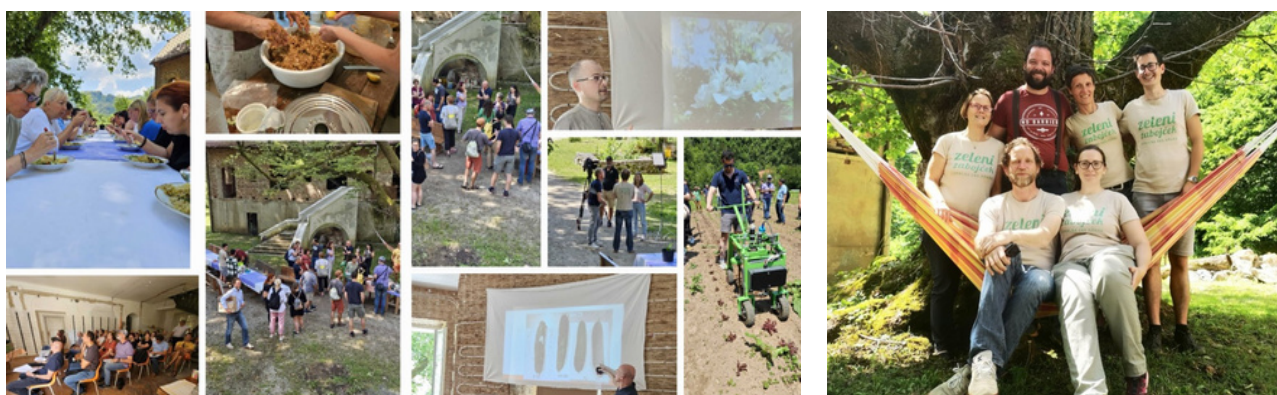


Innovation Hub Factsheets 2024

Green Box Čarna, Slovenia

Green Box Čarna delivers weekly organic veg boxes around their local area of Ljubljana in Slovenia. Not only do they help customers learn more about the benefits of a healthy food system, they also work hard to connect and facilitate knowledge exchange among their farmer network. In this manner, a decision support tool for efficient irrigation was developed. Current know-how around market gardening in Slovenia is being compiled and shared.



Market gardeners day, June 2024

Green Box Čarna team

Notable successes and challenges 2023–2024

During 2023–24, the team have fostered a high level of cooperation with their network of market gardeners, exchanging ideas and learning opportunities. These have been well received, and have also attracted participation from farmers and farm advisors from all around the country.

A major challenge during this time period has been fluctuating customer numbers, making planning tough also for farmers delivering to the box scheme, as variable customer numbers result in more efforts needed to sell produce. One solution was to set up a stall at a nearby campsite for holiday-makers and local residents.

The weather this year resulted in slugs and weed control being major preoccupations on the farm. To tackle both, experiments were conducted with varying degrees of success, preparing for the coming season with a more focused approach.

Summary

After a busy phase of activity and consolidation, the goal for 2025 for the main site is to build raised beds and plant cover crops as soon as possible so that weeds will find it harder to germinate. This will also help add much-needed organic material to the soil. The ultimate goal is to stop using the rotary milling machine.