

## Challenges to Organic Farmers and Mitigations

### 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 10 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 – Challenges to Organic Farmers and Mitigations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ List the limitations related to organic farming (examples; water availability, fields on a slope, fields next to each other, cost of produce, human resource available, lack of awareness in society)</li><li>✓ Propose solutions using organic measures and sustainability (example cover cropping, seed saving)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Describe ways how to create a circular economy in agriculture</li><li>✓ Describe the virtuous cycle between farmers and consumers in order to recreate value to the sector</li><li>✓ Describe different case studies</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.