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PORTUGAL MID-TERM MEETING, ALCAÇOVAS/PORTUGAL

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>>> PROJECT MID-TERM MEETING SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN PORTUGAL

The Mid-Term Meeting of the IN-AGRICULTURE: Innovation in Agriculture Project was successfully held in Alcaçovas, Portugal, hosted by Terras Dentro. The meeting brought together project partners from Türkiye, Portugal, and Greece, marking the official start of the project and laying the foundation for strong transnational cooperation.

THE MEETING OPENED WITH A WELCOMING ADDRESS BY MRS. ELSA BRANCO, WHO EXPRESSED HER PLEASURE IN HOSTING THE PARTNERS AND COLLABORATING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT. SHE PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF ALCAÇOVAS DISTRICT, ITS AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION.

INTRODUCING THE PROJECT AND THE PARTNERSHIP <<<

Following the welcome session, Ms. Zeynep İşigüzel, Project Coordinator, delivered a detailed presentation on the activities carried out during the first seven months of the project. The project objectives, activity timeline, and distribution of responsibilities were shared with all partners. On behalf of the Greek partner DIAN, Panos Milios presented the evaluation of the training materials development during the relevant agenda item.

>>> SMART AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGIES EXAMINED IN THE FIELD

- During the three-day meeting, participants visited regional agricultural enterprises in Portugal to observe firsthand how innovative technologies are integrated into agricultural production. The main topics of the field visits included smart water management systems, the use of photovoltaic (solar energy) applications in agriculture, and circular economy models. These study visits reinforced the knowledge and experience gained in line with the project's sustainable agriculture objectives.

>>> STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

As part of the meeting, an official reception was held with the participation of Ana Milhano, Joana Galvão, and Tiago Viegas from the Viana Municipality Support Office, as well as Maria João Carvalho, President of the Alcáçovas Regional Council. The reception served as an important platform for strengthening dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of experiences between local authorities and the international project partners.

>>> NEXT STEPS DEFINED AND CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

During the final session of the meeting, partners discussed the modernization of vocational agricultural education, climate-resilient farming practices, and the wider adoption of innovative technologies. An action plan for the next project phase was established, and responsibilities were assigned among the partners. The meeting concluded with a certificate ceremony recognizing the participants' contributions.

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