined all the family farms, they started with 450 members.</p> <p>The association connects all the sectors; from livestock, to fruit growing, to wine growing and crop production. Having all family farmers in a single association makes their questions more present in the public and in the media.</p> <p>The association organised workshops and meetings to bring people together and set up a Facebook group.</p> <p>The association has also worked on developing really good contacts with the media.</p> <p>In 2019 it became a member of Via Campesina. At the end of the year members of the association organised one of the conferences at the Agricultural Fayre in Zagreb on Family Farming and Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>When a new law is made around the land, the association always tries to be as active as possible, speaking to the government and other agriculturally responsible institutions and trying to inform the rural development programme for Croatia.</p> <p>The association considers that cooperation between farmers is the key and advocates for more education around cooperatives and working together in Croatia.</p> <p>Networking and learning from other associations both inside and outside Croatia has enabled the association to present to their responsible authorities what is going on in other countries.</p> <p>Working with other associations and the exchange of knowledge that stem from it are powerful things that have and still help strengthen the association.</p>