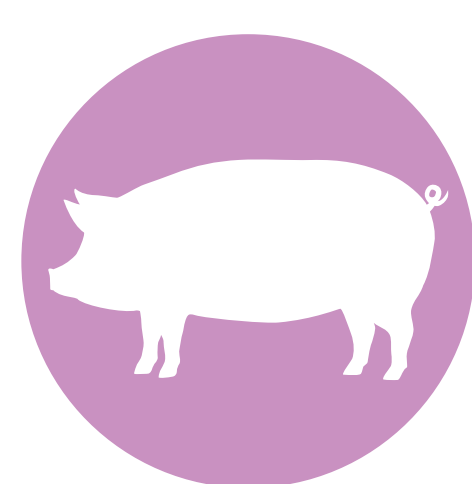


Doing forestry and using the forest in new ways



The innovator

Elin Skörde

Region: The county of Jönköping (Sweden)

Sector: Forestry, tourism and small-scale pig production

Number of ha: 130ha (forest)

Breed: Heritage pigs (*Sus scrofa domestica*)

Works as teacher



Features of my innovator journey

- Running the forestry with partner: a newly-built house on detached land on Elin's farm and forest for many years
- In the process of developing the forest in innovative ways by creating a 'forest-garden', planting berry bushes and fruit trees on old arable land (former spruce plantation) in the forest
- Running a business called 'Forest hangout with Elin' where the focus is on recovery and forest experience
- Running a pitch for motorhomes in the forest, advertised via an application called Eremit reaching the European market
- Motivated by making the most of the forest and working (more) from home

Innovation from 3 perspectives

Economic

Develop and use the forest in a way that is not only about planting and cutting

Other ways to get an income without cutting down the trees

Grow and use the berries of the forest garden to produce jams and marmalades to be sold at local markets.

Take care of insects that need more flowers to survive



Environmental

Respect the ecosystem's natural heritage and protects the forest from being clear-cut

A 'forest garden' focused on growing berries, building 'beds for cultivation' with available material, like logs, stones and horse manure contributes to biodiversity



Social

Create well-being through guiding people to recover and experience the forest in new ways through the activity 'forest hangout with Elin' and a 'forest spa'

Try to help people to come out to the forest for physical and mental wellness and rehabilitation



Barriers

Lack of time for developing the activities as Elin is working full-time, on the other hand it is good to have a slower process and develop it by 'trial and error'

“I want to create places in the forest where I can bring people to visit, and tell them about what lives there and our work with the forest”. Elin Skörde, farmer



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