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# **Hedgerows as a traditional landscape element dedicated to support biodiversity and multiple ecosystem services**

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# Objectives

- **boosting production and ecosystem services of hedgerows**
- **support conserving and restoring the biodiversity of hedgerows and farmland,**
- **making the ecosystem services of hedgerows visible**
- **enhancing their contribution to sustainable agriculture land management.**

# Activities

- **model for recognising the importance of hedgerows as a unique agriculture landscape and for improving their design, conservation and maintenance**
- **five farms across Slovenia**
- **plants that support bees, production of edible fruits / herbs, and production of fungi - truffles**
- **long-term incentive for their conservation, a motivation for farmers to engage with research and advisory institutions, and potentially greater economic security**



# Resources:

**purchasing specific species and varieties of plants**

**mycorrhized seedlings**

**filed work**

# Results:

## 3 years post planting:

- 1. all planted hedgerows are still vigorous, their expected contributions to ecosystem services and production value are increasing and are expected to reach full contribution in year 10.**
- 1. Bringing together stakeholders, from farmers, consulting specialists and researchers for a common aim.**

# Potential for learning or transfer:

- **farms located in different climates, different primary production aims** (from tourist farms, pasture farms to multi-production farms on areas with limited production possibilities)
- **wide applicability** of this innovative approach
- **Individual approach and collaboration of research specialists**
- **Wide applicability**, and the approach can be **transferred to any production farmland.**

# Thank you!

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