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XIII European Rural Development Network Conference:

## **The central-eastern EU model for competitive and sustainable agriculture and rural development**

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## **PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE**

### **Background**

Agriculture in Europe is subject to increasing pressure from globalisation, that is moving toward the standardisation of the production, based on economic competitiveness. At the same time, Europe 2020 strategy promotes the idea of sustainable, innovative agri-food sector based on resource efficiency, and rural development promoting social inclusion and job creation.

The basic goal of the research seminar is to confront various approaches to agribusiness and rural development in the context of balance between competitiveness and sustainability. This event brings together researchers carrying out in-depth studies in the aforesaid areas from V4 and its neighbourhood EU member states, countries of Eastern Partnership (EaP) and Western Balkans (WB).

The next goal is to build a discussion forum of scientific community on central eastern model of transformation of rural systems with a particular focus on a knowledge transfer to V4 eastern neighbourhood.

Seminar's first day is devoted to various approaches to agri-food sector development in V4 and other CEE countries in the context of trade-off between competitiveness and sustainability. This also refers to the problem of inclusion of small and family farms in value chains and enhancing their financial stability, development of smart local food systems, provision of public goods by agriculture, knowledge and innovation transfer.

Seminar's second day turns its lens to rural systems, with a focus on smart, sustainable, inclusive growth in rural areas and the problem of rural jobs. The seminar is based on previous cooperation of V4 partners and aims at promoting exchange of experiences of scientific community of CEE countries. We focus on knowledge transfer supporting an institutional capacity and economic integration with EU of EaP countries.

Seminar aims also in assessment in what extent new EU rural policy tools respond to different challenges facing agriculture and rural areas of each of V4 countries. The added value of the project will be long-lasting and sustainable cooperation under the idea of European Rural Development Network as a think tank for science and public policy.

The leitmotif inspiring organisation of the research seminar is to enable the exchange of experiences between economists, geographers and sociologists but also policy makers working on issues related to agriculture and rural development. The idea behind the event is to strengthen a cooperation of four partners and, with V4 as a core, build a scientific cooperation of Central-Eastern European research institutions. Therefore the outcomes of the project will be widely disseminated throughout researchers, NGOs, professionals, media and individuals in Europe interested in the issues related to agriculture and rural development in CEECs.

### **General Topics**

- Models for development of competitive and sustainable agriculture
  - New approaches to agri-food sector development in CEE countries: sustainability and competitiveness
  - Transition towards sustainable agriculture: the inclusion of family farming in value chains and enhancing financial stability
  - Panel discussion
- Models for development of competitive and sustainable rural territories
  - Smart, inclusive and sustainable growth in rural areas: turning diversity into strength
  - Social structures and innovation: place-based development in global challenges
  - Panel Discussion
- The Polish agriculture and rural areas. Experiences, challenges, opportunities (Special session of IAFE-NRI).

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18/10/2015	Time
Arrival: Hotel Hyrny, Piłsudskiego 20, 34-500 Zakopane.	
Welcome reception	19:00-22.00
19/10/2015 Day 1	
Models for development of competitive and sustainable agriculture	
Breakfast	7:00 - 9.00
<b>Opening: Welcome address</b> Paweł Chmieliński, Michał Soliwoda <i>European Rural Development Network, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute, Warszawa, Poland</i>	
<b>Session I. Chair: Michał Soliwoda, Poland</b> Zbigniew Floriańczyk ( <i>opening speech</i> ) <i>New models of agriculture and rural development stakeholder cooperation - EU administrative networks perspective</i>	
Ivan Foltýn, Olga Štiková, Ida Zedníčková, Ilona Mrhálková <i>Modelling of the economic equilibrium on the Czech agrarian markets</i>	
Olena Borodina, Viktor Yarovyi, Sergiy Kyryzyuk <i>Inclusion of family farms in value chains in Ukraine: present and prospects</i>	9.00-11.30
Ivan Foltýn, Ondřej Chaloupka <i>Modelling of the impacts of agricultural production on the national economy of the Czech Republic</i>	
Camelia Gavrilescu, Dan-Marius Voicilaş <i>Assessment of Romania's agri-food trade competitiveness - from CEFTA to EU-28</i>	
Katarzyna Bańkowska <i>The consequences of European energy and climate policy for rural development in Poland</i>	
Coffee break	11.30-12.00
<b>Session II. Chair: Zbigniew Floriańczyk, Poland</b> Marián Tóth ( <i>opening speech</i> ) <i>Structral changes in Slovak agriculture</i>	
Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Muje Gjonbalaj <i>Impact of investment measures on Kosovo Agriculture</i>	
Tomáš Rábek <i>Financial benchmarking in Slovak agricultural farms</i>	
Oksana Perkhach <i>Technical and economic security as a part of sustainable development of agricultural enterprises</i>	12.00-14.00
Michał Soliwoda <i>How to improve farm financial management? The lesson from Poland</i>	
Diana Criclivaia <i>Impact of Moldovan tax system on local and agriculture sector development: 25 years of experience and challenges</i>	
<b>Panel Discussion Chair: Marián Tóth, Slovakia</b> Zbigniew Floriańczyk, Marián Tóth, Szabolcs Biró, Tomáš Hlavsa, Dan-Marius Voicilaş, Oksana Perkhach	14.00-14.30
Lunch	14.30-15.30
<b>Study tour. Podhale and Winter Capital of Poland: natural and cultural heritage</b>	16.00-19.00
Dinner	20.00

