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INTRODUCTION

As part of its activities, the AgriGREEN project envisages the realisation of **Intensive training course Agri-Environmental Economics**, which aim to introduce and educate UNS students on current EU agricultural policy and the Farm to Fork *F2F* strategy. This session is a part of WP5 AgriGREEN courses. In this WP, an adapting of existing courses, as well as developing and realizing a new courses and intensive training course is done. Moreover, Intensive Training Course Agri-Environmental Economics is organized in the third year of the AgriGREEN project, and it was open for all students from UNS.

With the implementation of Intensive Training Courses (ITC), the AgriGREEN project will motivate students to learn about EU policies. In addition, students from other study programs and faculties will be involved through intensive training courses and workshops. Workshops will enable interested students and other stakeholders to connect theoretical and practical knowledge and further increase the quality of the cognitive process and the attractiveness of EU topics. In addition, the creation and development of intensive courses and workshops during the project lifetime will fill the gap in the formal and non-formal education on topic of Agri-environmental Economy.

The structure of the report is as follows: Chapter 2 explains the idea of Intensive training course Agri-Environmental Economics; Chapter 3 explains the realization of ITC, while Appendix 1 shows all proofs that all activities are realized.



DESCRIPTION OF INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

The main objective of the AgriGREEN project is to disseminate knowledge about the EU and its policies, with an emphasis on EU agricultural policy and Farm to Fork Strategy and high focus on the concept of agricultural sustainability. One of the ways to achieve that goal is by organizing Intensive Training Courses (ITC) for student. The idea of ITC is to enable students from the entire University in Novi Sad to attend this course. Considering the field the course deals with, i.e. Agri-environmental economics, special attention is given to students of the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Agriculture.

The ITC is divided into three segments, with the following topics:

- 1.** Introduction to agri-environmental economics (F2F in focus).
- 2.** Organic agriculture.
- 3.** Problems of use of chemical inputs in agriculture.

The first segment is focused on Farm to Fork (F2F) strategy and provides a foundational understanding of the economic principles and policies shaping sustainable agriculture and food systems. The second segment explores the principles, practices, and market dynamics of organic farming, emphasizing its role in promoting environmental sustainability. The Farm to Fork (F2F) strategy promotes organic agriculture as a key part of the transition to sustainable food systems in the EU. One of the main goals of this strategy is to increase the area under organic production to 25% of the total agricultural land by 2030. This is implemented through a range of policies that include reducing the use of pesticides, fertilizers and antibiotics, as well as increasing support for farmers who switch to sustainable practices. Accordingly, the third part of ITC addressing the environmental and health implications of chemical inputs and examines alternatives, regulatory frameworks, and sustainable practices to mitigate their negative impacts.



REALISATION OF INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSE AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

ITC is organized for students of the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Novi Sad. The total number of attendees was 43, and three workshops were held:

1. Introduction to agri-environmental economics (F2F in focus).
2. Organic agriculture.
3. Problems of use of chemical inputs in agriculture.

Attendance lists are attached in Annex A.

1) The “Introduction to agri-environmental economics (F2F in focus)” was held **November 19, 2024**, during which Žana Jurjević held the first part of the course. The goals of this ITC segment are understanding agri-environmental economics within the F2F strategy, that is, identifying economic and political challenges in the transition to sustainable food systems, understanding the objectives of the EU F2F strategy, such as reducing pesticides and increasing organic farming.

Picture 1. Introduction to agri-environmental economics (F2F in focus) (November 19, 2024) – Žana Jurjević



2) The “Organic agriculture” was held **November 26, 2024**. Bojan Matkovski was a lecturer, and this ITC segment was held in cooperation with assistant professor Dr. Mirela Tomaš Simin from the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad. Students had the opportunity to



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learn about market opportunities and consumer trends in organic production (Bojan Matkovski), as well as the basic principles, standards and certification of organic production and understanding the ecological advantages of organic production (Mirela Tomaš Simin).

Picture 2. Organic agriculture (November 26, 2024) – Bojan Matkovski



Picture 3. Organic agriculture (November 26, 2024) – Mirela Tomaš Simin





3) The “Problems of use of chemical inputs in agriculture” segment of ITC was held on **November 29, 2024**, by Danilo Đokić. Students had the opportunity to meet and learn about the critical problems associated with chemical inputs in agriculture; to perceive the environmental and health impacts of pesticides and fertilizers, and to learn about alternatives and regulatory frameworks and risk reduction initiatives.

Picture 4. Problems of use of chemical inputs in agriculture (November 29, 2024) – Danilo Đokić



All presentations from ITC are attached in Annex B. Photos are given in Annex C.

ANNEXES

Annex A – Attendance lists

Annex B – Presentations

Annex C – Photos from ITC