**Becoming an interactive innovation support advisor**

**I2connect Summer School 2023, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany**

**CONTEXT AND AIM**

The i2connect project is generating experiences, insights and tools that are useful for agricultural education as well. In the summer classes, participants will get the chance to acquire additional knowledge and skills to support interactive innovation processes through participatory methodologies.

**AUDIENCE**

Students (under and post-graduate, PhD), lecturers

**REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants to the summer school should have…

* knowledge on innovations in agriculture
* background or a strong interest in communicative interactions and advisory services in the context of agri-food systems
* good command of the English language

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

*ONLINE*

* July 2023 (date to be confirmed): on-line meeting (2 hours). Get to know each other and introduce concepts about innovation theory and communication

*SUMMER SCHOOL ON-SITE*

* 10th of September 2023 (Sun): Arrival. Late afternoon meeting: informal get together
* 11 to 15th of September: Training with an excursion to an operational group
* 16th of September (Sat): Departure

(we urge you to accept the arrival and departure dates)

*ONLINE*

Winter 2023 date to be confirmed): Follow-up webinar (1.5 hour)

**KEY TOPICS**:

* Innovation approaches
* Systemic approaches – networks – bottom-up innovation
* Interactive innovation as applied to farming and forestry
* Communication in interactive innovation – participatory methods
* Roles of the advisor in the innovation process (the Spiral of Innovations and the Triangle of co-creation)
* Networking and facilitation
* Field visit and exchange with actors of operational groups

**SUMMER SCHOOL BUDGET / COSTS**

Participants will have to cover their travel costs, part of the accommodation in a close-by hotel (220 Euro), and dinner. Alternatively, students can arrange their own accommodation, in which case there are no accommodation costs.

The summer school will cover the expenses of trainers, classrooms, and training materials, as well as all participants’ breakfast, coffee-breaks, lunches and receptions (at the university campus).

**APPLICATION FORM**

1. **Applicant Details**

Please provide your personal and communication data so that we will be able to get in contact with you.

**First Name:** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**Last Name:** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**Nationality:** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**University & Department / Organisation** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**Semester of studies** (for students)**:** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**Level of studies ☐**undergraduate  
☐graduate  
☐phD  
☐other:

**Practical experiences:** Wählen Sie ein Element aus.

**Email Address** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**Mobile tel.** (country code & number)**:** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

**Comments:** Klicken oder tippen Sie hier, um Text einzugeben.

1. **Accommodation**

In order to make the reservation in time it is important for us to know whether you want to organize your own accommodation or stay in a hotel near the university reserved by us and pay 220 euros for it.

☐I wish to stay in the hotel for 220 Euro ☐I will organise my own accommodation

1. **Familiarity with topics**

Please provide your familiarity with the topics in the table below (indicate it using a cross X).

1 new – I have never been taught this topic

2 basics – I have had a lesson/session on the topic

3 moderate – I have had a module on this topic

4 confident – I have been taught the topic and I have practiced it within the session/module

5 standard – I have been taught the topic and I have quite some practical experiences as well

| **Familiarity with** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
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| Agricultural extension/ advisory work |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participatory approaches |  |  |  |  |  |
| Innovation theories |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farming systems/ AKIS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication methods/techniques |  |  |  |  |  |
| Facilitation |  |  |  |  |  |
| One to one consultation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Working with groups/ facilitation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching/Lecturing/Presentations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Project management |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mediation/Conflict management |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rural development |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interactive innovation |  |  |  |  |  |

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Please also provide a list of relevant course and experiences on the above-mentioned topics.

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We kindly ask you to complete the short form and return it to us before the **30th of April 2023**. You may send your application to Dr (Ms) Maria Gerster-Bentaya, email: [m.gerster-bentaya@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:m.gerster-bentaya@uni-hohenheim.de) and/or Prof (Ms) Andrea Knierim ([i430a@uni-hohenheim.de](mailto:i430a@uni-hohenheim.de)).

**Participants**

Selected candidates will be notified of their admission **by May 10, 2023**.