



Our 2 year long project which was financed by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme (2012-1-HU1-LEO05-05850), will end on 30th November 2014.

The Hungarian closing event of the project was the „AGRIDIAG international conference: Farm environmental performance evaluation in Europe and Hungary”. This will be followed by the Portuguese closing event on 28th November

THE HUNGARIAN CLOSING EVENT

The 4th international meeting of the project which is the closing event of the project took place on 2-3rd October 2014 in Gödöllő, organized by the Hungarian partners (Szent István University, National Institute for Agricultural Advisory, Training and Rural Development, Dr. Entz Ferenc Vocational School for Agriculture).

On the first day (2nd October) an international conference was organised with the participation of several national advisors, vocational teachers and other professionals interested in agri-environmental assessment systems.

In the morning session our international presenters introduced the agri-environmental assessment systems, applied already in other European countries. Within the framework of this European outlook the Austrian Ökopunkte, the Swiss SMART and the French DIALECTE systems were presented.

The afternoon session encompassed two parts. Portuguese, French and Hungarian project partners of AGRIDIAG Project summarized their project results and „The DIALECTE agri-environmental system handbook” was also introduced to the participants. In the second part of the afternoon session 3 Hungarian participants of AGRIDIAG agri-environmental auditor pilot course shared their experiences on the usability of AGRIDIAG assessment tool in national advisory and vocational education. As a closure of the conference new directions of Rural Development in the EU, the applicability of result-based agri-environmental assessment systems and the possible development directions of AGRIDIAG system were presented.

On the 2nd day (3rd October) of the closing event was a project meeting for partners to overview the status of the final project activities, the achieved work, the end products of the project (the Agridiag environmental farm assessment tool adapted to Portuguese and Hungarian requirements, accreditable training curricula, training packages and manual on the use of the Agridiag tool for vocational teachers and innovative professionals). Project partners had the possibility to participate at a professional visit to discover Hungarian agri-environmental farming practices in the Józsefmajor Experimental and Demonstration Farm of Szent István University which was the farm assessed during the pilot training.

PROJECT RESULTS

- DIALECTE online tool adopted to Hungarian and Portuguese conditions.
- AGRIDIAG agri-environmental auditor training course for innovative professionals piloted in Hungary and Portugal with agricultural advisors and secondary agricultural vocational teachers.
- AGRIDIAG course handbook of the „DIALECTE” environmental assessment system in English, Hungarian and Portuguese languages.
- DIALECTE related pedagogic methods and recommendations for Hungarian and Portuguese secondary vocational teachers.
- HU and PT National Contact Points deep trained in DIALECTE.
- Network of AGRIDIAG farm auditor experts in Hungary.
- Database of 40 evaluated farms – assessments completed by pilot training participants - in Hungary with

FRENCH PROJECT PARTNERS

Solagro

Solagro is a non-profit organisation, based in Toulouse, France. It was created in 1981.

With a permanent team of 17 experts Solagro’s goal is to increase the range of technical options available to stakeholders involved in the fields of energy, agriculture and the environment.

Solagro’s main areas of intervention include:

- Support to the design of public policies regarding agriculture and the environment, development of methodology for their evaluation;
- Development of indicators, assessment methods;
- Feasibility studies for various kinds of sustainable agriculture and renewable energy projects or plans and support to the implementation;
- Knowledge dissemination through the organisation of trainings for students or professionals and the publication of technical documents dealing with practices and processes.

Thirty years of experience have brought to Solagro a network of contacts in France and in Europe, with local authorities, business firms, farmers and their professional organisations, institutions and administrations, research facilities and other NGOs. Solagro is a leader in France on topics related to agriculture, energy and GHG emissions.

Supagro

The objective of the national public Centre for Educational Experimentation (Florac CEP) (est. in 1970) of the Ministry of Agriculture is to support the evolution of agricultural education through continuing education of staff of schools, and being a leader in the field of teaching tools development. Ecology and landscape, rural areas, education, international cooperation, communication and multimedia are the key areas of CEP. In 2006, Florac CEP, AgroM, CNEARC and ENSIASIARC came together to create the large institution SupAgro echoing the current trend of agricultural education and the prospect to continue its approach of innovation in a broader context, the CEP of Florac involved in the co-construction of a unique agricultural higher education, within the future centre of excellence in Montpellier. Supagro positions itself as an interface between higher education and vocational agricultural schools.

The core partner Supagro Florac is involved in compile Supagro’s experiences, pedagogical methods and practices with Dialecte in vocational teaching in a form of pedagogic factsheets, and organise a 1 day pedagogic knowledge exchange session for the core Dialecte HU teacher for discussing the pedagogical methods and practices used by teachers in France at SupAgro Florac on Dialecte.

AGRIDIAG agri-environmental assessment tool, followed by a validation workshop organised on 5th September 2014 where test auditors had the possibility to share their experience and suggestions on possible improvement areas.

- project web page (www.agridiag.hu) supporting the communication of trainees, trainers and other interested people even after project closure.

Dissemination of project results

- Preparation of press releases (mainly in online media);
- Distributing brochures on vocational trainings for teachers (HU: 550 vocational teachers reached);
- Participation on 3 national and 2 international conferences, including the interactive conference organised by IEEP in Brussels on 23-24 September 2014 with the title „Result-based Agri-environmental Schemes: payments for biodiversity achievements in agriculture”;
- 3 e-newsletter for advisors (HU: 650 advisors reached)
- Brochures on the project (HU: 1700 pieces)

IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

The project brought methodological novelty and practice to professional advisory and training in the field of sustainable agri-environmental management, hence contributes to the better understanding of locally adapted farming for professional trainers, advisors and agricultural vocational school teachers. Improved agri-environmental awareness of farmers and decision making based on own farm assessment or assisted by advisors. Environment and farming interrelations are better understood by vocational school teachers who are triggered to use DIALECTE for school farms and teaching.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Acronym: Agridiag

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