



## **BEGINNING FARMER EXTENSION**

**07 – 10 July 2011**

**Hódmezővásárhely - Hungary**

**3rd WORKSHOP REPORT**

The third meeting of “BEFARMEX Project” was held in Hódmezővásárhely, Hungary in the period from 07th to 10th July 2011. This was the third mobility activity of the project. The participants were thirty: ten from Turkey, five from Romania, four from Italy, seven from Spain, three from Hungary and one from Greece.

After the arrival of all participants, the meeting started on the 08<sup>th</sup> July with a short presentation of participants of each country and then the Turkish coordinator described the activities already completed by each partner and the activities to be done during next months.

The day after, on 09th July, the group visited a typical private farm in the land of Hódmezővásárhely. The farm has a surface of 670ha and three generations are working there: the owner Mr Kispál Ferenc, his two sons and grandchildren. The owner’s wife is the accountant of the farm. In Summer they are helped by two other workers. Mr Ferenc is also the President of the local association of farmers.



The farm started its activities in 1984 and it is continuously developing. It is specialized in breeding of pigs (about 120) and the main productions are grain (Triticum vulgare), corn (Zea Mays), barley (Hordeum vulgare), emmer (Triticum dicoccon), sunflowers (Helianthus annuus), rapes (Helianthus tuberosus) and soybeans and peas for pigs. They never feed animals with g-modified products. All the work is done by using updated machinery and chemical products are always used according to what is allowed in Hungary.



In addition to the above described production and to the breeding of pigs, the farm also carries out services for third parties, in particular, drying, storage and sale of cereals. The farm has in fact a big warehouse for the storage of cereals playing the role of an agricultural consortium.



The partners could also see the results of activities carried out and still to be finished thanks to the financial aids from the European Commission. Some parts of the soil are worked and turned over as the farm received European funds to implement new pipes for the production of biogas.

In the afternoon of the same day the group visited the National Historical Memorial Park of Ópusztaszer. The park is located in the Pusztaszer Protected Landscape. Here the partners had the opportunity to experience the life in a 19th century village, learn trades of the past, and meet old breeds of livestock and domestic animals.



The most popular attraction of the park is the “Hungarian Invasion” panorama painting – the Feszty circular painting. The Feszty panorama is 15 metres high and 120 metres long and it is a circular painting creating the illusion of a real landscape and real war scenes which was exhibited in 1984 to commemorate the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conquering of the Hungarian home land.