



# NEWSLETTER

Sustainable Rural Regions through Women  
Social Agripreneurship and Social Farming



## COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

The SOFAR project is a pioneering initiative supported by the European Commission, in the scope of the Programme Erasmus Plus.



It is dedicated to advancing social agricultural education and female entrepreneurship. By fostering collaboration among universities, agricultural organizations, and NGOs, the project seeks to develop innovative learning modules, empower future agripreneurs, and address the challenges of social agriculture in rural Turkiye.

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# ZİDEK

## A VALUED PARTNER

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ZİDEK is a cornerstone of the SOFAR project, providing essential support and expertise in the development and implementation of activities. The Board's contributions include:

- Strategic involvement in designing university modules, focusing on preparation and piloting.
- Promoting high standards in agricultural education through quality assurance measures.
- Facilitating international collaboration to ensure that innovative practices are shared and adopted.

The Türkiye Team Leaders, including Prof. Dr. Gökhan Söylemezoğlu, Chair of ZİDEK, have been instrumental in shaping the direction of the SOFAR project. Additionally, Prof. Güçlü Yavuzcan, as the Project Coordinator, is also serving as the Treasurer of the Executive Board of ZİDEK. Their expertise ensures that the project's objectives align with the needs of the agricultural sector in Türkiye.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM TRAINING IN PORTUGAL



A significant milestone for the project was the recent training in Portugal, which took place in November. This event, hosted by the Portuguese partner SEMEAR, brought together project partners for a collaborative learning experience that included workshops, site visits, and key presentations. Prof. Dr. Gökhan Söylemezoğlu introduced ZİDEK's mission and its vital role in advancing agricultural education.

As a key partner, ZİDEK continues to provide invaluable support to the SOFAR project. By aligning with the project's mission, ZİDEK strengthens its commitment to quality education and innovation in agriculture.



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