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Editorial

COVID OUTBREAK: 2 YEARS OF UNICLAD ACTIVITIES DESPITE THE PANDEMIC DISRUPTION

The UniClaD Project SC is coordinating a common response to the Covid 19 outbreak. We are taking resolute action to safely continue UniClaD’s activities. We are using all means at our disposal to help all Partners in continuing to implement their activities and involvement.

In fact, due to pandemic disruption, work in the project is always performed online. Partners are not familiar with each other, so communication is more difficult. As countries are constantly going into lockdown mode, it is difficult to plan and implement many other activities. For example, the process of purchasing equipment is slowing down. Military actions in Azerbaijan postponed and complicated most of the activities in this country for a couple of months.

In spite of the pandemic disruption, the consortium managed to hold in-person events, such as Kiev Steering Committee Meetings and Workshops, and to plan the upcoming in-person workshop in Baku and Ganji (Azerbaijan). In parallel, a series of Study tours to EU partner countries are planned for Winter/Spring 2022. Study Tours aim at learning EU experience in the development of clusters and the participation of HEIs in this activity.

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Have a good reading!

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KYIV- UKRAINE Workshops and Steering Committee meetings /Implemented activities - 26-29 October 2021

From 26th to 29th October 2021 hybrid in-person and remote workshops and Steering Committee meetings were held in Kyiv, Ukraine. The event gathered approximately 50 individuals part taking in presence and *circa* 30 online participants remotely.

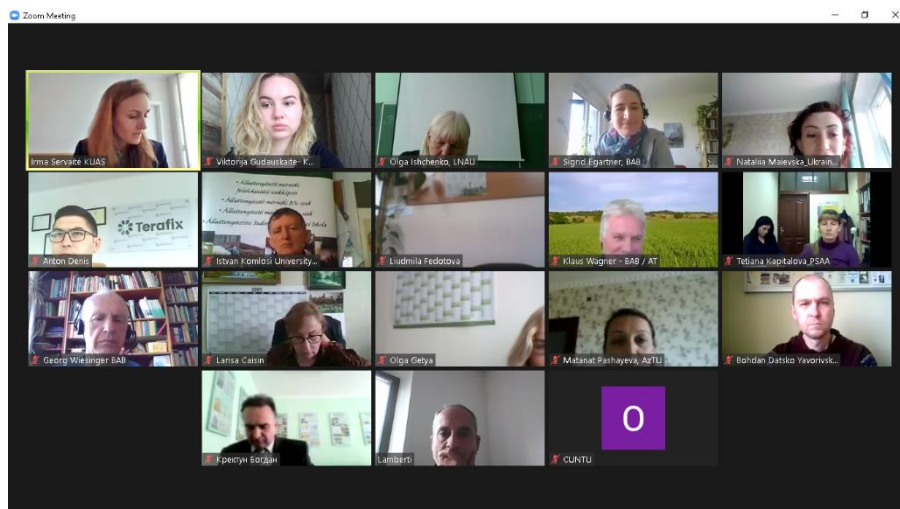


The four-day agenda was organized as follows. On the 26th a field trip was arranged by Food Valley, which included a visit of the farm “Doobra ferma”, the Cheese Museum and the Ecological Garden. The 27th And 28th October Workshops took place in Bila Tserkva national agrarian university, and they were both devoted to **Clusters development and the role of university**. On the 29th October, the Science and methodology centre of higher and pre-higher education (HPHE), Kyiv, hosted the 5th Steering Committee meeting, in which presentations were given by Kaunas University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania); the University of Valladolid (Spain) and the University of Debrecen (Hungary); Science and methodology center of higher and pre-higher education (Ukraine); Poznan University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Social Studies (Poland); the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (Italy) and the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy Vienna (UCAEP).

