Short summary:

Advisory work is a challenging profession, an advisor is usually the one who is first faced with the questions when a farmer runs into issues with production or needs help on understanding administrative requirements. This requires constant maintenance of knowledge and keeping up-to-date with current developments in agriculture and policy. Simultaneously outside forces place a burden on the whole agricultural industry. In the past few years we’ve experienced a global pandemic shutting down almost all personal contacts, we have an on-going conflict in the Ukraine affecting production input prices, living costs etc. All this while climate change and adapting to changing climate conditions are placing an added burden to cope with. Just last summer we’ve experienced record-braking droughts and massive floods right here in Europe. The farming community will look to us as advisors for answers. This requires a lot of resiliency to not be overwhelmed with the burden. The way to cope with this is through sharing and exchanging knowledge amongst peers around Europe. EUFRAS can provide various ways to support this knowledge exchange and networking.

Kratek povzetek:

Svetovalec je običajno tisti, ki se prvi sooči z vprašanji, ko ima kmet težave s proizvodnjo ali potrebuje pomoč pri razumevanju upravnih zahtev. Pri tem je treba nenehno vzdrževati znanje in biti na tekočem z aktualnimi dogajanji v kmetijstvu in politiki. Hkrati zunanje sile obremenjujejo celotno kmetijsko panogo. V zadnjih nekaj letih smo doživeli svetovno pandemijo, ki je prekinila skoraj vse osebne stike, v Ukrajini poteka konflikt, ki vpliva na cene proizvodnih sredstev, življenjske stroške itd. Vse to ob podnebnih spremembah in prilagajanju na spreminjajoče se podnebne razmere predstavlja dodatno breme, s katerim se je treba spopasti. Ravno lani poleti smo v Evropi doživeli rekordno sušo in obsežne poplave. Kmetijska skupnost bo pri nas iskala odgovore kot svetovalci. To zahteva veliko odpornosti, da ne bi bili preobremenjeni s tem bremenom. Način, kako se s tem spopasti, je deljenje in izmenjava znanja med vrstniki po vsej Evropi. EUFRAS lahko zagotovi različne načine za podporo tej izmenjavi znanja in povezovanju v mreže.