Summer School

Agroecology: Conservation Agriculture in Mediterranean Systems

Organiser	INIAV, I.P.
Location	Elvas /Portugal
Date	27-29 April 2026

Timing	Monday / 27 April
9:00-9:30	Registration/reception
9:30-9:40	Wellcome & introduction to the summer school ➢ Welcome, purpose and Agenda of the summer school – *António Cordeiro (Head of the Plant Breeding Station/INIAV Elvas Innovation Hub)*
9:40-10:00	Mediterranean agricultural systems - *António Cordeiro (Head of the Plant Breeding Station/INIAV Elvas Innovation Hub)*
10:00 – 11:00	National plant breeding programs ➢ Winter cereals – *Rita Costa (INIAV)* ➢ Grain Legumes – *Graça Pereira (INIAV)* ➢ Forage and pastures species – *Teresa Carita/Nuno Simões (INIAV)* ➢ Olive trees – *Carla Inês (INIAV)*
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:00	Ecophysiological tools for Agroecology - Paula Scotti/José Semedo (INIAV)
12:00 – 12:30	Q&A
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

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14:00 – 17:00	Field visit – experimental plots from the cereal, legume, pasture and olive breeding programs

Timing	Tuesday 28 April 2026
09:15 – 09:30	Short recap from the first day and introduction to the second day - *José Matos (INIAV)*
09:30 – 10:00	Conservation agriculture – *Gottlieb Basch (UE)*
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the Portuguese Association for Conservation Tillage – *Gabriela Cruz/Ana Paiva Brandão (APOSOLO)*
10:30-10:45	Q&A
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:30	Agroecology Program: A retailer's view – *Marta Barradas (Sonae MC)*
11:30 – 12:00	Nature-Based Solutions for a Changing Climate: The potential of agroecology – *Víctor Rolo Romero* (UEx)
12:00 – 12:30	Q&A
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 18:30	Field trip – Visit to farms and experimental plots where conservation agriculture is implemented in a representative zone of the Mediterranean region - *Luis Alcino Conceição/ InovTechAgro - Smart farming*
18:30	Return to the Hotel
20:00	Dinner

Timing	Wednesday 29 April 2026
09:00 – 12:00	Field trip – Mediterranean Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral Systems "Monte das Oliveiras"– *José Potes (Farmer)*
12:00 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Return to Lisbon

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