



European Gardeniser Pro Online Training Course

14th April 2021 - 30th June 2021



Developed within the Erasmus+ KA2 VET programme - strategic partnerships for innovation, GARDENISER PRO is a new training program for key coordinators in community focused farms and gardens

About Gardeniser Pro

A Gardeniser is a key coordinating role working inside a community garden or farm. Our training teaches aspiring Gardenisers the importance of cohesion, participation, and social inclusion and how to work effectively with volunteers and staff and create a sustainable community supported farm or garden. We are delighted to run this course in the UK using a blended learning approach.

The learning combines educational materials and opportunities for interaction online with traditional online classroom methods. This is combined with the internship which lets you work on your own and involves visits to other community gardens/farms and with other learners and mentors.

Gardeniser Pro uses the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) which is a technical framework for the recognition of learning outcomes with a view to achieving a qualification. ECVET works hand in hand with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) to provide greater transparency in European qualifications.

The GARDENISER PRO Training Course is divided into 3 Modules which represent the core competencies of a Gardeniser. Each module includes different units. Each unit is described in terms of one or more Learning Outcomes. The program works through the 3 modules over the course of 10 weeks for 2 hours working together through webinars and online meetings once a week in English and then in your own time you will need to complete an internship with homework and out of classroom activities which will need to be submitted weekly to the course leader.

In total the course will cover 80 hours of learning including classroom training and practical internship work which can be done to fit your own schedule. Once this training is completed learners can take the online test to obtain the Gardeniser Pro licence. The whole Gardeniser Pro training pathway (training course + internship) gains a total of 7,5 ECVET credits.

Key information

- Cost £199/€225 to cover 10 weeks of blended learning. Fees must be paid in advance at the start of the course.
- The course will be delivered in English and all course work, written material and communication will be done in English. The learner must have a good working knowledge of English with an English level B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), and be able to write and speak in English to undertake the course.
- This course is for adults only and you must be 18 years or older.
- You will need to be involved either with a community managed garden or farm and/or demonstrate you have some knowledge or understanding of these kinds of outdoor spaces.
- The course will include 10 taught sessions on Wednesdays (16.00 – 18.00 UK time) starting on the 14th April 2021 and concluding on the 30th January. There will be a 2 week break from 26th May and classes will resume on the 9th June. Learners will need to attend all online sessions weekly which will run for an average of 2 hours a week as well as undertake additional work and the internship for another 6 hours a week, each week, in their own time in order to complete the 3 modules and then take the online test and gain the Gardeniser Pro license. In total there will be 20 hours of online classroom work, 20 hours of working outside of the online classroom and 40 hours of the practical internship for a total of 80 hours done by the completion of the course.

Applying

The course is open to students across Europe and an online application form must be filled out to register your interest by 22nd March 2021.

We anticipate high volumes of applicants and won't be able to guarantee all applicants a place on the course.

Please give us as much information as you can about yourself and your interest in Gardeniser Pro.

Applicants will be notified if they have gained a place by the 26th March 2021. Payment for the course will need to be received before the 7th April 2021 to secure your place. **In order to apply [click here](#).**

The practical part of the course is the internship and will be supported by a network of partners including city farms, community gardens and care farms across Europe.

What the course covers

Module 1: Understanding the community garden/farm- Approximately 13 hours of online work and 10 hours internship.

- Understanding the main concepts and main characteristics of community gardens and farms
- History of the community garden
- Consulting the community
- The importance of partnerships
- Advocacy, good communication and managing conflict.
- Finding the right site for your project
- Design of the site

Module 2: Working effectively with staff and volunteers-Approximately 17 hours of online work and 20 hours of internship

- Looking after staff, volunteers, and visitors
- Techniques to support people who are stressed and to increase wellbeing.
- Contributions and challenges of working with volunteers
- Recruiting, inducting, and retaining volunteers

Module 3: Sustainability-Approximately 12 hours of online work and 8 hours of internship

- Understanding costs and budgeting
- Creating an action plan
- Ways to bring in income
- Evaluation as a process
- Doing a health check of the project

Practical work includes:

- Visits to other gardens and farms
- Setting up meetings and events
- Organising activities
- Recruiting staff and volunteers
- Running planning sessions
- Creating rules and policies
- Working with a budget
- Working to a plan and bringing in income
- Running evaluation sessions
- Doing a health check

Work can be done using a variety of methods to submit evidence of learning including written work, videos, pictures, diaries, blogs and face to face sessions, group work and interactive sessions.

Find out more

This training is being delivered by [Social Farms & Gardens](#) – the UK wide charity supporting communities to farm, garden and grow together.

Social Farms & Gardens has been delivering quality training to our members for over 40 years and are currently undergoing assessment to become accredited training providers with the British Accreditation Council.

Find out more about Gardeniser [here](#)

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