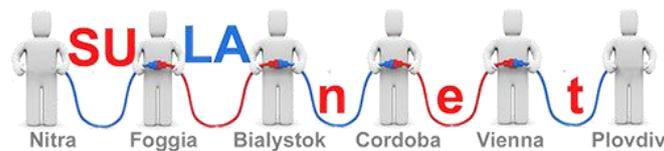


REPORT

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on Workshop organized by the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development – Plovdiv (Bulgaria) on the Jean Monnet Networks project “Sustainable Land Management in the EU” (SULANET) No. 564651-EPP-1-2015-1-SK-EPPJMO-NETWORK



The University of Agribusiness and Rural Development (UARD) organized a workshop within the work program of the Jean Monnet Networks project “Sustainable Land Management in the EU” (SULANET), No. 564651-EPP-1-2015-1-SK-EPPJMO-NETWORK which took place on February 24th, 2017. The workshop was a part of 3 day event organized by UARD during the International Agricultural Exhibition AGRA’ 2017 at Plovdiv International Fair. The workshop on February 24th, 2017 took place at the ‘Bulgaria’ Conference Hall. The total number of participants was 95 people. The audience consisted of university professors, representatives of research institutes, students, agricultural producers, representatives of NGOs, etc. The welcome address was delivered by the Rector of UARD – Prof. Dr. Eng. Dimitar Dimitrov who did introduction to the importance of the topic related to the land management. The theme of sustainable land use was discussed in a global perspective. That’s why the workshop was organized in the following discussion panels:

- Sustainable management of natural resources and climate change
- Balanced social and territorial development and vital rural communities

Within the discussion the following topics were presented:

- Presentation of Jean Monnet Networks Project titled: “Sustainable Land Management Network” (SULANET) – aims, objectives, partners, intellectual outputs, etc. – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vihra Dimitrova¹
- Sustainable management of natural resources and climate change - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Lakov
- Land market. EU legislation concerning land use management – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vihra Dimitrova
- Balanced social and territorial development and vital rural communities – Prof. Dr. Zlatka Grigorova

A discussion was opened by the students of UARD who were interested in the final SULANET project results. Questions about legislation of land trade-offs were set by some of the participants. The final conclusion of the discussion was that the topic concerning the sustainable land use is very important in Bulgaria.

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- Opening speech by the Rector – Prof. Dr. Eng. Dimitar Dimitrov



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In discussion participated also Assoc. Prof. Dr. Virginia Zhelyazkova from the Higher School of Insurance and Finance, Sofia. She presented some aspects of ecological risk in land management.

An interesting discussion was carried out after the presentations of the speakers. The major questions during the discussion were raised about the dynamics of the land market in Bulgaria, the Bulgarian legislation concerning the land market and the ecological aspects of land withdrawal.



Conclusion: The main outcome of this workshop was that the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development set for discussion such an important issue and the expanding of the network of the UARD partners and stakeholders interested in this topic.