

STUDY GROUP 1



Diverse Group

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Methodology

Notes

Questions

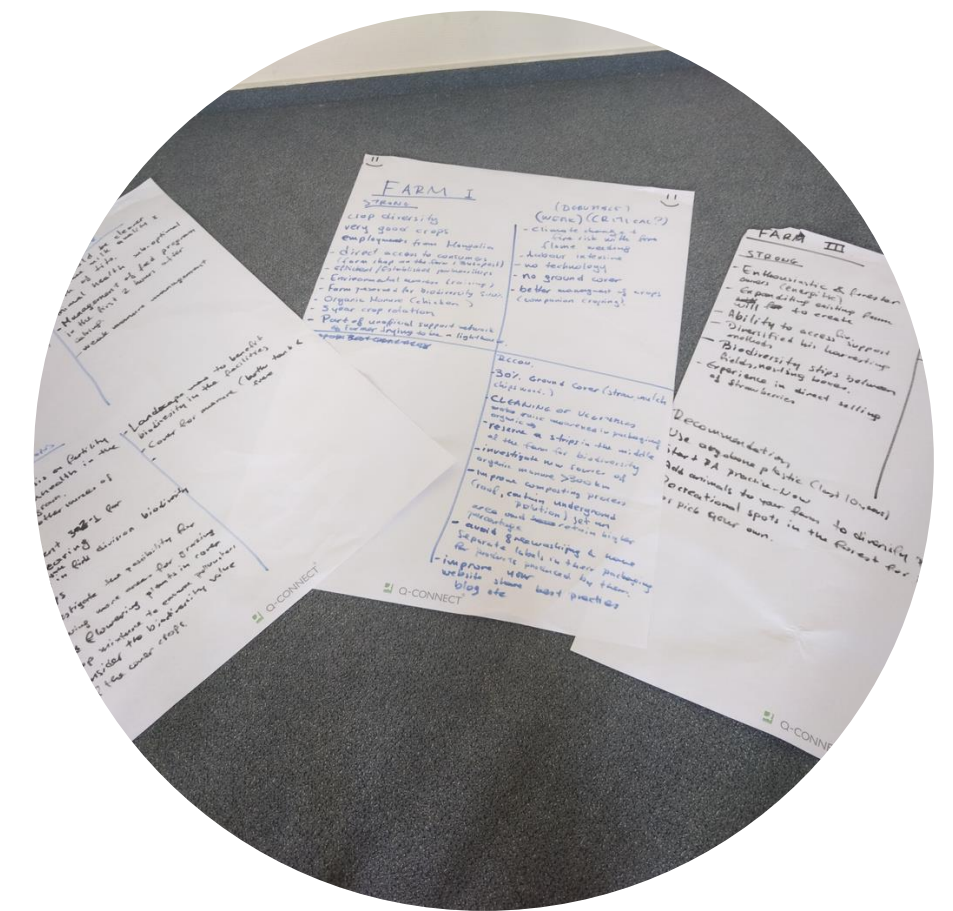
Onsite observation

Individual reflection

Group SWOT analysis per farm

Group Discussion

Website research





BioGarden

By Rabcakapi

Family founded in 1993. The agricultural business has grown to 250 hectares of organic crops, including apples. Partnered with local and larger businesses.



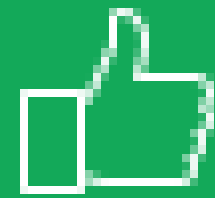
STRONG POINTS

- Crop diversity, 5 - year rotation, healthy and vigorous crops.
- Direct acces to consumers, Established partnerships
- Organic manure
- Enviromental awerness
- Collaboration with farmers
- 5-10% biodiversity field area



WEAK POINTS

- Practicing flame weeding
- Labour intensive
- No technology
- No ground cover
- Better companion cropping



Recomandations

30% Ground cover, straw mulch,
woodchips

Improve composting process - roofing

Establish biodiversity strips in fields

Investigate new sources of organic
manure

Less labour intensive packaging and
presentation of vegetables

Avoid greenwashing

Share best practices on website



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By Bona Syabolcs

Main operations are dairy cattle breeding, pork production, with their own home grown feed.



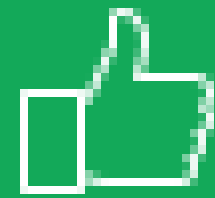
STRONG POINTS

- Innovative owner
- Use of technology
- Comfortable straw beds
- Crop diversity
- Low emission application of liquid manure



WEAK POINTS

- Infection control at milking
- Animal health sub-optimal
- Management of calf feeding at birth
- Manure management
- Optimized diet formulation



Recomandations

- Too much reliance on non independent commercial advice
- Investigate other sources of genetics
- 3-2-1 calf rearing
- Introduce biodiversity strips
- Introduce more grazing area
- Include flowering plants in cover crop
- Better manure managemant



Rabapatonna, Agrowald Kft

By Schmidt Peter

Newly expanded farm - 90 ha. Main activity of the farm is growing strawberry and cherries.



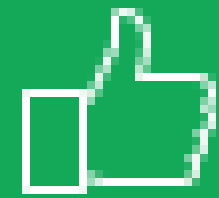
STRONG POINTS

- Energetic owner
- Forestry background
- Ability to access financial support
- Diversified harvesting methods
- Biodiversity strips in the fields



WEAK POINTS

- Weed management
- Lack of farming experience
- Not applying RA from the beginning
- Use of plastic foil in the production



Recomandations

- Use long lastin plastic foil
- Start RA practices
- Add animals to your farm
- Recreational spots in the forest



Conclusion

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- Not enough info. for RA - Grassland
- 3 different farms
- Openminded owners
- Methodology

