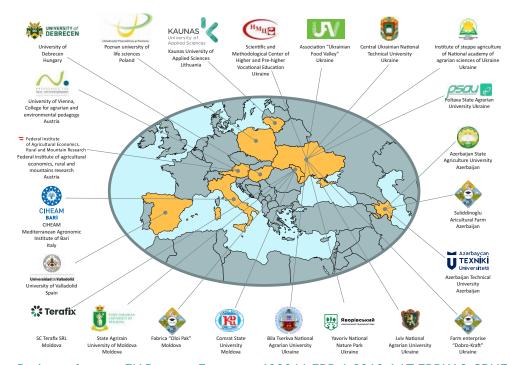


PARTNERSHIP

Twenty-three partners, from 9 countries, involved project cover a range of expertise in overlapping interdisciplinary areas:

Higher Education, Research and Private sector



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Enhancing Capacity of Universities to Initiate and to Participate in Clusters Development on Innovation and Sustainability Principles (#UniClaD)

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

UniClaD aims to enhance the development of the potential of universities as an integral part of agro-industrial clusters by the creation of expertise centres as pre-conditions for the development and successful functioning of agro-industrial clusters.

MAIN TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

- Organization of workshops, consultations, round-tables in order to present the concept of clusters and to share ideas concerning creation of expertise centers supposed to be transformed into the cluster;
- Training of HEIs and enterprises staff by workshops and study tours:
- Development of legal framework for expertise centres creation: Statutes of expertise centers, post cards, work regulations. Amendments will be done in development strategies of participating HEIs and enterprises;
- Creation expertise centers on following areas: water management and aquaculture, new technologies (IT) in machinery, rural tourism, milk production and processing with the focus on traditional local products, biotechnologies in poultry farming;
- Development and launching of new modules for Master and PhD students as added value;
- Launching of pilot projects: the projects will be defined according to enterprises needs and universities possibilities for scientific elaborations and their application on practice;
- The students' mobility will be organized in two ways from partner countries to EU and from EU to partner countries;
- In addition to traditional dissemination activities the project foresees the information and promotion campaign among stakeholder to disseminate the EU experience of clusters activity.

TARGET GROUP

The target group of UniClaD project is formed mainly by Higher Education students, professors, administrators and researchers.

Practitioners in the field like, for example, "agri-food clusters" managers, enterprises are also groups of interest for the project activities.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Creation of sustainable relations between HEIs and enterprises based on win-win principles, enhancing of practical value of research.
- Creation of conditions for better integration of innovations into production on the sustainability principles; development of entrepreneurial capacities of HEIs, contribution to the development of local area.









