

SAGRIS - Enhancement of Postgraduate Studies on Sustainable Agriculture and Future Farming Systems

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Project announcement: Nürtingen-Geislingen University together with 18 partners succeeded with a joint project proposal to cooperate for the further development of doctoral education in agricultural studies. Educating doctoral students and future professionals on high quality and international standards is needed to increase knowledge based solutions for sustainable agriculture and future farming systems. The topic is prevailing in the partner countries Russia and Kazakhstan characterized by large agricultural areas and economies and defined strategic goals for the innovative development of this sector. Moreover, the related issues in food security, rural development, natural resource management and climate change mitigation are of cross-regional and international relevance for which agricultural sciences can provide and further develop problem-oriented approaches that are just becoming more recognized in the scientific community.

Objectives: The project start is scheduled for 15th January 2020. The project activities aim to:

- (1) develop and establish four post-graduate modules at 8 HEIs in different regions to qualify doctoral students on inter- and transdisciplinary contents and approaches relevant for agricultural research and innovation;
- (2) increase the human capacity, literature base and equipment of partner institutions to provide doctoral education according to international standards and best-practices;
- (3) strengthen international and interregional academic exchange and research cooperation among project partners;
- (4) establish a network on doctoral research and education in the agricultural field targeted on the exchange of best practices with a wider audience.

Partnership: The consortium consists of five EU partners, four Russian and four Kazakh agricultural universities together with consultative and expert partners from accreditation, research and private business in Russia and Kazakhstan.

European programme country partners

1. Nürtingen-Geislingen University – HfWU (coordinator)
2. Warsaw University of Life Sciences – WULS-SGGW
3. Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague – CULS
4. DITSL Witzenhausen - DITSL
5. Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu – EMU

Russian Federation higher education partners

6. Stavropol State Agrarian University - SSAU
7. Novosibirsk State Agrarian University - NSAU
8. Buryat State Academy of Agriculture – BSAA
9. Yakutsk State Agricultural Academy - YSAA

Republic of Kazakhstan higher education partners

10. S.Seifullin Kazakh Agro Technical University, Astana - KATU
11. Kazakh National Agrarian University, Almaty - KazNAU
12. Zhangir khan West Kazakhstan agrarian-technology University, Oral - WKATU
13. A.Baitursynov Kostanay State University - ABKSU

Research institutions and consultative bodies in the partner countries

14. National Centre for Public Accreditation NCPA, Russian Federation
15. Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating IARR, Kazakhstan
16. National Agrarian Science and Educational Centre NASEC, Kazakhstan
17. Russian Academy of Sciences RAN (including RU research institutions)

Associated partners

18. Ministry of Agriculture of Russian Federation – MCX RF
19. Ministry of Agriculture in Kazakhstan – MCX KZ

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