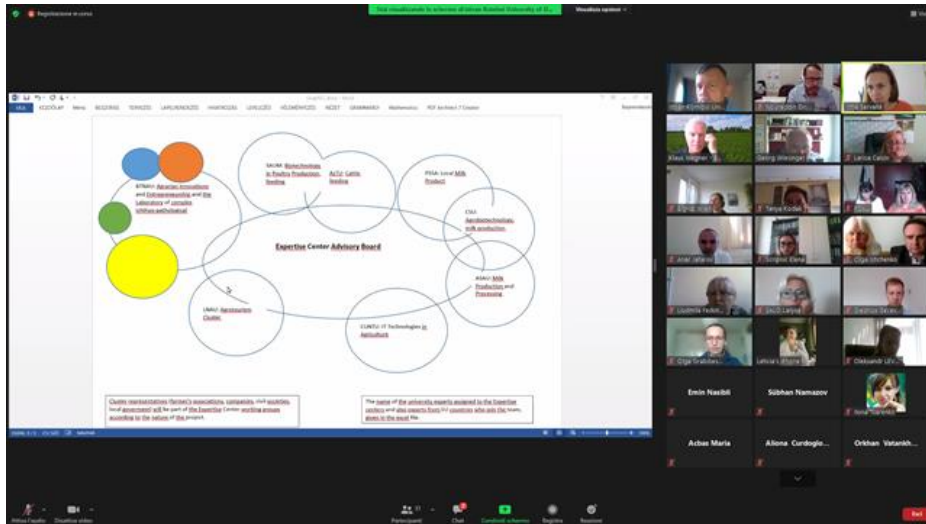


The aim of the Steering Committee was to discuss **upcoming project activities and set up action of plans** for period 2021 11 01 – 2022 04 30, and it envisaged individual meetings with UA, MD and AZ partners to discuss the situation of the Road Map for the pilot projects realisation and to help them improve the results of Taks 1 and 2 and prepare Task 3. Further decisions made in the meeting included the organisation of two study tours cycles instead of three, the planning of the first coordinating meeting devoted to student mobility, the first coaching meeting for launching the work on the development of the training modules, and a workshop about the green pedagogy. Moldova or Azerbaijan were chosen as locations for next Workshop and Steering committee.

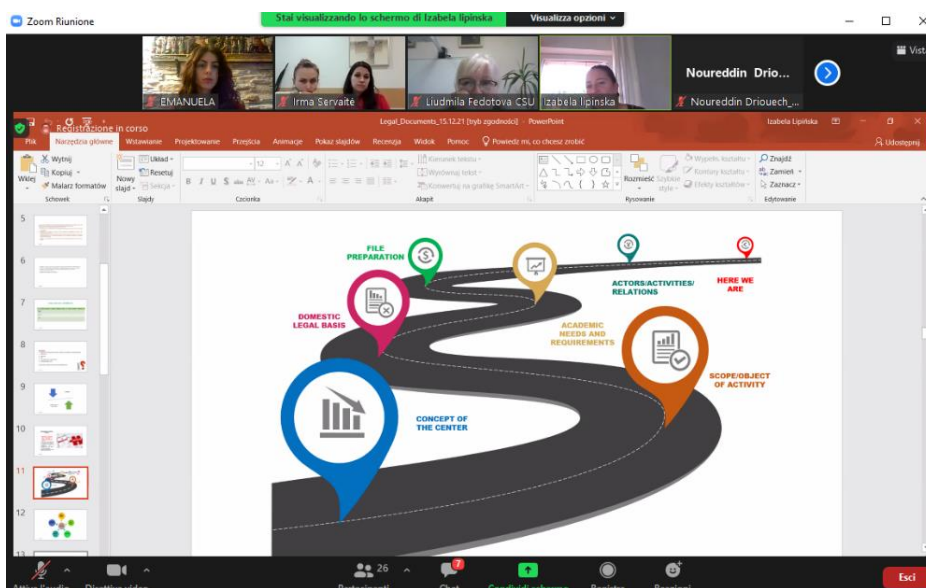
Previous online Partners and Stc meetings from March to December 2021



On **31st May 2021** an online Steering Committee meeting was held among project partners to address the following topics: **project progress and work plan, study tours and the participation of HEIs in this activity, development of the legal framework for clusters functioning, creation of expertise centers at universities and future clusters, launching of new courses for master and PhD students and pilot projects, and dissemination activities.** The institutions giving the presentations were Kaunas University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania), the Federal institute of agricultural economics, rural and mountains research (Austria), the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (Italy), Poznan University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Social Studies (Poland), the University of Debrecen (Hungary), the University of Valladolid (Spain) and Science and methodology center of higher and pre-higher education (Ukraine).



On 14th September 2021 another Steering Committee saw the UniClad consortium meet online to discuss **upcoming project activities** and **set up action of plans for period September-October 2021**. Under task WP 2 (Development), presentations about the launching of Expertise Centres and the launching Pilot Projects respectively were given by the University of Debrecen (Hungary) and the University of Valladolid (Spain).



On 15th December 2021 project partners meet in the 7th online Steering Committee, aimed at discussing **imminent project activities** and **project progress**. Kaunas University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania), the University of Valladolid (Spain) and the University of Debrecen (Hungary), Science and methodology center of higher and pre-higher education (Ukraine), Poznan University of Life Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Social Studies (Poland), the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (Italy) and the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy Vienna (UCAEP) presented on several topics, including the organisation of upcoming Study Tours.

