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REGIONAL EVENT

Ecosystem Services as a Foundation for Resilient Rural Areas

Date: Wednesday, 7 October 2026, 9:15–12:45
Venue: Gorenjska, Dvorec Visoko, Visoko pri Poljanah 1, Škofja Loka

The regional event will address current challenges related to climate-resilient agriculture and the role of ecosystem services in strengthening the resilience and sustainable development of rural areas. Through expert presentations and examples of good practice, the event will explore irrigation, sustainable agricultural practices, the conservation of genetic diversity, and forest ecosystem services.

Programme

*** Irrigation Systems, Climate-Resilient Agriculture and Ecosystem Services: The Kalce Naklo Irrigation System in Practice**
Magdalena Krošelj, univ. dipl. inž. agr., višja svetovalka za področje kmetijstva, Mestna občina Krško

*** The Two-Way Relationship between Agriculture and Ecosystem Services**
Tomaž Cor, Specialist Adviser, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia – Kranj Institute

*** Seed Library – Preserving Genetic Diversity, Local Varieties and Ecosystem Services for Resilient Local Food Production**
Maja Vunšek, Bernarda Buh, Bernarda Potočnik, Library Škofja Loka

*** Forest Ecosystem Services – From Biodiversity to Landscape Resilience**
Martin Umek, Head of the Kranj Regional Unit, Slovenia Forest Service

*** Ecosystem Services in Practice – Good Practices from the Central BIC Project**
Examples of approaches from other countries will be presented, with a focus on their potential transfer to the local context.

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