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**RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAMME
FORAGE SUB-THEMATIC NETWORK
Workshop and Field Event**

Details of the Event

As part of the forage sub-thematic network, a 3-day technical and practical programme is being organised. During the first day information will be provided on the trials to be conducted, including details about the field preparatory activities, varieties being tested, aspects of the demo sites and trial monitoring activities. A discussion will be held in which participants will have the opportunity to share their experience on the access and use of certified forage seeds. During days 2 and 3, participants will convene at the demo sites to experience practical techniques and technologies applied for the cultivation of these novel varieties. Details of the sites and time will be provided during the 1st day.

Samples of these new varieties will be offered free of charge to those attending so they can also be tested on their holdings. Due to limited availability these will be offered on a first come first served basis. Participation is without registration, and everyone is welcome.

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – 4th November 2022 at Pergamos/Beyarmudu – South Mesaoria Social Centre

10:30 am	Registration and welcome coffee
11:00 am	Introduction to the pilot activities of the forage sub-thematic network, presentation of the overall work plan, explanation of the research and demonstration activities to be conducted. Questions and answers
12:00pm	Presentation about the local certified seed varieties including details of results obtained from the field trials, initiatives for farmers and future plans for wider access. Discussion.
12:30pm	Importance of soil testing – why, how and interpretation of results
13:00pm	Lunch break
13:45pm	Working group – Discussion topic “Challenges that Turkish Cypriot farmers encounter to access and use certified forage seeds”
14:30pm	Details on practical field sessions
15:00pm	Closure of day 1.

Day 2 – 5th November 2022 at Palaikythro /Balıkesir

9:00am	Meeting at football ground parking at entrance to Palaikythro /Balıkesir
9:30am	Departure of participants to demo site
10:00am	Explanation of the activities to be conducted, the technology being used and sowing of the seeds. Discussion.
12:00pm	Distribution of seed samples

Day 3 – 6th November 2022 at Santalaris /Sandallar

9:00am	Meeting at Prastio/Dörtyol junction
9:30am	Depart to demo site
10:00am	Explanation of the activities to be conducted, the technology being used and sowing of the seeds. Discussion.
12:00pm	Distribution of seed samples