

Short title <u>in English</u>	Martin Rosenbaum of Lukava Farm
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<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>After a BOND Project training in Cordoba, Spain in September 2018 where he learnt some methodology on how to collaborate, Martin organised a first meeting in February 2019 in Czech Republic for anyone involved or interested in modern horse-powered farming.</p> <p>Two months after the first meeting that gathered 63 people, Martin and his wife opened their farm for a field day. A few farmers brought their own horses and ploughs, so there was an opportunity for everybody who came to put their hand on a horse-drawn plough.</p> <p>There was a formal meeting focused on ploughing to share knowledge and experience, but the main outcome was people making connections between themselves.</p> <p>In May 2019 they organized another meeting in a research centre in Prague focused on how farming with horses benefits soil health.</p> <p>Up to now the group is still informal, members gather for meetings and activities that are well attended.</p> <p>The desire to be connected with people facing the same challenges as you has enabled collaboration.</p> <p>Most of the horse-powered farmers are lonely men from the mountains. They are used to competing against each other. During the meetings, Martin keeps trying to stress how important collaboration is – working with rather than against each other. Martin has also managed to connect younger horse-power farmers with older, more experienced ones.</p> <p>He has shared with them his experience in the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) model as it has helped his farm a great deal.</p> <p>People who do this sort of farming are usually very remote. It is good for them to have some connection and community, if they want it. Many people really appreciated the meetings.</p> <p>After the initial meeting in February 2019 they launched a Facebook group that now has 800 members.</p>