



**Agri-SPIN-Cross-Visit in Germany,
Mai 8th to May 12th 2016**

Tips for your journey to Rhine-Main Area (Odenwald Forest):

1. **Our hotel “Kloster Höchst”**, Kirchberg 3, D-64739 Höchst im Odenwald; Phone +49(0)6163 9330-0, is in the monastery of this little town in the Odenwald forest, 1 hour from Frankfurt.
2. Reservation has been made for the whole group of 10 external guests according to Eelke's list: 2xACTA, CIRAD, 2x HAZI, IFOAM, LLKC, SEGES, UHoh, ZTLO, BLE. **On Sunday the hotel reception will be closed after 14 o'clock. I will keep all keys of the late comers.** Be prepared to pay with Visa-card or cash: 192, 50 € for 4 nights, food included. Additional participants are welcome but this should be agreed with Eelke and Michael the latest 1 month before.
3. **To arrive by train is recommended for most of you: Final destination: Höchst/Odenwald.** 10 minutes to walk from train station Hoechst Odenwald to the hotel, details at <http://www.kloster-hoechst.de/index.php?id=19>.



Every hour there is a direct train from Frankfurt Main Hauptbahnhof/main-station starting Sunday May 8th 8.38; 9.25; 10.38; 11.25; 12.38; 13.25; direction Eberbach to stop in Höchst im Odenwald. It takes 1 hour to travel. Frankfurt has direct ICE/TGV-connection with a lot of European cities. Your individual connection and how to book tickets online in a lot of EU-languages at http://www.bahn.de/p_en/view/index.shtml. If you come later than 14.30 you should not go to Höchst but directly to our first farm visit at Hofgut Oberfeld. Take the train directly to Darmstadt and then with urban bus K 55, bus stop: “Hofgut Oberfeld” (16 Minutes). Arrival later than 18.30: take the train to Höchst and call me (mobil: +32-4975540589) for a shuttle to “Gasthaus Dornröschen” Annelsbacher Tal 43, Höchst-Annelsbach.

4. If you intend to stress your carbon footprint you can book your flight to Frankfurt (FRA). You should **not book to Frankfurt Hahn (HHN)**, which is quite remote, additional 1 hour travel. We can offer you 1 airport- shuttle to Kloster-Hoechst with our car, departure at about 10.30, Sunday May 8th at the FRA-arrival. For this shuttle please inform by E-Mail Michael Kuegler M.kuegler@vlk-agrar.de the latest 3 days before. All other arrivals should take the train to Frankfurt main station every 10 minutes and follow the instructions for train travelers. A taxi to Kloster Höchst would cost you more than 100.- €.



Focus of this Cross-Visit in Germany:

Innovation in German agricultural advisory methodology and organization

Schedule: Sunday May 8th:

Arrival in Höchst on Sunday May 8th 2016 is linked to the traditional "65. Apfelblütenfest in Höchst/Odenwald", the festival about apple blossom in this little town. Main roads are closed.



- 12.00 to 12.30 o'clock: kick off: presentation of participants and instructions for visits, wrap-up and timeline, building groups & discussing methodology
- 12.30 to 13.30 o'clock: you find your own lunch snacks at the festival market
- 13.30 to 14.30 o'clock: pageant with traditional groups and music.
- 14.30 to 18.30 o'clock: Transfer to **case 1**: farm visit at **Hofgut Oberfeld**, Erbacher Straße 125 in Darmstadt: Community Supported Agriculture and a lot of other social innovation. Details at <http://www.initiative-oberfeld.de/>
- 18.30 to open end: Transfer for wrap-up/timeline and dinner at "Land-Gasthaus Dornröschen" Annelsbacher Tal 43, Höchst-Annelsbach

Monday May 9th in the meeting room "Elisabeth" 1st floor of Kloster Höchst:

09:00 to 12:00 o'clock: presentation of institutions, presentation of agriculture and advisory landscape in Germany

12:00 to 13:00 o'clock: Lunch break

13:00 to 17:00 o'clock: **Case 2**: Training of trainers with Andreas Hermes Akademie: "qualification of multipliers - focuses on both: the personal development of multipliers themselves as well as on the train-the-trainer level"



17:00 to 17:30 o'clock: break

17:30 to 19:00 o'clock: Wrap-up and timeline

19:00 to open end: Dinner and storytelling at Kloster Höchst with Carola Ketelhodt about the first EIP support service office for operational groups at Chamber of Agriculture in Schleswig-Holstein/Germany



Tuesday May 10th:

07:45 to 08:45 o'clock: Transfer to Lorsch, Alnatura, distribution center

08:45 to 12:00 o'clock: **Case 3:** Trainee program for the organic farming business, presentation of the innovation and discussion with former participants

12:00 to 13:00 o'clock: Wrap Up and timeline

13:00 to 13:45 o'clock: Lunch break paid by the organizers

13:45 to 15:00 o'clock: Transfer and Guided tour at Alnatura Bensheim

15:00 o'clock to open end: urban agriculture in Frankfurt at "Frankfurter Gärten", dinner, paid by the organizers



Wednesday May 11th in the meeting room "Elisabeth" Kloster Höchst:

08:00 to 11:30 o'clock: **Case 5:** CECRA: up-scaling of advisors' qualification standards in Europe: presentation of the innovation and discussion with stakeholders

11:30 to 12:30 o'clock: Wrap Up and timeline

12:30 to 13:30 o'clock: Lunch break

13:30 to 17:30 o'clock: **Case 5:** entra: „It's not necessarily lonesome at the top" – Facilitated exchange for managers of advisory organizations : presentation of the innovation and discussion with former participants

17:30 to 18:30 o'clock: Wrap Up and timeline

18:30 to open end: Dinner and preparation of Thursday's feed-back at Kloster Höchst



Thursday May 12th in the meeting room in Kloster Höchst:

08:30 to 12:30 o'clock: Meeting with German stakeholders: results of the Cross-Visit, puzzles and pearls, discussion of open questions etc.

12:30 to 14:00 o'clock: Lunch

14:00 o'clock: Departure (1 transfer to Frankfurt Airport (FRA) on demand)

