

Design of cooperative networking in rural areas (LEADER, PO, cooperatives and family farms)

Lecturer: Rangel Matanski



Date: 11th May 2016

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Venue: Trakia University, Faculty of Economics

Rangel Matanski has rich experience in agricultural production and business. He is owner of a family dairy farm with 100 cows and 250 ha land, founder of the producer organization Farmers' milk Ltd., with 8 members – producers of dairy products; which organization is a member of the Association of agricultural producers in Bulgaria.

For the period 11.2011-06.2015 Rangel is taking the position of an expert for implementation of the local development strategy of the LAG-Rakovski, created under the LEADER programme for 2007-2013. Since December 2014, Rangel is the Co-chair of the biggest livestock branch organization – the National association of cattle breeders in Bulgaria.

Rangel is a member of the National rural network, takes part in the Management Committee of the Association of the small family farms and processors; he is also a member of the Plovdiv union of grain producers, and of the Association for eco-farming "Ecofarm".

Recently Rangel is councilor in Rakovski municipality.

Agenda

10:00 – 12:00

Introduction to rural areas and rural development in Bulgaria

Cooperative sector business development organizations – cooperatives, associations, PO, LAGs

Cooperative sectors' role and support for the integrated rural development

Viability of small- and medium-scale enterprises – case study Farmers' milk Ltd.

13:00 – 16:00

LEADER approach in Bulgaria - national and regional level on the role of the programme

Benefits and constraints of the programming process

Mechanisms to enable complementarity of rural programmes

Case study – LAG Rakovski

Institutional arrangements and policy – rural development processes in Bulgaria

Lecturers:

Prof. D.Sc. Julia Doitchinova, Trakia University, Stara Zagora

Prof. D.Sc. Ivan Kanchev, UNWE, Sofia



Date: 12th May 2016

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Venue: Trakia University, Faculty of Economics

Ivan Kanchev is a distinguished professor at the University of National and World Economy with a long-term experience and solid professional background as the Head of specialty "Agricultural Economics", teaching on subjects "Agrarian Management", "Management of Agricultural Cooperatives", "Integrated Environmental Assessment" and others. He has coordinated and participated in numerous national and international researches on the problems of the agricultural development and management, land and organizational structural reforms, cooperative development and other forms of collaborative action among producers in rural Bulgaria.

Prof. Kanchev is an author and co-author of more than 150 scientific articles in specialized scientific journals.

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10:00 – 12:00 Prof. D.Sc. Julia Doitchinova, Trakia University, Stara Zagora

Results and lessons learned from the implementation of the first Programme for rural development in the context of Bulgaria's membership in the EU

Problems and experience from the implementation of the Rural Development Programme

Cooperation and collaboration among farmers in terms of the Common Agricultural Policy

CAP and restructuring of the Bulgarian agriculture

Public-private partnerships - an innovative form of rural development

13:00 – 16:00 Prof. D.Sc. Ivan Kanchev, UNWE, Sofia

Basics, objectives and priorities of the new Rural Development Plan

Opportunities for innovative rural development through measures for cooperation and networking in rural areas

Approaches to strengthen civil society in rural areas and to improve the quality of life - LEADER approach

Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the Rural development programme

Lecturer: Pavlina Gospodinova, Regional economic development agency, Stara Zagora



Date: 25th May 2016

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Venue: Trakia University, Faculty of Economics

The main objective of the REDA - Stara Zagora is to support the development and implementation of mechanisms to manage the process of successful integration into the European community of local and regional authorities and businesses in the region through policies development at regional and local level aimed at sustainable development of the region and stimulate economic development, including:

- To support local and regional governments in their efforts for sustainable development and creating a favorable business environment;
- To support the development of successful partnerships, both between local authorities and between local authorities, business and civil society;
- To encourage and promote entrepreneurship and SMEs;
- To promote the region and attract national and foreign investment;
- To assist unemployed and other disadvantaged groups for their integration into the labor market through training and technical assistance;
- To encourage innovation and introduction of new technologies in local and regional economy;
- To preserve and restore the environment as a prerequisite for sustainable development in the region;
- To act as a cluster of regional development together with its member institutions and organizations;
- To encourage and foster the development of different forms of sustainable tourism.

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10:00 – 12:00

Historical development and changes within the scope, priorities and mechanisms of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

Sustainable development of rural areas – the balance between territory, ecology and agriculture

13:00 – 16:00

CAP 2020 and its specific implementation in Bulgaria – focus on the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

Local development through education – the role of modern approaches towards sustainable results

Lecturers: Sevinç Gülsecen, Ayşe Çinar, Zerrin Ayvaz Reis, Istanbul University, Turkey



Date: 30th May 2016

Time: 10:00 – 16:00

Venue: Trakia University, Faculty of Economics

Dr. Sevinc Gulsecen is a Professor and Head of the Department of Informatics at Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey. Dr. Gulsecen has her doctoral degree in Management Information Systems from Faculty of Business, Istanbul University. Dr. Gulsecen has her primary teaching and research interests in system analysis and design, constructivist learning, e-learning, computer-mediated communications, e-government, **community and social informatics**, and knowledge management.

She has been a member of Istanbul University International Academic Relations Board, Institute of Science Academic Board and Bologna Coordination Board as well as Turkish Informatics Society and Turkish Knowledge Security Society. Dr. Gulsecen has visited several countries including USA, France, Italy, Slovakia, Lithuania, Scotland, England and Check Republic for her professional meetings and work. She has also worked with several business professionals for her consulting and research.

Dr. Gulsecen has served on the editorial board of several refereed journals and has reviewed manuscripts and conference proceedings. She has served as a moderator and session chair at national and international conferences.

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Knowledge management process in distance learning

Volunteer Practices in Distance Education: Community Service Applications Course at Istanbul University

13:00 – 16:00

Community service applications courses

Education opportunities in rural areas