

CORENET Good SFSC Practice No 20:	
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Short title <u>in English</u>	AMPI CSA Network – Building Local Food Sovereignty in Czechia
Choose relevant advising categories below* and provide short explanation:	
a Business planning and strategy:	AMPI develops strategies to strengthen local food systems by coordinating Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and supporting new entrants into organic farming. The approach focuses on direct farmer–consumer partnerships, long-term planning, and education, helping small farms become economically and socially resilient through shared risk models and local food sovereignty principles.
b Distribution and logistics:	CSA schemes coordinated by AMPI are based on direct delivery from farmers to consumers, usually within the same region. Logistics are organized collaboratively between farmers and consumers, often using community pick-up points and minimizing intermediaries to ensure freshness, reduce environmental impact, and build trust.
c Regulatory compliance:	AMPI operates as a registered NGO and supports farmers and CSA groups in understanding legal frameworks relevant to community-based food distribution, organic certification, and educational activities.
d Better partnering:	AMPI acts as a hub connecting farmers, consumers, educators, NGOs, and public bodies. It facilitates partnerships between experienced organic farmers and newcomers through mentoring, training, and farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange.
e Technology:	Digital tools are used for information sharing, coordination of CSA pick-up points, promotion of events, and access to educational resources. Online platforms (e.g. www.kpzinfo.cz) support community engagement and communication between stakeholders.
f Production & processing:	Farmers involved in CSA schemes produce a range of organic products and deliver them directly to consumers. New entrants are trained in sustainable organic production methods through the AMPI Farm School, which combines theory with practical placements.
g Packaging:	CSA deliveries typically use reusable crates or minimal packaging to reduce waste and support environmental goals.
h Branding and marketing:	AMPI promotes the CSA model as part of a broader food sovereignty narrative, focusing on trust, transparency, localism, and sustainability. Public campaigns and educational activities build consumer awareness and loyalty.
Basic information on knowledge and advice provided: e.g. private or public funded organization/advisor, peer to peer knowledge exchange, etc.	Advisory services are provided by AMPI staff and external experts through training courses, peer learning, mentoring, and consultancy on CSA establishment and farm development. Funding comes from public sources (education funding), donations, and project grants. Farmer-to-farmer exchange plays a key role.
*See The CORENET SFSC Charter 14. C SFSC ADVISING.	

Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). <i>Do not complete if the summary below is completed in English</i> This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers/end-users, using <u>a direct and easy understandable language</u> and pointing out entrepreneurial elements which are particularly relevant for practitioners (e.g. related to cost, productivity etc). Research oriented aspects which do not help the understanding of the practice itself should be avoided.	AMPI is a non-profit organisation coordinating a national network of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiatives in Czechia. Its work focuses on connecting organic farmers and consumers through direct partnerships, strengthening local food systems, and promoting food sovereignty. Beyond coordination, AMPI provides targeted advisory services for establishing and sustaining CSA schemes, covering organisational development, logistics, and legal aspects. A unique feature is its accredited Farm School, the first vocational school of organic farming in the country, which offers new entrants to farming a three-year programme with 70 % practical learning on farms in Czechia and abroad. This combination of education, advisory, and network building helps new farmers overcome key barriers such as access to knowledge, land, and markets. For consumers, CSA provides transparent, fair, and stable access to local organic food. For communities, it strengthens resilience, builds trust, and contributes to environmental sustainability. AMPI's model is scalable and replicable, making it a strong example of how advisory services and community engagement can drive local food system transformation.
	Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) National network of 50 CSA initiatives with around 4,000 consumers. First accredited vocational Farm School in organic farming. Increased awareness of CSA and food sovereignty in Czechia. Replicable CSA advisory and education model. The main practical recommendation(s): what would be the main added value/benefit/opportunities to the end-user if the generated knowledge is implemented? How can the practitioner make use of the results? Practitioners can use AMPI's model to establish new CSA schemes, combining advisory support, mentoring, and education to build economically and socially resilient local food systems. Key opportunities include expanding peer learning networks, using vocational training to support new entrants, and integrating advisory services with community-led governance. Policymakers and advisors can replicate this model to foster sustainable farming and local markets in other regions. Further information/references: https://www.asociaceampi.cz https://kpzinfo.cz https://farmarskaskola.cz
Actors, stakeholders	Approx. 50 producers, 4,000 consumers, AMPI NGO staff, educators, advisors.
Region, Country	Czech Republic
Media attachment (e.g. video) or other attachment (e.g. benchmarking data)?	

Short title in native language	Sít' KPZ – AMPI Česká republika
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Short summary for practitioners in native language (can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners - otherwise in English) (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces).	AMPI je nezisková organizace, která koordinuje celostátní síť komunitou podporovaného zemědělství (KPZ) v České republice. Jejím cílem je propojit ekologické farmáře a spotřebitele prostřednictvím přímých partnerství, posílit místní potravinové systémy a podporovat potravinovou suverenitu. Kromě koordinace poskytuje AMPI poradenství pro zakládání a rozvoj KPZ – od organizačního nastavení přes logistiku až po právní rámec. Jediněčným prvkem je Akreditovaná Farmářská škola – první odborná škola ekologického zemědělství v zemi, která nabízí tříleté studium s 70 % praxe na farmách v Česku i zahraničí. Tento komplexní přístup vzdělávání, poradenství a síťování pomáhá novým farmářům překonat klíčové překážky, jako je přístup ke znalostem, půdě a trhům. Pro spotřebitele KPZ zajišťuje transparentní, férový a stabilní přístup k místním biopotravinám a pro komunity posiluje odolnost, důvěru a přispívá k udržitelnosti. Model AMPI je přenositelný a vhodný k rozšíření i do dalších regionů.
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