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Object: Demand for field trip

Dear Silvia Cappelozza,

The Cevennes en soie association was founded in May 2020 by a consortium of silkworms rearers based in the Cevennes and different stakeholders linked to sericulture and moriculture. The territory of Cévennes has an important heritage of silk history being the main silkworms rearing place, silk spinning mills and hosiery of France.

The purpose of this association is to train the stakeholders and organize the silk sector in this territory. The main support to farmers is based on helping their implementation, improving their technical skills and sharing of equipment. The goal of this further action is also to search markets diversification by transformation of silkworms, cocoons and mulberries. Finally Cevennes en soie would like to promote the silk production as cultural patrimony to institutions and individuals.

Cevennes en Soie has a strong interest in learning about initiatives and meeting organizations in silk production sector. The association identify Serinnovation as a key stakeholders in Europe for the silk sector. That is why Cevennes en soie would like to organize a field trip and meet different members of Serinnovation. Moreover the geographical proximity of Italia make completely sense to share experiences and needs as European neighbor.

Furthermore, the association members will be very glad to visit silkworms rearing structure, association of farmers, research center and also transformation such as silk spinning mill.

My best regards,

Mariannick Mérat,  
Officer of Cevennes en Soie Association