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

Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education (CBHE)

**EU Program Erasmus +, Project KA2
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General objectives

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

Main tasks

- development of the chain: master - PhD - researcher as a primary part and researcher - projector - executor as a secondary part;
- sensibilisation of business, local authorities, science and education to the cooperation in the framework of clusters based on win- win principles;
- enhancing capacities of business, science and education to develop and to work within the cluster (through special trainings and special modules included into master and PhD curricula);
- implementation of special structural measures at the universities as a base for activities performed within clusters;
- enhancing of practical value of researches, theses and students' master works as well as students employability;
- creation of conditions for better integration of innovations into agro-industrial production on the sustainability principles.

Activities

- to develop special modules for master and PhD students such as: statistics, project development, econometrics, modules aimed to up-to-date challenges: climate changes, COP 21 commitment, food security, fight against poverty.
- to study EU experience of universities activity within clusters and to disseminate this information among stakeholders;
- to organize special trainings, study visits for business, science and education representatives in order to show advantages and to create the capacity for the cooperation within the cluster;
- to develop the legal base defining rules, modalities for universities functioning within clusters in compliance with the national legislation;
- to create preconditions for the creation of four cluster (water management and aquaculture, new technologies (IT) in agriculture, agro-tourist cluster and milk production and processing with the focus on traditional local products, biotechnologies in poultry production);
- development of master works and PhD thesis in line with the pilot projects.

Project consortium/ Partner Institutions & Countries

Kauno kolegija (University of applied sciences) – coordinator

Lithuania

University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy

Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics

Austria

CIHEAM Bari

Italy

Poznan university of life sciences

Poland

University of Debrecen

Hungary

Universidad of Valladolid

Spain

Scientific and Methodological Center of Higher and Pre-higher Vocational Education

Association "Ukrainian Food Valley "

Central Ukrainian National Technical University

Kirovograd State Agricultural Experimental Station of the Nati

Poltava State Agrarian Academy

Farm enterprise "Dobro-Kraft"

Lviv National Agrarian University

Yavoriv National Nature Park

Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University

Ukraine

Comrat State University

Fabrica "Oloi Pak"

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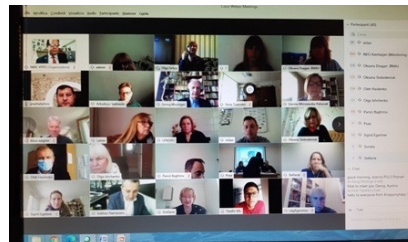
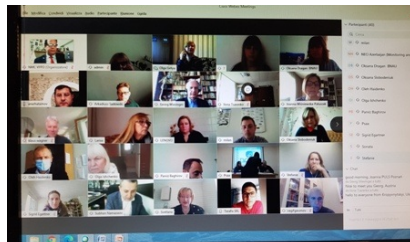
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UniClaD Online Kick-off meeting- April 24th , 2020

On April 24th 2020, The #UniClaD Project consortium performed the online kick-off meeting with presence of 50 experts from 9 countries and 24 partner institutions.

@CIHEAMBari experts and team participated to the online kick-off meeting discussion and shared a contribution entitled " Clusters initiatives in Italy: concept and national model of cluster, successful cases, participation of CIHEAM Bari in clusters"

The event was opened by project coordinator with a presentation on the overall management, and main rules of the participation in the EU Erasmus+ programme.

In addition, the main activities and milestones of the project , in the conditions of the quarantine as well as Communication within the project team were illustrated.

It is a challenging new format to start the project, but the partners are committed to ensure a smooth and successful project implementation and stakeholders' involvement even in this particular context due to the #COVID-19 outbreak.



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