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Editorial COVID OUTBREAK

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. Remote work makes sometimes consortium members less motivated and less involved in the project activities and to reach project successful implementation.

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WP 1: PREPARATION /Implemented activities

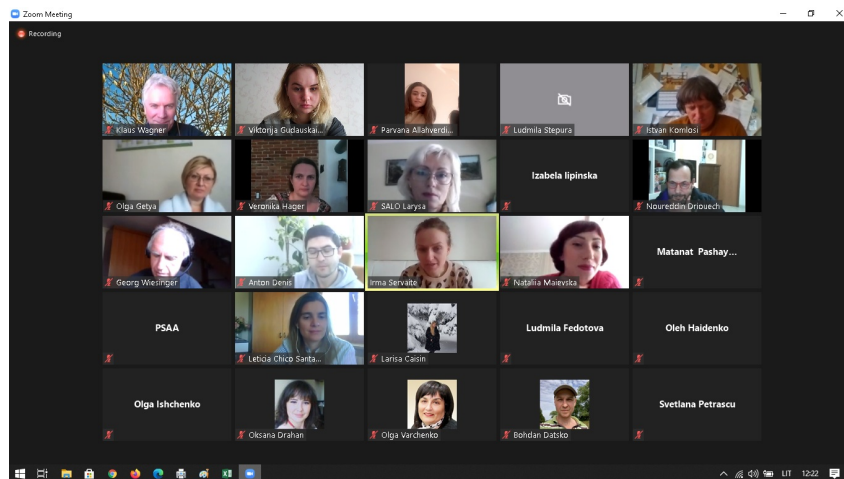
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel and movement between countries partners were delayed and, in most cases, were impossible, but the UniClaD SC decided to not postpone project activities and look for alternative ways to keep the ongoing project. Face-to-face workshops were substituted with online webinars, permission from EACEA was granted.



WP1 Task 1.1. Organization of the introductory workshops

On 25 March 2015 UniClaD Consortium performed an online Workshop devoted to **Models of Expertise Centres.** Presentations were given by: Central Ukrainian National Technical University (Ukraine); Poltava State Agrarian Academy (Ukraine); Lviv National Agrarian University (Ukraine); Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University (Ukraine); Comrat State University (Moldova); State Agrarian University of Moldova (Moldova).

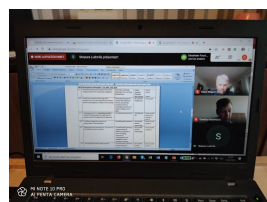
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23 February 2021: 3rd Online Steering Committee Meeting

The project activities for the period from March 2021 to August 2021 to the project. The project activity plan for the next 6 months includes activities of 1-5 work packages.

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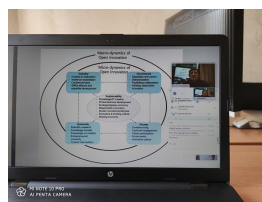


15th May 2020

ON- LINE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Main questions of the meeting: Partnership Agreement, budget, activity plan and next steps, possible extension of the project deadline...

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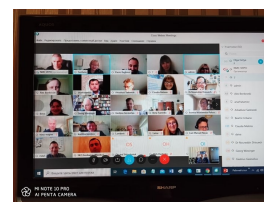


12th June 2020

ON-LINE WORKSHOP devoted to the examples of cluster initiatives in EU countries.

Different clusters were presented in the area of agro-food production, education, rural tourism, innovation...

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24th Nov. 2020

ON-LINE WOTKSHOP

devoted to legal and economic aspects of cluster creation and to study the EU experience in developing the legal base and economic relations for clusters functioning

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DISSEMINATION OF THE UniClaD RESULTS

UniClaD was presented at the XI International Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2020" - **Virtual Conference, 8-11 October 2020**



Under the framework of the [XI International Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2020"](#) Virtual Conference, 8-9 October 2020, **UniClad** Partners, Federal institute of agricultural economics, rural and mountains research and University of Vienna, College for agrarian and environmental pedagogy from **Austria**, CIHEAM-Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari from **Italy**, and Poznan university of life sciences from **Poland**, will be presenting various scientific communications related to Cluster initiatives within the working session **Rural development and agro-economy as follow:**

- **CLUSTERS TO FOSTER MULTIACTOR APPROACHES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRIAN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL SPACES**, *Klaus WAGNER, Sigrid EGARTNER, Georg WIESINGER, Veronika HAGER, Stefanie WAGNER*
- **CLUSTERS INITIATIVES IN ITALY: CONCEPT AND NATIONAL MODEL OF CLUSTER - SPREADING EXPERIENCE WITHIN "UNICLAD" PROJECT**, *Noureddin DRIQUECH, Suzana MADZARIC, Lamberto LAMBERTI, Francesca VOLPE*
- **FUNCTIONING OF CLUSTERS IN THE AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY - THE CASE OF "LESZCZYŃSKIE SMAKI" (LESZCZYŃSKIE FLAVOURS)**, *Izabela LIPIŃSKA, Joanna WIŚNIEWSKA-PALUSZAK, Lucyna PRZEZBÓRSKA-SKOBIEJ, Anna WIELICKA-ROGULSKA, Arkadiusz SADOWSKI, Olga GRABOWSKA-CHENCZKE*
- **COOPERATION OF AGRI-FOOD CLUSTERS WITH UNIVERSITIES: THE CASE STUDY FOR POLAND**, *Joanna WIŚNIEWSKA-PALUSZAK*

The Agrosym event, since 2011, is annually co-organized by UniClad partner [CIHEAM Bari Italy](#)

[LINK](#)

Upcoming Event
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
Learn more: [LINK](#)

[THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL FORUM](#)
[ON AGRI-FOOD LOGISTICS](#)

The 4th International Forum on Agri-Food Logistics invites you to seek sustainable solutions in the most urgent needs of agri-food chains in the international group of scientists. Working session n° 4 will be devoted to Agri-food clusters

Main topics

- 1) Sustainable food supply chains
- 2) Application of new techniques and IT in the supply food chain
- 3) Food losses and waste in the agribusiness sector
- 4) **Agri-food clusters and their linkage with the development of innovation and sustainability principles**
- 5) Legal determinants of the functioning of food supply chains
- 6) Corporate Social Responsibility in the agri-food system

UniClad partners are encouraged to submit a contribution under the framework of UniClad activities.

Deadline **31 May 2021** [READ more: LINK](#)



About UniClad Project “Enhancing capacity of universities to initiate and to participate in clusters development on innovation and sustainability principles” (#UniClad)

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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