

The first training course for farmers in the Zlín Region organised

The first training event for farmers in the Zlín Region took place in Zlín on Thursday 28/05/2015. 23 farmers from the whole area of the Zlín Region participated in this event. The main goal of the meeting was to transfer the know-how on SRC plantation, discuss economic issues, and promote the best agricultural practices as well as address sustainability issues in the selection process of suitable areas.

The farmers were introduced into the training course by the project manager Tomáš Perutka from the Energy agency of the Zlín Region (EAZK). After the short introduction the importance of the short rotation crops for the extension of the sustainable energy mix of the region was stressed out by Ivan Mařák, the deputy governor of the Zlín Region for spatial planning, environment and rural development. Afterwards, the participants were introduced to the situation of the SCR in Europe by Jan Vidomus from EAZK, sharing his experience from international SRC study tour in Sweden from February 2015.

Then the crucial part of the training course followed, led by Luďka Čížková, the experienced expert on SRC plantation in the area of Central Europe and Miroslava Knotková, the director of the EAZK. The presentations and discussions with farmers were focused on various issues related to SRC plantation like species, sustainability, machinery and equipment, costs analysis, SRC plantations in degraded soil and use of wood chips.

The participating farmers were proactively cooperating with sharing their experience and issues they have with SRC plantations development. At the end of the training course the feedback was collected from the participants in which they very favourably evaluated the information provided them during the event.

The evaluation by farmers on information provided them during the training course regarding the selected issues related to SRC:

