

Exchange Schemes for young farmers in Romania

Banat University Training and Internship Agricultural Exchange Programmes

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Exchange objectives	Provide the best opportunities for training and internships for students of economic engineering in agriculture for a period of 2 months to the UK, Germany and USA. These schemes are funded through professional associations based on bilateral agreements with partners in other countries.
Group determination	People aged between 19 and 30, economic engineering in agriculture students
Number of participants	40 students per year
Destination(s)	UK, Germany and USA
Duration of an exchange	2 months

Rural Development through Entrepreneurship

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Exchange objectives	The purpose of the programme is to enable small and semi-subsistence farmers to access capital (existing and future funding opportunities) by providing training

WWOOF Romania

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Exchange objectives	WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) offers people the chance to volunteer on organic farms. Volunteers (WWOOFers) provide labour to host



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	<p>farms in exchange for food, accommodation, and the unique experience of living and working in the countryside. WWOOFers benefit from the experience by learning about other cultures, as well as being able to discuss and learn about organic agriculture and the organic food movement. WWOOF host farms benefit through the help they receive from volunteers and from cultural exchange too.</p> <p>An international exchange programme initiated by ECO Ruralis (a grassroots association made up of small farmers who practise organic and traditional farming based on environmentally-conscious principles) that helps put small farmers in contact with volunteers. It is a self-financed programme where farmers benefit through extra labour and in return volunteers are given a place to stay and food to eat.</p>
Group determination	The average age of volunteers is 25, most of them applying from Western European countries (especially France and Germany). More than half of the volunteers declare that they have an agricultural background and would like to reconnect with environmentally friendly agricultural principles.
Number of participants	35 farms and approximately 1 000 subscribed volunteers
Recruitment	Since the beginning of the programme, WWOOF Romania has facilitated placement to host farms for almost 1 000 volunteers (Romanian and international).
Duration of an exchange	An average stay of a volunteer on a farm is 2 weeks. Volunteers rarely stay less than this, and occasionally several volunteers remained on host farms for several months.
Budget	Approximately EUR 1 500
Selection of farmers (guests) and hosts	Farmers are selected on the basis of a set of social-environmental indicators, assessing the agro-ecological nature of the farms. Volunteers must be over 18 (otherwise they have to be accompanied by an adult and to supply the written and signed approval from parents).
Insurance	Volunteers are recommended to take insurance before departing to the host farms.
Assistance in travel etc.	The coordination team of WWOOF Romania offers assistance in travel planning and facilitates the communication with host farms.
Language conditions	Romanian, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian