

# PROGRAM

5th EUROPEAN WOOL DAY

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## MAIN TOPICS

10:00	WELCOME NOTES	14:00	WOOL IN EUROPE
10:15	WOOL IN ITALY	15:00	UPDATES ON PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS
11:00	WOOL 4 HEALTH	16:15	WOOL IN FIBRE CRAFTS
12:45	WOOL IN EDUCATION	16:55	CLOSING

The 5th European Wool Day is an event dedicated to celebrating the versatile and sustainable benefits of wool, a natural fibre with a rich heritage and an important role in our future with a particular focus on its therapeutic and health-related uses. We will demonstrate the diverse applications of wool throughout Europe, building on the similarities and showcasing the innovative solutions that may be used elsewhere and the way it can be utilised in the health sector.

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\*Times are in CEST

The schedule may be subject to change

10:00am*	Welcome Notes
in-person	Alberto Costa, EWE Foundation, Ivana Appolloni GomitoloRosa and Ilaria Venturini Fendi, I Casali del Pino
10:15am	Wool in Italy
pre-recorded	<b>The Fratelli Piacenza Woollen Mill</b> by Vasiliy Piacenza
in-person	<b>Washing Wool is the Problem in Italy! In Gandino's Story is the Solution</b> by Filippo Sevali, Mayor of Gandino
in-person	<b>Sustainably Processed Waste Wool Fiber-Reinforced Bio-composites for Agriculture and Packaging Applications</b> by Dr. Marina Zoccola, Dr. Parag Bhavsar and Dr. Raffaella Mossotti, Italian National Research Council, Institute of Intelligent Industrial Technologies and Systems for Advanced Manufacturing
in-person	<b>Woolshed: A New Era for Alpine Wool</b> by Gabriele Monti, University in Venice
in-person	<b>Wool Pellet Fertiliser</b> by Chiara Spigarelli, Agrivello
11:00am	Wool 4 Health
in-person	<b>Wool4Health</b> by GomitoloRosa
in-person	<b>Therapeutic Knitting at a Hospital for Oncology in Hungary</b> by Dóra Jamniczky-Kaszás, EWE Foundation
pre-recorded	<b>Therapeutic Knitting – Using Knitting as Part of Talking Therapy</b> by Dr Mia Hobbs, Creative Restoration, UK
in-person	<b>Healing through Wool Felting</b> by Sharon Wells, Ireland

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### Wool 4 Health continues

in-person

**From Yarn to Strength: My Story of Knitting, Cancer, and the Beauty of Local Wool** by Marija Bašić, Pletenje, Croatia

online

**The Secret Power of Knitting**

by Gabriele Brandhuber, TextilePortal and AutWool, Austria

in-person

**Wool, a Way of Life** by Athina Baroufi, Greece

pre-  
recorded

**12 Sheep for Health** by John Connell, Ireland

in-person

**Knitting for Newborn Sierra Leonean babies**

by Olga Ramirez, Milla 91 Foundation & Concha Rey, IAIA Association, Spain

12:45pm

### Wool in Education

online

**Guest speaker from Nigeria: Sustainable Practices: Put Wool in the Hands of Young Learners** by Elizabeth Okeyele, Tunnizze creation

in-person

**Wool Processing in (Waldorf) Schools**

by Mandula Méhes, Ariadne Art, Hungary

in-person

**"Wool Makes Sense!" – Teaching Social Skills through Fiber**

by Anja Sammon, Secondary School of Coláiste Muire Máthair in Galway, Ireland

online

**The Role of Weaving Education in Institutional Settings and the Development of Effective Academic Programs for Students**

by Stella Vlachopulu, University of Western Macedonia, Greece

online

**Guest speaker from the USA: Healing through Handwork; Woolen Threads**

by Elizabeth Seward, Elizabeth Seward, PhD, Waldorf Handwork Educators, Online International Handwork Teacher Training

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14:00	Wool in Europe
pre-recorded	<b>Wool in Numbers</b> by Bernadette Horváth, Nemezinda, Hungary
in-person	<b>Guest speaker from Canada: The Future of Fibre: Sustainability, Local Markets, and the Next Generation</b> by Andrew Carpenter, Belfast Mini Mills
online	<b>WOOLBAU - Raw Wool for Reinforcement</b> by Folke Köbberling, Institute for Architecture-Related Art at Technical University Braunschweig, Germany
in-person	<b>The Fabric of (Human) Life</b> by Saidhbhín Gibson, Ireland
in-person	<b>Wool and Cheese – The Treasures of Pag</b> by Ana Žunić, Volim Vlačići and Martina Pernar Skunca, Association of Paski sir Cheese Producers, Croatia
pre-recorded	<b>Circular Economy for the Recovery and Revaluation of Sheep Wool in Teruel</b> by Marta Fernández, Spain
15:00	Updates from previous presentations
in-person	<b>Turning Wool into Gold for Construction, Cosmetics and Agriculture</b> by Cristian Mercioniu, Eco PartnerSheep, Romania
in-person	<b>Wool Contributes to Wellness</b> by Sandra King, Irish Fibre Crafters, Ireland
in-person	<b>All Colors of Montenegro –</b> – <b>Sheep Wool Dyed with Natural Dyes for Health</b> by Martina Glogar, Ana Sutlović, Iva Brlek and Ivana Čorak, University of Zagreb Faculty of Textile Technology, Croatia – <b>Loop by Loop, Stitch by Stitch</b> by Sofija Đukanović, Jelena Đukanović, and Ana Sutlović, Montenegrin Wool Institute Niksic, Montenegro – <b>Woolen Warmers for Health and Beauty</b> by Jelena Đukanović, Ana Sutlović and Sofija Đukanović, Montenegrin Wool Institute Niksic, Montenegro

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in-person	<b>Summer School: Local Wool Processing for Wellness and Creative Regeneration</b> by Eva Basile, Sara Freschi and Flaminia Bisceglia, Coordinamento Tessitori, Italy
in-person	<b>Empowering Local Communities through Creative Wool Workshops and Exhibitions Inspired by Local Biodiversity</b> by Panagiota Koutsoukou, EcoMuseum Zagori, Greece
in-person	<b>Wool in Everyday Life for Skin Health and Well-being</b> by Jasminka Gršković, Blue Sheep Handmade, Croatia
in-person	<b>Sustainable Fashion: Denim + Wool</b> by Anita Stefanovska, Zivka Tanuseva Icanoska and Ema Kuka, Secondary Vocational School Taki Daskalo, North Macedonia
online	<b>Rethinking the Education and Practice of Physiotherapy towards Planetary Health through the Use of Wool</b> by Berta Paz-Lourido, University of the Balearic Islands, Innovation Unit in Sustainable Development, Health and Global Justice through Service-learning, Spain
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Wool in Fibre Crafts</b>
pre-recorded	<b>Crafty Wool Crafters from Slovenia</b> by Lucija White, Institute for Agriculture and Forestry Nova Gorica, Slovenia
pre-recorded	<b>Manual Wool Therapy – Feel Slovenia</b> by the Handicraft Section of Sheep and Goat Breeders Association of Idrija and Cerkno, Slovenia
online	<b>Wool Route Ecotour: Weaving Experiences</b> by Severino Garcia, Fundación Ecoagroturismo – ECOTUR, Spain
in-person	<b>Woven Handmade Cardigan</b> by Eirini Vekri, Weaving Class of Saint Athanasios and Association of Mainites Andros, Greece
in-person	<b>European Wool 4 Health Awards</b> by EWE Foundation including <b>Rural Women, Nature and Therapy</b> by Nuria Oliver Mateo, Asociacion El ECO, Spain