Upcoming events

- StC meeting and Workshops 2022
- **Baku and Ganji (Azerbaijan) Workshop 24-30 April 2022**
- Study tours to EU winter - spring 2022

Calendar: foreseen dates

Bari (Italy)	14/03/2022 – 18/03/2022
Poznan (Poland)	28/03/2022 – 01/04/2022
Vienna (Austria)	04/04/2022 – 08/04/2022
Debrecen (Hungary)	25/04/2022 – 29/04/2022
Valladolid (Spain)	23/05/2022 – 27/04/2022

Events of Beneficiaries countries (AZ, MD and UA)



Azerbaijan

31 May 2021: Azerbaijan Technical University (AzTU) took part in a **management meeting** in which the requirements for the organization of the activities of the Knowledge Centers established under the project and the implementation of pilot projects were identified.

23 September 2021: An **online working meeting** was held between AzTU and the Center for Agrarian Science and Innovation to discuss the activities of the Center for Innovative Technologies of the university.

07 October 2021: AzTU and State Agrarian Development Centers (SADCs) took part in a **meeting with DAIMs** in which the concept of feedstuff calculator was introduced.



Moldova

31 May 2021: the project partners from the State Agrarian University of Moldova (SAUM) and the Republican Center for Veterinary Diagnosis met in a **working meeting** of the project, in which Ms. Larisa Caisîn also presented the hitherto implemented results of the project.

14 September 2021: SAUM took part in the **online working meeting** of the project consortium, whose main aim was to provide clear guidelines for the development of pilot projects to be implemented by the AU, AZ and MD institutions.



Ukraine

26 November 2021: Poltava State Agrarian University (PSAU) hosted the second meeting of the Milk Local Product Expert Center, which was established on the basis of the Faculty of Technology of Production and Processing of Livestock Products.

The core aspects of the project implementation and the work performed by the Center in the second half of 2021 and its results were reported to the Centre's Council and recommendations were provided on the organization of future cooperation.

Dissemination of UniClaD Results Poznań Agri-food logistics

THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON AGRI-FOOD LOGISTICS **Entrepreneurship, Innovations and Technologies for Sustainable Development of Agri-Food Supply Chains under conditions of uncertainty Poznań (Poland)**

June 23rd-25th, 2021

[LINK](#)

Under the framework of the **THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON AGRI-FOOD LOGISTICS**" Virtual Conference, held in June 23rd-25th 2021, **UniClad** Partners, Federal institute of agricultural economics, rural and mountains research and University of Vienna, from **Austria**, CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari from **Italy**, and Poznan university of life sciences from **Poland**, had presented various scientific communications related to Cluster initiatives, acknowledging UniClaD project within the

working session **Agri-food clusters and their linkage with the development of innovation and sustainability principles**. The following interventions were made:

- **ITALIAN AGRI-FOOD CLUSTERS: CONCEPT AND NATIONAL MODEL OF FOOD INNOVATION.** Nouredin DRIOUECH, Suzana MAZDARIC, Lamberto LAMBERTI, Francesca VOLPE, from CIHEAM Bari - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (Italy)
- **INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS OF THE AUSTRIAN FOOD CLUSTERS.** Klaus WAGNER, Sigrid EGARTNER, Georg WIESINGER, from Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research (Austria)
- **ACADEMIA LED OPEN INNOVATION IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY - A CASE STUDY OF THE EIT FOOD RIS CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT LABS PROJECT.** Anna WIELICKA-REGULSKA, Elżbieta GORYŃSKA-GOLDMANN, Michał GAZDECKI, Paulina WIZA, from Poznań University of Life Sciences (Poland)
- **THE ROLE OF CLUSTERS IN IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE AGRI-FOOD VALUE CHAIN.** Izabela LIPIŃSKA, Poznan University of Life Sciences (Poland)

The INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON AGRI-FOOD LOGISTICS event, since 2011, is bi-annually co-organized by UniClaD partners [PULS](#) and [CIHEAM Bari](#).



Agri-Food Logistics

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4th International Forum on Agri-Food Logistics

‘Entrepreneurship, Innovations and Technologies for Sustainable Development of Agri-Food Supply Chains under conditions of uncertainty’

through the thematic working session on

“Agri-food clusters and their linkage with the development of innovation and sustainability principles”

