

# Cost Effectiveness and Funds for Organic Agriculture

## Applying for this course

This course is targeted at those learners who wish to learn more on organic farming. Either emerging organic farmers who would like to further enhance their existing skills or individuals who are passionate about organic produce and would like to find a related job. Eligible individuals would be **persons who completed compulsory schooling** up to 64 years of age, who know how to communicate in Maltese or English.

## Course Duration

This course is of 15 hours duration and consists of one Module.

## General pedagogical guidelines and procedures for this course:

The delivery of this course will be mainly held through a series of presentations and discussions.

## General assessment policy and procedures for this course:

The learner will be assessed through an ongoing assessment in the form of discussion, oral questions, multiple choice questions, assignments and/or case studies depending on the learners' ability. The ongoing assessment does not carry any marking but rates the performance of the learner in class.

## Module 1 Learning Outcomes – Cost Effectiveness of Organic Farming

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ List and describe the latest technology used in organic farming</li><li>✓ Describe how commodity is enhanced through technology</li><li>✓ Describe the process of recycling and its advantages</li><li>✓ List material that can be recycled</li><li>✓ Be familiar with different contacts within the biogas plant</li><li>✓ Describe the procedure for using the biogas plant to convert waste to energy</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Describe how to maintain equipment</li><li>✓ Discuss how to use different marketing tools to promote produce</li><li>✓ Explain ways how an organic farmer can manage money for sustainability</li><li>✓ Identify Schemes and funds available (including contacts, example Agricultural EU funds office)</li><li>✓ Describe the process and advantaged of organic farming for businesses</li><li>✓ Describe the importance of and follow good practice for record taking</li></ul> |
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**Module 1 Assessment:** There is no assessment for this module.

This course was designed in collaboration with MCCA, MOAM and various organic farmers. This course is not accredited through MFHEA and hence it is not pegged at an MQF level. Learners who attend at least 80% of the course, will receive a confirmation of attendance. This confirmation of attendance can be used to eventually apply for the certificate of achievement once all modules of the *Organic Farming* course are complete.