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**Background:**
Farming is the principal economic activity in most rural areas of the EU. About half of the population of the EU lives in rural areas. Women farmers who are less educated and do not have entrepreneurship competences represent a substantial share of the total agricultural labour force. Their contributions are mostly invisible to markets, state and society. This has suppressed the potential of women farmers in the EU. Helping women farmers to improve their farming skills is necessary to ensure that the challenges of the rural areas are met successfully in the future.

According to EU 2020 Strategy, some of the EU goals are to modernise labour markets, to empower people by developing their skills, to increase labour participation, to match labour supply better, to improve the business environment and to support the development of a strong and sustainable industrial base able to compete globally.

With the EMWOFA project we want to point out the importance of women in agriculture and to improve the skills of these women farmers to ensure a sustainable farming system in Europe.

**Aim:**
EMWOFA project aims at:
- To provide a comprehensive educational program to develop technical, entrepreneurial and managerial knowledge in agriculture and use this to train women farmers
- To foster women’s access to education on farming
- To help women farmers to realize their full potential to operate and sustain profitable farms as small businesses

**Final products:**
- Development of training content and a workbook according to the education level in 3 languages
- Training activities for training supervisors and women farmers
- E-Learning Videos about “Agricultural Business Management” for women farmers
- Pre and post tests in order to evaluate the improvement of the women farmers
- Web portal to give online support via forums

**Partners:** (in alphabetical order)