

## Czech Republic

### Entry of skilled/younger farmers

Czech young farmer modernises her small farm's production of artisan wool.

### Summary

A young female farmer used CAP funding to help take over her family farm and start a successful sheep farming business producing wool for craft products. CAP funds were used to help improve her productivity through the purchase of new equipment and livestock.



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#### Location

Frenštát pod Radhoštěm

#### Programming period

2014 – 2020

#### Priority

P2 – Competitiveness

#### Measure

M06 – Farm & business development

#### Funding

Total budget 129 047.8 (EUR)  
EAFRD 22 275.0 (EUR)  
National/Regional 22 725.0 (EUR)  
Private 84 047.8 (EUR)

#### Project duration

2019 - 2022

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### Project Results

Outcomes of the project provide Tereza with more capacity to operate and develop her farm via improved grazing pastures and a better-quality sheep flock. This has been successful in helping her to maintain customers and supply the demand for her artisan wool

### Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ CAP funding for generational renewal and small sheep farms can help support the long-term viability of local rural economies and maintain wildlife habitats dependent on sheep grazing.
- ❑ Tereza considers that, as a young farmer, receiving support and advice from other farmers, like her parents is particularly important. The transfer of experiences and knowledge with other actors in the sector through various promotional events contributes to closer cooperation and leads to increased awareness among customers of the importance of livestock farming, sheep wool processing and consequently to increased sales.

## Context

In 2017, Tereza Teichmannová took over the family farm from her father. Her farm is in Czechia near Frenštát pod Radhoštěm and she breeds Romney Marsh sheep because of their resilience which allows them to graze on pastures all year round. The sheep wool is processed in the traditional way, by felting, and is used to produce felted products such as shoes and hats. The products created by the farm have been certified as 'Beskydy-Original' craft products (regional label) and they are sold at fairs, such as the International Felt Festival Slovenia; Techagro (International Fair of Agricultural Machinery held in Brno); the Wallachian Fair in Valašské Klobouky (regional fair); etc. The farm is an active member of the Association of Sheep and Goat Breeders, and of the Sheep Wool Processors Club.

## Objectives

The aim of this project supporting generation renewal on a small farm was to reduce farm production costs and to diversify agri-food activities to improve self-sufficiency and independence from commodity purchase prices. An important aspect of Tereza's thinking was also to maintain a healthy relationship with the environment, and she therefore adopts an ecological approach to all activities connected with her entrepreneurial venture.

## Activities

Tereza's CAP funding helped her to achieve her farm development plans via the following actions:

- Establishing new grazing areas with diverse plant species to better use available grazing land;
- Purchasing equipment (mobile sheep handling equipment, a bale carrier, etc.) to help improve productivity and animal welfare as well as reduce overheads; and
- Increasing her flock size and strengthen its genetic diversity.

These activities were undertaken within a framework of conversion to organic production.

## Main Results

The combined project investments and actions significantly improved Tereza's productivity potential in terms of time-savings and ease of difficult work.

Her farm business continues to function and sales from her flock's wool have increased to reflect demand.

## Key lessons

CAP support opportunities helped provide Tereza with confidence and capacity to take over her family farm and continue traditional land management practices. This helps to support the long-term viability of the local rural economy and helps to maintain biodiversity dependent on sheep grazing systems.

Tereza considers that, as a young farmer, receiving support and advice from her parents is particularly important. The transfer of experiences and knowledge with other actors in the sector through various promotional events contributes to closer cooperation and leads to increased awareness among customers of the importance of livestock farming, sheep wool processing and consequently to increased sales. She considers that it is particularly important to continuously gather information and ideas to put into practice in the development of her farm.

## Additional information

<https://m.facebook.com/farmapodradhostem>

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