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1 Introduction

The first training for the farmers in the Zlín region took place in Zlín on Thursday 28th of May. The main goal was to show the farmers all aspects of RRDs.

Table 1:	Training events for farmers
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Location	Date	Number of participants	Number of received questionnaires
Zlín	28.5.2015	23	23

2 Overview of training events

2.1 Summary

Will be done after second training

2.2 Feedback from participants

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3 Training event 1

The farmers were introduced into the project SRCplus by the project manager Tomas Perutka from the Energy agency of the Zlín region. After the introduction were mentioned the importance of the short rotation crops by Ing. Ivan Marak (member of the Council of the Zlín Region). Then the lector Ing. Ludka Cizkova started hers presentations about SRC (species, sustainability, machinery and equipment, cost, SRC in degraded soil and use of wood chips). After the sustainability were participants introduced to the situation of the SCR in the Europe by Jan Vidomus form EAZK.

3.1 Basic information

Location/ Country: Czech	Partner. Energy agency of the Zlín region	No. of event: 1		
No. of participants: 23	Place: Zlín, 21 st building of Svit area, Thomas Bata Exposition	Date: 28.05.2015		
Target groups: Farmers				

3.2 Topics of the training event:

The main focus of the training was SRC species and sustainability. After the introduction were presented themes like good agricultural practices, machinery and other necessary equipment, production costs and usage of wood chips.

3.3 Short summary: (goals, programme, feedback)

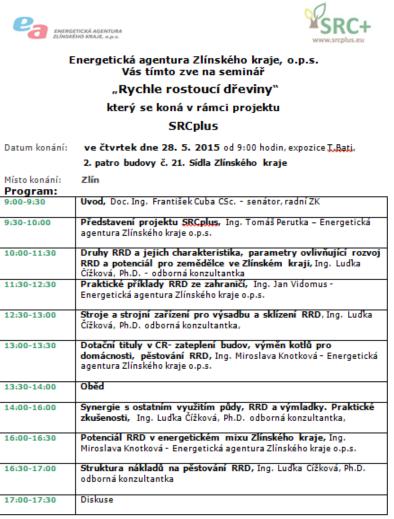
Goal of the training was inform and learned farmers how to establish and cultivate SCRs.

The programme of the training is in the chapter 3.4. All the chapters related to the SRCs were presented.

Feedback: All participants were really excited about the opportunity to hear some information about SRCs and discuss with other farmer about their situation. One of the main topic was the customers for the wood chips.

3.4 Event agenda (invitation and programme)

Invitation/programme:



Seminář je určen zejména zemědělcům

Svou účast prosím potvrďte **nejpozději do úterka 25.5.2015 do 9:00 hodin** na <u>jan.vidomus@eazk.cz</u> nebo TEL. 577 043 943

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Photos: In the chapter 3.5

3.5 Event photos



3.6 Others (media reports: newspapers, web page)

Article about training for farmers was published on the EAZK webpage here: http://www.eazk.cz/src/

4 Evaluation of questionnaires

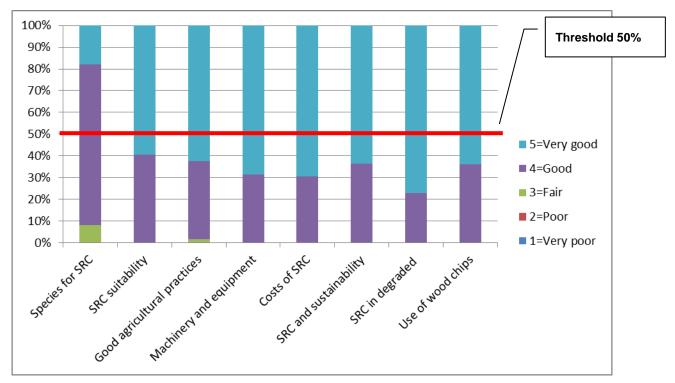
From the first training:

The number of answered questionnaires after the first training for the farmers was 23.

The distribution of answers is presented in the table below.

Number of checked boxes for selected subtopics

Evaluation scale	Species for SRC	SRC suitability	Good agricultural practices	Machinery and equipment	Costs of SRC	SRC and sustainabili ty	SRC in degraded	Use of wood chips
1=Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2=Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3=Fair	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
4=Good	45	56	66	29	35	42	21	58
5=Very good	11	82	115	63	80	73	71	103



The statistic shows that the almost all subcategories were evaluated as very good. Only the species were evaluated as good.

Lessons learned and adjustment of training concept for farmers

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According to the statistics will be improved presentation about RRD species.