



Commercial Aquaponics

5 DAY COURSE

14.09. - 18.09.2016

Slovenia: Rakican + Otovci



Three years ago, when we started planning our aquaponics commercial farm Ponnod Prime, we thought we know a lot.

Today we realise that that was still just a drop in the ocean – we would have saved ourselves at least half the time, money and effort, if we would have had experts in Europe to help us out.

That is why we are organising a Commercial Aquaponics Course – for all you Europeans out there who are taking – or thinking about steps towards commercial aquaponic farming.

Main Takeaways of the programme

Starting a commercial aquaponics farm:

- How to select and assess your contractors and consultants,
- Is there anything missing in your business model,
- Where did you get your yield data from,
- How to do the market research and where the pitfalls with different segments are.

Thinking about the design:

- Where are the hidden costs and traps in aquaponic projects,
- Aquaponics engineering and production,
- Your money goes down the drain with operational and labour costs – how to reduce these through design,

How to operate:

- Specifics of GAP and HACCP certifications,
- How to manage nutrients and water parameters on a daily basis,
- How to think through your plant production plans in relation to sales,
- How to think through your fish production plans in relation to sales,
- All the things that can go wrong with your biofilter – and how to correct them.
- Fish health and safety,
- Plants pest and disease management.



Hands-on experience

The 4 day course will be a hands-on experience, including the participants in the everyday operations of the Ponnod Prime commercial aquaponics farm.



Individual consultations

Each day 2 hours of the programme will be reserved for small group and/or individual consultation with participants on their own specific business models, system design and questions and ideas about system operations.



Practical exercises

Lectures are organised in a way that the participants receive practical exercises in order for the knowledge to set in and be truly understood (e.g. practical calculations of nutrient management additions for already established or planned systems, pest identification on yellow traps, pest management proposals).

Lecturers:

dr. Maja Turnsek Hancic
business model planning, cost planning

Carlos A. Espinal
fish health and maintenance

Matej Leskovec
system design and operation, plant side

Rob van de Ven
system design and operation, fish side

dr. Vesna Milicic
HACCP, G.A.P., food safety

Kevin Hartman
practical exercises: nutrients, water quality

Gasper Jersin
practical exercises: system monitoring and control

Katja Gucek
practical presentations: plants

Early birds save up to 40%:

Date of application	Price
30.6.2016	450 €
15.7.2016	500 €
30.7.2016	550 €
15.8.2016	600 €
After 15.8.2016	750 €

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