



## Invitation and Program for the Low Budget Press Trip to Norway

19 to 21 June 2025

### Carbon, No Fence and lower Methane – an insight in future Agriculture

Dear colleagues

We kindly invite you to another very interesting ENAJ Low Budget Press Trip. Our estimated colleagues from the Norwegian Guild of Agricultural Journalists (NLJ) have organized a tour around future technologies in agriculture. We will be introduced to a great mix of themes from No fence technology to lower methane emissions in the dairy sector.



## Program

**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Karbon Agro Festival at Skoftestad Farm in Ås (30 km south of Oslo)**

<https://www.nlr.no/kalender/2025/06/ostlandet/karbon-agro-festival>

Arrival in Oslo in the morning, individual transfer to the fair (see below)

09:00 to 18:00

A festival dedicated to the soil-enhancing farming method Karbon Agro, exploring soil structure, root systems and soil biology. There will be several presentations, among others from the English farmer Clive Bailey. The festival is from 9am to 6pm. You can arrive whenever it suits you, but our program starts at 1.30 pm. We will serve a lunch for visiting journalists and will give a short presentation in English.

To get to the Karbon Agro Festival, take the train from the Airport to Oslo Central Station, which takes 22 minutes. And then take a train from Oslo Central Station to Ås (train to Moss), which takes 20 minutes. From Ås railway station, there are buses going to the festival (Drøbak bus every 10 minutes) and we will also organize some cars leaving the train station (the last one at 13:15)

18:00

Dinner in Ås (Nofima Food research institute) with a program

Accommodation at Vestby Hotel, Gjestegård

### **Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Monil, Obio, Topigs Norsvin and Geno**

08:00 am

Departure from Vestby Hotel. We visit a field where cows are grazing with Monil's virtual fences <https://monil.co.uk/>. The farmer and Monil will be present. Norway has the only two European companies delivering virtual fence technology. Monil is the challenger in the industry, established in 2022. Monil will also be at Karbon Agro.

Then we drive 180 km north to visit company Obio at Rudshøgda. Obio makes biochar, the new black gold, from pure Norwegian wood, which is used for different markets. Their biochar products used in feed for young pigs, lambs, and calves increase the most. Lunch will be served at Obio. (Obio is also represented at Karbon Agro Festival.)

14:30

Visit to Topigs Norsvin in Hamar. The Dutch/Norwegian company is the world's second-largest pig genetics breeding company. Jeanette Wetzel, Chief Commercial Officer in Norsvin, and Harald Bøhnsdalen, pig farmer and multiplier, will present Norwegian pig production and our global business.

16:45

Visit Geno at their bull station, Store Ree. Geno is a breeding company owned by the Norwegian farmers and breeds Norwegian Red. Geno also has long-life semen in their daughter company Spermvital. Geno will tell you about their sustainable breeding, titled: «Breeding for better life».

Dinner will be served at Store Ree.

Accommodation at Vikingskipet Hotel Hamar (120 km north of Oslo).

### **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Nofence, methane emission, farm visits**

08:00

Departure to a dairy farm with Nofence (virtual fence) technology from company Nofence (<https://www.nofence.no/en/>). Nofence was first to deliver this technology. Their system has now been used for the past seven years, with sales in five different countries. A light lunch will be served at the farm.

11:30

Departure to a dairy farm that focuses on reducing methane emissions and feed efficiency.

13:30

Departure to Oslo Gardermoen airport arriving at 13.50 pm

Goodbye and individual travel home

**Registration deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2025**

**Number of participants** is limited to 24 people.

**Costs:**

330 Euro for single room

235 Euro for double room

If you need an extra night from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of June, the organizers can book a room at Vestby hotel for 100 Euros a night (single room).

Payment instructions will be sent to participants. Travelling costs to Norway (Ås) comes in addition.

**Important note**

**Because of veterinary rules; To join the farm visits on the 21<sup>th</sup> of June, participants must arrive in Norway on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at the latest, but participants from Germany, Slovakia and Hungary have to arrive on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June at the latest due to sanitary regulations. If you are from these countries we will suggest a tourist stay in Oslo from th 18<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.**

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