



Summer School

Agroecology: Conservation Agriculture in Mediterranean Systems

Organiser	INIAV, I.P.
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Location	Elvas /Portugal
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Date	27-29 April 2026
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Timing	Monday / 27 April
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9:00-9:30	Registration/reception
9:30-9:40	Wellcome & introduction to the summer school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome, purpose and Agenda of the summer school – <i>António Cordeiro (Head of the Plant Breeding Station/INIAV Elvas Innovation Hub)</i>
9:40-10:00	Mediterranean agricultural systems - <i>António Cordeiro (Head of the Plant Breeding Station/INIAV Elvas Innovation Hub)</i>
10:00 – 11:00	National plant breeding programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Winter cereals – <i>Rita Costa (INIAV)</i> ➤ Grain Legumes – <i>Graça Pereira (INIAV)</i> ➤ Forage and pastures species – <i>Teresa Carita/Nuno Simões (INIAV)</i> ➤ Olive trees – <i>Carla Inês (INIAV)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:00	Ecophysiological tools for Agroecology - <i>Paula Scotti/José Semedo (INIAV)</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Q&A
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch



14:00 – 17:00	Field visit – experimental plots from the cereal, legume, pasture and olive breeding programs
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Timing	Tuesday 28 April 2026
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09:15 – 09:30	Short recap from the first day and introduction to the second day - <i>José Matos (INIAV)</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Conservation agriculture – <i>Gottlieb Basch (UE)</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the Portuguese Association for Conservation Tillage – <i>Gabriela Cruz/Ana Paiva Brandão (APOSOLO)</i>
10:30-10:45	Q&A
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:30	Agroecology Program: A retailer’s view – <i>Marta Barradas (Sonae MC)</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Nature-Based Solutions for a Changing Climate: The potential of agroecology – <i>Víctor Rolo Romero (UEx)</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Q&A
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 18:30	Field trip – Visit to farms and experimental plots where conservation agriculture is implemented in a representative zone of the Mediterranean region - <i>Luis Alcino Conceição/ InovTechAgro - Smart farming</i>
18:30	Return to the Hotel
20:00	Dinner

Timing	Wednesday 29 April 2026
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09:00 – 12:00	Field trip – Mediterranean Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral Systems “Monte das Oliveiras” – <i>José Potes (Farmer)</i>
12:00 – 14:00	Networking lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Return to Lisbon

APOSOLO - Portuguese Association for Soil Conservation Tillage; **INIAV** - National Institute for Agrarian and Veterinary Research, I.P.; **UE** - University of Évora; **InovTechAgro** - National Center of Expertise for Technological Innovation in the Agroforestry Sector; **Sonae MC** - Portuguese retail and distribution company of the SONAE Group; **UEx** - University of Extremadura, Spain