

5th European Wool Day



PROGRAM



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.

Main Topics

- 10:00* / Welcome Notes
- 10:15 / **Wool in Italy**
- 11:00 / **Wool 4 Health**
- 12:45 / **Wool in Education**
- 14:00 / **Wool in Europe**
- 15:00 / **Updates** on previous presentations
- 16:15 / **Wool in Fibre Crafts**
- 16:55 / Closing

*Times are in CEST

The schedule may be subject to change. Last updated: 1st April 2025

6th April 2025, I Casali del Pino, Rome, Italy

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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	The Fratelli Piacenza Woollen Mill by Vasiliy Piacenza
in-person	Washing Wool is the Problem in Italy! In Gandino's Story is the Solution by Filippo Sevalli, Mayor of Gandino
in-person	Sustainably Processed Waste Wool Fiber-Reinforced Bio-composites for Agriculture and Packaging Applications 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
online	Woolshed: A New Era for Alpine Wool by Gabriele Monti, IUAV University of Venice and Zoe Romano, Centro Consorzi
in-person	Wool Pellet Fertiliser by Chiara Spigarelli, Agrivello
11:00am	Wool 4 Health
in-person	Wool4Health by GomitoloRosa
in-person	Therapeutic Knitting at a Hospital for Oncology in Hungary by Dóra Jamniczky-Kaszás, EWE Foundation
pre-recorded	Therapeutic Knitting - Using Knitting as Part of Talking Therapy by Dr Mia Hobbs, Creative Restoration, UK
in-person	Healing through Wool Felting 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, Textilportal 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

pre-recorded

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

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