



**Teacheesy is an European project funded by Erasmus+ programme of the European Union**

The project is aimed at facilitating the use of the Guide to Good Hygiene Practices (GGHP) in all EU countries. Teacheesy aims to create and provide the necessary training tools and methodologies required by qualified technicians and trainers which will, in turn, be used to instruct farmhouse and artisan cheesemakers across the whole of Europe on a common policy for good hygiene in cheesemaking. This Guide, specifically dedicated to farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy producers, was officially approved by the European Commission and the 28 Member States in December 2016 and is a reference for the sector.

- 24 months: September 2017 to August 2019
- 10 partners (including FACENetwork) in 9 different countries working on a common outcome:
- Training toolkits in several languages
- 6 transnational meetings
- 5 training sessions for technicians
- 10 information events for all interested public
- 1 specific website
- **Total estimated budget: 283 205 euros**

**This second newsletter is an update of the progress after one year of the programme.**

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## What has happened during the first year of the programme?

**The Teacheesy team met** and coordinated the required work in the framework of 4 transnational meetings that took place in 4 different countries:

1- a kick-off meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, in Freising, Germany, that grouped the whole working team (18 technicians and producers),

2- three other meetings – in Spain in January 2018, in Bulgaria in April 2018 and in Finland in July 2018, that grouped the 8 technicians and 3 producers tasked with the production of the training tools.

Further to these physical meetings, the Teacheesy team met by skype, emails and in a dedicated electronic forum.



The Teacheesy team  
Hämeenlinna, FI – July 2018

**How the Teacheesy team have made their achievements public.** For example:

- On 22th November 2017, FACEnetwork organised a conference in Brussels presenting the GGHP and presenting the Teacheesy programme to producers' organisations, institutions (notably, to the European Parliament...), administrations and other stakeholders. 80 people participated in this conference, from 20 different European countries.

- In April 2018, a first newsletter was issued and sent to 400 stakeholders in the 10 countries of the partnership, notably to competent authorities and institutions, and also to farmers and producers organisations and to consumers associations.

- Also in April 2018, during the Teacheesy transnational meeting in Bulgaria, the programme was the subject of media coverage in the national press and television.

- In June 2018, Teacheesy was the subject of a press article in a Dutch magazine for farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy producers.

- In September 2018, the programme was presented within the event "Terra Madre Salone del Gusto", in the framework of the "Slow Cheese" group, in Turin (Italy).



Barbara Hart (technical coordinator Teacheesy)  
Slow Cheese meeting, Turin, IT – sept. 2018

**The Teacheesy team developed a training toolkit** comprised of:

- one large power point presentation containing all the details concerning the content of the GGHP and its expected use as Food Safety Management System of the farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy producers.

- in addition 40 training tools were developed (technical sheets, power point presentations, pictures, videos, ...) to be utilised by technicians/trainers for future training sessions with their own producers.

This is an up to date analysis of the physical achievements of our team reflecting its prodigious work in developing the Teacheesy project!

## What is the reality of Teacheesy?

As scheduled, the training tool kits produced during the first year of programme are to be tested during autumn/winter 2018 with groups of technicians, via **training sessions organised in 5 of the countries of the partnership. The pilot training sessions include farm visits, group assignments and discussions.**

2 of these 5 sessions have already taken place:

**1- From 12 to 14 September 2018 in la Tour du Pin, France, with:**

- 13 French technicians,
- 6 members of the partnership from other countries (Poland, Italy, Spain, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands)
- 1 representative of the French Competent Authority.

**2- From 18 to 20 September 2018 in Moretta, Italy, with:**

- 20 Italian technicians
- 3 members of the partnership from other countries (Netherlands and France)

Both in the French and the Italian training the participants represented various regions of the country. From Normandy to Corsica and from Aosta to Calabria.

The feedback on the first pilot training sessions is positive. The participants were enthusiastic about the tools that were developed in the Teacheesy programme and are looking forward to using them in their future training involving the GGHP. They appreciated the innovative and international approach.

These first sessions gave interesting input and inspiration to the writers/trainers enabling them to clarify and improve some parts of the training.

3 sessions are still to be undertaken:

**3- From 23 to 25 October 2018 in Lidzbark Warmiński in Poland**

**4- From 13 to 15 November 2018 in Freising in Germany**

**5- From 16 to 18 November in Madrid in Spain.**

More about these sessions in our next newsletter!



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