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PROJECT TITLE:

Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

PROJECT ACRONYM:

SARUD

GRANT AGREEMENT:

Erasmus+ KA2 project 561969-EPP-1-2015-1-DE-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP

PROJECT DURATION:

15.10.2015 – 14.10.2018

BUDGET: 1 million €

PROJECT PARTNERS:

EU Partners: ■ University of Hohenheim, Germany (grantholder) ■ Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland ■ Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague ■ Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany ■ Corvinus University Budapest, Hungary ■ Agency for Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas Schwabisch Gmund, Germany

Russian Partners: Universities: ■ Russian State Agrarian University Moscow ■ Omsk State Agrarian University • Michurinsk State Agrarian University a Buryat State Academy of Agriculture ■ Novosibirsk State Agrarian University ■ Samara State Agricultural Academy ■ Tambov State University named after G.R. Derzhavin ■ Yaroslavl State Agricultural Academy ■ Stavropol State Agrarian University; National and international_ partners: ■ Ministry of Agriculture of Russian Federation ■ Stolypin Centre of Regional Development ■ Russian Committee for the UNESCO Program Man and Biosphere; Local working group partners: • Regional Ministry of Agriculture and Food Omsk ■ Omsk Ecology Committee ■ Tambov Region Administration of Agriculture ■ Tambov Association of Fruit Growers

Kazakh Partners: Universities: ■ Kazakh Agro Technical University ■ Kostanay State University ■ Kokshetau State University; National and local working group partners: ■ People's Khural of the Republic of Buryatia ■ Jasso Tour Co Ltd. ■ Association of Forestry



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

SARUD reacts on the demand for practice oriented but formalised/accredited education that is of interest for both - fresh alumni with Bachelor degree and working professionals seeking to upgrade their skills. The project is focused on the development of a professional master program in sustainable agriculture and rural development at three Russian and three Kazakh agricultural universities. It also involves practice partners, e.g. the German Agricultural Centre in Kazakhstan, regional administrations, the UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB). SARUD fosters the inter-regional exchange and collaboration, as well as installs local working groups to insure the needs-oriented design of the study program. Furthermore, the project actively exploits the existing experience from former projects and establishes two national network platforms to create a knowledge base on sustainable agriculture and rural development, which is accessible for all agricultural faculties.

OBJECTIVES:

- to develop practice-oriented master programs on sustainable agriculture and rural development at three Russian and three Kazakh universities tailored to the demand of regions for professionals in public services, local and regional governments, farm management and service providers,
- to build up a knowledge and network platform on sustainable agriculture and integrative rural development aspects with international and regional case studies/examples,



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- to strengthen the competences and inter-regional network of education faculties and facilities for conducting target-group specific trainings in the area of rural development.

As a result future professionals are educated and trained to adopt theoretical development concepts for specific local conditions, to get access to international experience and to apply modern methods to the evaluation of agroecosystems for the effective management of natural and land resources.

More information: <https://sarud.uni-hohenheim.de/>