Poznań Poland, June 23rd-24th, 2021


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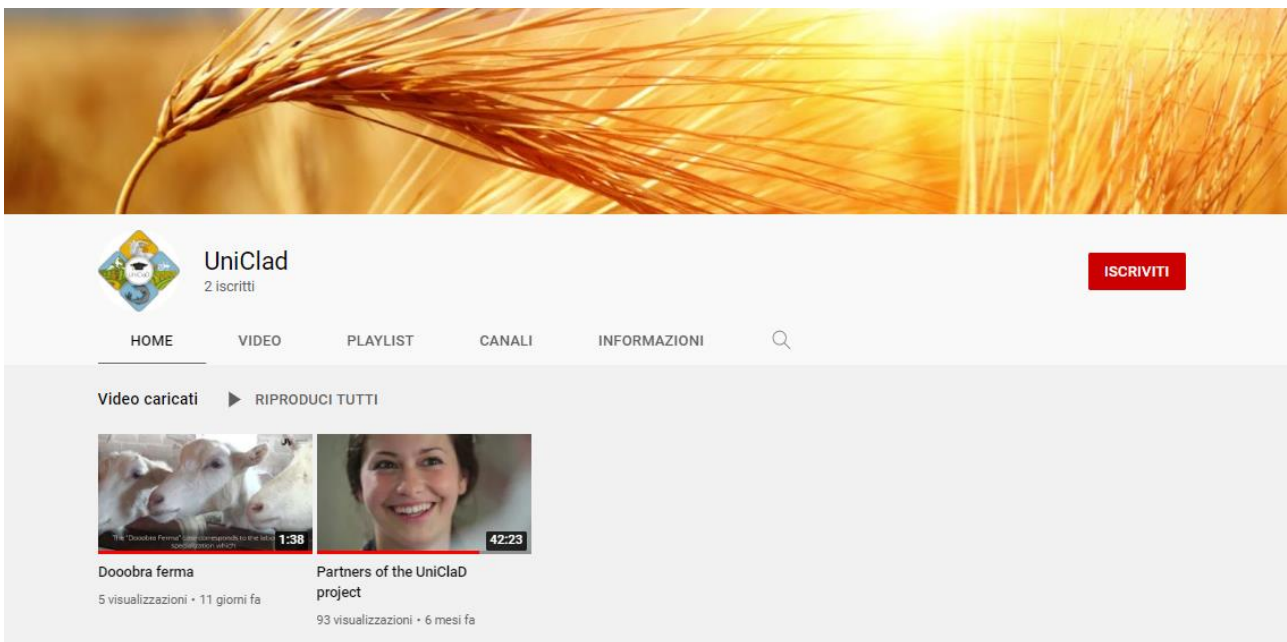
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New Release: YouTube channel [LINK](#)

UniClad project has recently published its news YouTube Channel channels to facilitate communication and dissemination actions among partners and beyond projects stakeholders



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Higher Education, Research and Private sector



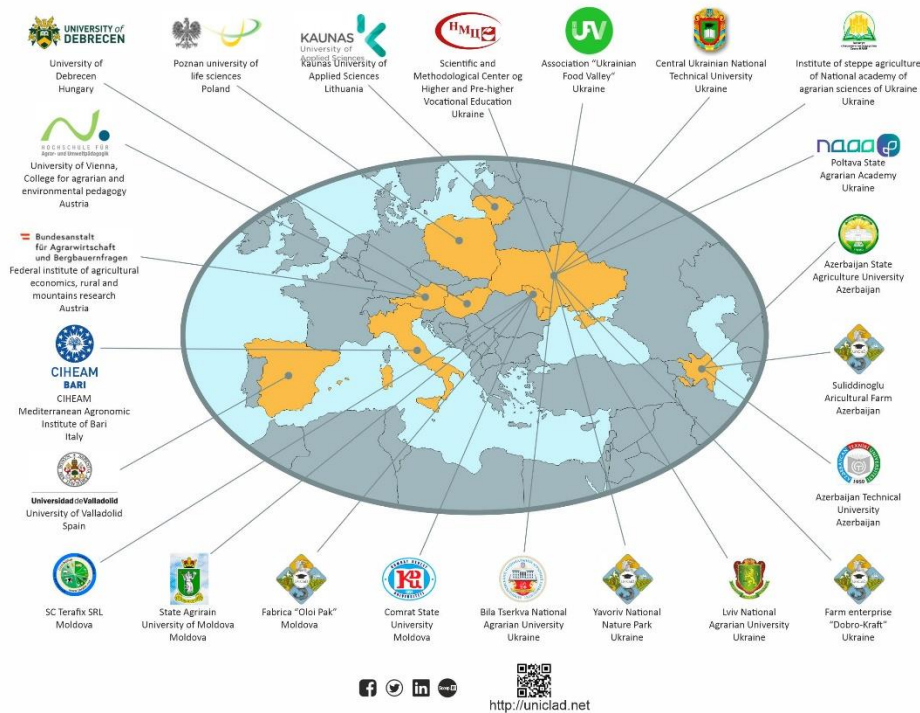
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UniClaD is aiming to Development of the potential of universities as an integral part of agro-industrial clusters and the Creation of the innovative centers as pre-conditions for the development and successful functioning of agro-industrial clusters.

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