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PP9/ABR was tasked with the coordination of the deliverable *D3.4.3 Green certification/ecolabel report*.

The end goal of this activity was to realize 10 beneficiaries with ecolabel/green certification but also to promote education on ecolabels/green certification.

PP3/ZAD has ensured three family farms expert help in obtaining certificates for ecological production – family farm Kuzman Juričić, family farm Ražnjević Matej., and family farm Buona Acqua. All three of these family farms met the conditions for obtaining the certificate, and the certificates were officially awarded to them on June 6, 2022.

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As a part of the *Activity 3.4 Promotion and implementation of green certification/ecolabel for SMEs, products and services*, a total of three producers were certified:

1. Family farm Kuzman Juričić

This family farm is located in the area of Jasenice, Maslenica. Production is carried out on eight plots, one of which is a karst pasture, which is not in the system of ecological agriculture and production. The olives are of the *orkula*, *oblica*, and *sitnica* varieties, on seven plots there are slightly more than 100 trees. There are about 10 almond trees. The trees were planted successively since 2015, with the fact that part of the almonds was planted in 1990, and some olive trees are over 60 years old, restored, and cared for. This producer has a traditional grinding of olives into oil on his own farm and does not process in an oil mill.

2. Family farm Ražnjević Mate

This family farm is located in the municipality of Polača, Zadar County. The primary activity of the family farm is the production of fresh figs and almonds, apart from them there is also the production of olives in a smaller area. The almond plantation is 15 years old, and the fig plantation is 10 years old. The average yield of almonds is 3.000 kg. Figs *bjelica* are dried in a dryer or in the sun. They are sold 'at the doorstep', and figs of the *petrovača* variety are sold fresh.

3. Family Farm Buona Acqua

This family farm is registered in Stankovci, and has a total of 23 plots in Stankovci, Vukšić, and Dobra voda, which is where the farm's name comes from. Under ecological production, olive groves on a total of seven plots were included in the control system. Olives are harvested by hand and processed in a nearby oil mill. The plan is to build a tasting room, that is, a facility for tastings and education about olive oil and other traditional cultures of this region.

A request for the certification of ecological products was received from each producer, after which the process of application to the control system of ecological agriculture and production began. They were provided with the certification scheme and the relevant regulation of ecological agriculture and production. A risk assessment was carried out and they were assigned E codes under which they are registered in the accredited documentation traceability system at the control and certification body. After inspecting the parcels registered in the ARKOD system, the condition of the parcels suitable for the implementation of control and certification was determined, and contracts were concluded on the implementation of control and certification of ecological products and the implementation of field controls was agreed upon.

An evaluation group was appointed, according to the qualifications of the available inspectors and the calendar of activities, for the implementation of field inspections and monitoring of producers until the issuance of certificates.

Field inspections of the reported parcels were carried out with the aim of determining compliance with the provisions of the regulation, as well as the certification scheme. During the tour, the location of the production, the type and age of the plantations, the assortment, and the agrotechnical measures implemented, as well as the appropriateness of the plantation treatments with fertilizers and plant protection agents, were determined. Furthermore, the production plans were checked, as well as the planned prevention and precautionary measures, in accordance with the applicable regulations. A record was made about everything, which was certified by the control body and the representatives of the controlled entity. The documentation was additionally completed by the controller responsible for the implementation of the control and was delivered to the subject in written form.

Based on the minutes, the producers are instructed to register in the Register of Entities in Ecological Production at the office of the Agency for Payments in Agriculture. An entry in the Register is a preliminary step for the issuance of the certificate and enables producers to apply for the withdrawal of support funds for ecological agriculture and production.

The case was forwarded to the Certification Committee for a decision on awarding the certificate with all accompanying documentation and notes of the inspectors who conducted the inspection. During the certification process, all the bases that are a requirement for certification were reviewed and decisions were made on awarding certificates, and they were issued in accordance with the procedures of the accredited system. Producers with permanent plantations (olives, almonds, figs)

must undergo a mandatory three-year period of conversion to ecological agriculture. During that period, it is not allowed to use the eco-label on products.

The competent authority, the Ministry of Agriculture, was notified in a timely manner of the carried out activities, and production data is being recorded for the needs of the State Bureau of Statistics and the Agency for Agricultural Payments, as well as for the State Inspectorate. The documentation is stored in electronic form in the system, and it is delivered to producers in written form, together with forms for reporting changes in production and business.

Producers are informed of their obligations towards the control body. With the issuance of the certificate, the certification process was completed, and additionally, at each certified farm, a ceremonial awarding of the certificate was carried out in the presence of representatives of the TAKE IT SLOW project and representatives of Zadar County.



