

Workshop

“Thinking of rural development in Albania: How to improve the existing experiences?”

& Steering Committee of the SmartAL project

7-8 October 2019, Tirana (Albania)

The consortium of the SmartAL Erasmus+ capacity building project gathered in Tirana (Albania) on October 7 & 8, 2019 at the European University of Tirana.

2nd Steering Committee of the SmartAL project (Oct. 7, 2019)



Magali Maire, Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes de Montpellier-Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen de Montpellier (CIHEAM-IAMM), France, SmartAL project Coordinator, and Virginie Avignon, SmartAL project Financial Manager (CIHEAM-IAMM), in collaboration with the consortium members —European University of Tirana (UET), Albania, Agricultural University of Tirana (UBT), Albania, University Fan S. Noli, Korçë (UNKO), Albania, University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Germany, Panteion University of Social Sciences (UPSPS), Greece, University Paul Valéry (UPV), France— took stock of the progress made and the upcoming tasks: quality process, communication issues, financial management, ...

From left to right: Virginie Avignon, Magali Maire and Philippe Le Grusse, CIHEAM-IAMM, Marc Dedeire, UPV, Elena Kokthi, UET

Scientific Committee of the SmartAL project (Oct. 7, 2019)

The pairs of Albanian and EU lecturers defined the scientific content of the 9 modules and the accreditation modalities of the future Master in “European Innovations for a Sustainable Management of Albanian Territories, rural areas and agriculture: Instruments, policies, strategies”.



From left to right:
 Ketrina Cabiri, UET, Sofia Nikolaidou, UPSPS, Dorjan Marku, UNKO, Reiner Doluschitz, UHOH, Oltta Sokoli, UHOH, Pascal Chevalier, UPV, Magali Maire, CIHEAM-IAMM, Marc Dedeire, UPV, Ardian Cerava, UNKO, Ilir Sosoli, UNKO

Workshop “Thinking of rural development in Albania: How to improve the existing experiences?” (Oct. 8, 2019)

The workshop was held with a large audience. A panel discussion was organized on “**How a Master such as the Smart Executive Master can meet the requirements of rural development in Albania**”. The questions to be answered were the following:

Rural development in Albania has been strongly supported by international friends of Albania through their bilateral actions or through multilateral actions:

- What is their vision on the strategic objectives for rural development in Albania thereupon?
- What kind of instruments should Albania undertake on rural development in order to reduce the negative impact of integration, and to better use its positive effects?
- What is the donors’ vision on this regard?



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Ms Adelina Greca, General Director of the National Agency of Territory Planning, Ms Magali Maire, Coordinator of the SmartAL project, CIHEAM-IAMM, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Fatmir Guri, Agricultural University of Tirana

The 100+ villages initiative launched by the Albanian government has given a good momentum in the rural areas in Albania.

- What are the steps that policy makers will undertake to assure the snowball effect of the 100+ villages programme on other rural areas?
- What do central authorities foresee to do in order to overpass agricultural policies and to move toward rural development ones?
- What is the local vision of municipalities about the rural development measures in their own territory?



Opening Speech by Prof. Assoc. Dr. Selami Xhepa, President, European University of Tirana



Opening Speech by Ms Adelina Greca, General Director of the National Agency of Territory Planning



New competences for new requirements: the SmartAL Erasmus+ capacity building project: an answer to the reinforcement of rural territories development in Albania, Ms Magali Maire, Project coordinator, CIHEAM-IAM Montpellier



100+ villages: an innovative instrument in Albanian rural areas, Ms Fiona Mali, National Agency of Territory Planning, Director of the local planning



Going further: territory diagnosis of rural areas, first step for local intervention, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Fatmir Guri, Agricultural University of Tirana



Villages identity card – A methodology to construct the basket of goods for the rural areas, Ms Elena Kokthi, European University of Tirana, Dr Tahani Abdelhakim, CIHEAM-IAM Montpellier



First SmartAL example: Self-governance potential in rural areas, Ms Elda Muço, Master student, CIHEAM-IAM Montpellier



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