

NEWSLETTER No. 3.

EU.WATER

"TRANSNATIONAL INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN AGRICULTURE FOR THE EUROPEAN WATER EMERGENCY CONTROL"

IAE, BELGRADE FINISHED EDUCATION ACTIVITY AT THE TERRITORY OF PANCČEVO CITY

In period between December 2010 and February 2011 the Institute for Agricultural Economics of Beograd, in cooperation with the PDS Institute "Tamiš" from Pančevo, organized the first cycle of trainings in Pančevo city and in 12 Local communities belonging to the Serbian pilot area, actually under investigation in EU.WATER project.

The great success of the initiatives is witnessed by the extremely high number of participants, around 180! The trainings were addressed to agricultural technicians to transfer managerial know-how and practices defined by EU.WATER methodologies and techniques experienced through the pilot actions implementation.

The aim is to give inputs to local experts to address upgraded reforms and agricultural processes to improve the whole rural governance in the project areas. Education topics were: 1. Aims of EU.WATER project from aspects of soil and water resources in Southeast Banat Region on the territory of Pancevo city; 2. The implementation of the results of the analysis of soil and water through the application of principles and standards in accordance with the Nitrate Directive 91/676/EEC (Directive 91/271) and Water Directive 2000/60, standards prescribed by the European Union; 3. Investigation over the needs for implementing system of monitoring quality of soil and water. Teachers from IAE, Belgrade were Vladana Hamovic Ph.D. Project coordinator (Vice Director of IAE) and Predrag Vukovic M.A. Research Associate, Assistant Coordinator. From Institute "Tamiš" teacher was Director Mileta Stankovic. Invitations for course participants were by phone and e-mail according to associations of agricultural producers and officials who collaborate with IAE, Belgrade at project.



Tabele 1. Timetable of education activities

No.	Place	Date	Time
1.	Banatski Brestovac	13 December 2010	12:00
2.	Vojlovica	15 December 2010	17:00
3.	Gornji Grad	15 December 2010	19:00
4.	Ivanovo	17 December 2010	12:00
5.	Omoljica	17 December 2010	14:00
6.	Starčevo	22 December 2010	18:00
7.	Kačarevo	12 January 2011	18:00
8.	Glogonj	17 January 2011	18:00
9.	Banatsko Novo Selo	18 January 2011	18:00
10.	Jabuka	21 January 2011	18:00
11.	Dolovo	25 January 2011	18:00
12.	Stari Tamiš	08 February 2011	11:45

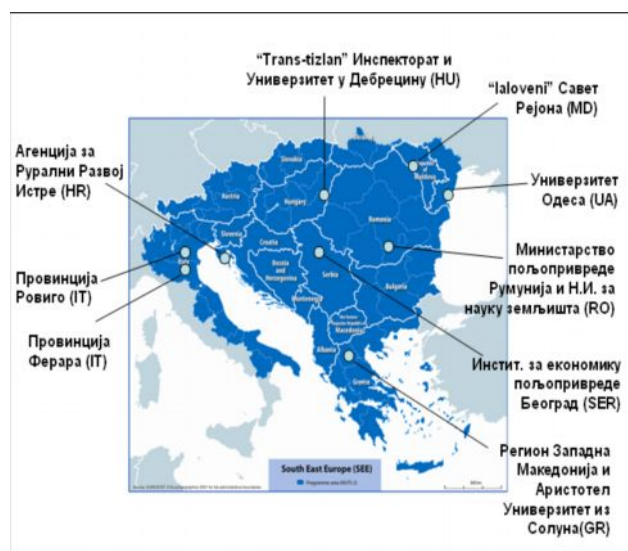
PROMOTION OF THE "STUDY I",

On 28th February 2011 in the premises of the Institute "Tamiš", Pančevo, held a Promotion "Study I" and press conference by the Institute of Agricultural Economics, Belgrade as a project manager for the EU.WATER project for the Republic of Serbia and Institute "Tamiš" as the host of the conference. Numerous media representatives who were present at the promotion on behalf of the IAE, Belgrade welcomed the Director Prof. Drago Cvijanovic Ph.D, on behalf of the Institute "Tamiš"; their Director Mileta Stanković. In the welcome speech Mileta Stanković explained the need and importance of EU.WATER project, especially in the area of the Pančevo city, which is burdened with environmental issues caused by increasing pollution and emissions of harmful substances into the soil and water. Director of the IAE, Belgrade, Prof. Drago Cvijanović Ph.D. presented the project, goals, the schedule of planned activities and importance. Special emphasis has been placed to the „Study I“ in which was presented aims of Nitrate Directive 91/676 EEC and Water Directive

2000/60. Also in „Study I“ were presented GIS maps which IAE finished in first year of project. Mileta Stanković, presented his observations on the current problems of environmental pollution, especially soil and water in the area of the Pančevo city and presented the GIS system which should be implemented in their territory. Present journalists and local officials expressed their interest for past activities on the EU.WATER project, presented the current issues and expressed willingness to cooperate with the management of the project. The delegation of the IAE, Belgrade at the promotion were the Director of Institute Prof. Drago Cvijanović Ph.D. (Project Manager), Predrag Vuković M.A. (Assistant Coordinator) and Velibor Potrebic M.A.

IAE, BELGRADE ON THE „4TH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM - STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING" IN ROVIGO, ITALY.

Delegation of the IAE, Belgrade as part of their regular activities on the project "EU.WATER" in the period between 19 - 20 May 2011 participated at the "4th Scientific and Technical Partnership Forum - Steering Committee meeting" in Rovigo, Italy. In delegation from Serbia were Prof. Drago Cvijanovic Ph.D, Director of IAE, Predrag Vukovic, MA. Assistant Coordinator and Velibor Potrebic, Researcher in the project. After the opening speech of the Councilor of Economic Activities, the team focused on the presentation of the final results of the vulnerability maps to nitrates in the pilot areas and discussed over the Transnational Strategy for Integrated Water Management in Agriculture. The Strategy represents the red line that connects all key-activities of the project. EU.WATER started from the water sensitive areas detected in every region through the vulnerability maps and the „Codes of good agricultural practices“ collected by some technical questionnaires. Indeed, it looks evident that a common strategy must be supported by consolidated scientific basis to be accepted by the policymakers but, at the same time, a common strategy cannot propose radical changes addressed at the traditional agricultural settings, otherwise the local adaptation plan could not be put in practice by the local authorities and farmers. Participants concluded that implementation, of the final part of the project of practical actions and grants mechanisms for introducing new technologies and new productive systems in agriculture could ensure that small-scale interventions would connect rural communities with major investments and they would have a continuity after the project conclusion.



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