<b>20/10/2015 Day 2</b>	
<b>Models for development of competitive and sustainable rural territories</b>	
Breakfast	7.00-8.00
<b>Study tour:</b> Socio-natural landscapes: Tatra National Park and Strážyska Valley	8.00-12.00
Lunch	12.00-13.00
<b>Session III. Chair: Paweł Chmieliński, Poland</b>	
Věra Majerová, Jiří Sálus , Tomáš Pilař ( <i>opening speech</i> ) <i>Threats to rural society in the Czech Republic and its future in the context of global risks</i>	
Marie Trantinová, Jiří Hrabák <i>Identification of successes and failures of implementation of selected principles</i> <i>Leader</i>	
Ewa Kiryluk-Dryjska, Agnieszka Baer-Nawrocka <i>The influence of the financial crisis on the youth unemployment in rural areas of the European Union</i>	13.00-15.00
Oskar Wolski, Łukasz Sykała, Magdalena Dej <i>The Leader Method in Poland versus practices in other Visegrad Group countries – success factors and conclusions in the context of a new program perspective</i>	
Vladimir Székely <i>Ambivalent perception of globalization processes in context of rural development</i>	
Ion Certan <i>Access to finance as a key factor of social inclusion in rural areas</i>	
Coffee break	15.00-15.30
<b>Session IV. Chair: Věra Majerová, Czech Republic</b>	
Andrew Fieldsend ( <i>opening speech</i> ) <i>Innovation in Family Farming in Eastern Europe and Central Asia</i>	
Tomáš Hlavsa <i>Economic performance of agricultural holdings in the Czech less favoured areas with the special view on small farms</i>	
Marcela Tuzová, Martina Toullová, Lea Kubíčková <i>Selected aspects of the internationalization process of Czech agricultural SMEs with focus on the success factors</i>	15.30-17.30
Klaus Wagner, Julia Niedermayr <i>Comparison of Structures, Development and Influencing Basic Conditions of Agriculture and Rural Development in Selected Alpine Regions</i>	
Szabolcs Biró <i>Impact of the old, effect of the new Rural Development Programme in Hungary</i>	
Ion Certan, Simon Certan <i>Village development: concept and achievements</i>	
<b>Panel Discussion Chair: Andrew Fieldsend, Hungary</b>	
Věra Majerová, Jakub Hadyński, Andrew Fieldsend, Vladimír Székely, Klaus Wagner, Ion Certan	17.30-18.00
Dinner	19.00



Breakfast	7.00-9.00
<b>Special IAFE-NRI Session.</b> Chair: Marián Tóth, Slovakia	
Julian Krzyżanowski ( <i>opening speech</i> ) <i>The impact of CAP 2014-2020 on sustainable development of Polish agriculture in the light of current research and documents</i>	
Marcin Gospodarowicz <i>Economic and social cohesion of municipalities in Poland</i>	
Paweł Chmieliński, Bożena Karwat-Woźniak <i>Between competitiveness and sustainability: challenges for family farming in Poland</i>	
Cezary Klimkowski <i>Common Agricultural Policy and price stabilisation – the case of wheat market</i>	9.00-11.30
Barbara Wieliczko <i>Fiscal impulses influencing the development of the Polish agriculture and rural areas</i>	
Malgorzata Bułkowska <i>Liberalization of agri-food trade within the TTIP from Polish perspective</i>	
Adam Wąs <i>Impact of direct payments on production and economic results of family farms in Poland</i>	
Barbara Chmielewska <i>Small farms as an important objective of rural development policy</i>	
<b>Discussion and closing remarks for XIII ERDN Conference</b>	
<i>Paweł Chmieliński, Michał Soliwoda</i>	11.30
Lunch, Departure	12.00



**European Rural Development Network (ERDN, [www.erdn.eu](http://www.erdn.eu))** was established in 2002 to integrate efforts and competencies of various European research institutions in the jointly conducted work on the state and the paths of transformation of the rural areas and agri-food sector in EU Member States and neighbourhood countries. Thus the main objectives of the Network are parallel to the Community's idea of building European Research Area for agriculture and rural development. The Network is meant to encompass the leading research centres carrying out the research in the area of agricultural economics and rural development in Europe, with special focus on Central-Eastern European Countries. The network consists of universities and research institutes from Poland, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Lithuania, Croatia but also from Ukraine, Serbia, Moldova, Montenegro and Kosovo. ERDN collaborates with scientists from the UK, Germany, France, Spain, Norway, Finland and Italy.

The efforts of network members in investigation of rural processes provides extensive knowledge needed to understand the specificity of rural development in CEECs. Different scientific backgrounds, cross-national origin of ERDN experts and over decade of successful cooperation provide complex and interdisciplinary, high quality solutions. The members of the Network are representing the leading Universities and Research Institutes in Central and Eastern Europe. The basis for the ERDN development, knowledge exchange and the source of future research ideas are annually organised conferences.

In 2002-2014 the Network organised 12 international conferences and published 12 volumes of ERDN Rural Areas and Development book series on most recent issues of structural transformation of rural areas and agriculture in European countries in the context of the implementation and change in development policy of the European Union and neighbouring countries (see sample: Knowledge as a factor of rural areas development). These reviewed monographs are available on AgEcon and are indexed in various databases (e.g. SSRN, CEJSH, PBN, CeON).

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