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Report on activities of Center of International Programs, FESRD,
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1. Center of International Programs FESRD

Center of International Programs FESRD (hereinafter "CIP") was founded in 2008 as an independent scientific, educational and projects managing department. CIP was founded in order to support the development of scientific and educational projects of international cooperation, mainly within the EU programs. Its mission is to support and develop international cooperation in the area of educational, scientific, cultural and business activities with the aim to increase the participation of FESRD on international projects and to ensure effective development of its human resources. Activities at the CIP are provided by the head of the office and by 2 projects managers.

2. Activities of CIP, FESRD

CIP in 2012 participated in implementation of the following activities:

- advisory and consultancy of activities of the international projects within the EU programs, requested by the projects coordinators:
 - preparation of content and financial part of the project's proposal – communication with relevant departments to obtain necessary documentation
 - management and administration of the EU projects – providing the documentation through SAP-system, communication with relevant departments
 - cooperation with members of project teams in the final reports development (technical and financial part)
- searching for new opportunities for cooperation with international institutions
- assistance to FESRD employees in searching for project partners within the EU programs
- assistance with providing the international mobilities of students and cooperation with Vice-dean for International Relations (mainly Erasmus programs, Erasmus Mundus, EU-US Atlantis, EU – Canada, External Cooperation Windows), as well as with Vice-dean for Research and Science (international research projects)
- registering international projects at the faculty level and preparation of materials (content and financial part) for reports on educational activities, research and scientific activities and for international relations
- communication and cooperation with the international relation office, national offices and national contact points for different contacts of the EU
- consultancy and assistance with preparation and organization of international events (meetings, seminars, international conferences, etc.)

CIP activities can be divided into the following areas:

A. Events organization

B. Projects activities

C. Other activities

A) Events organization

- 16.07.2012 - 10.08.2012 – organization of the VII. Case Study within the *Erasmus Mundus* project „*International Master of Science in Rural Development*“ (IMRD), project number: 2010-0114-R-04-018/001, topic „*Evaluation of t LEADER approach implementation in Nitra region*“. 13 students (from USA, Mexico, India, Mongolia, Kirgizstan, Germany, France, Romania and Albania) participated on the Case Study. The Case Study courseware was provided by lectures coming from FESRR and FEM, SUA, Nitra, from Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland, as well as by professionals from Nitra territorial unit.
- In cooperation with the Law Department, FESRD – organization of international scientific Conference “Agrarian Law” - XII. UMAU Congress (*Unione Mondiale degli Agraristi Universitari*) – 5-8. June, 2012 with participation of 70 international guests.

B) Projects activities

1. *Projects realized by CIP:*

- management of *Erasmus Mundus* project “*IMRD - International Master of Science in Rural Development*” (II. Program phase) No. 2010-0114-R 04-018/001, realization of the project: 01.10.2010 – 01.10.2015. Within the project of joint international master study, 2 international reviewing of diploma thesis by students from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Spain took part under supervision of:
 - Ing. Barbora Babjaková, PhD. Department of Regional and Rural Development
 - Doc. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD. Department of European Policies

In 2012/2013, 1 diploma thesis reviewing at FESRD is planned.

- management of *EU-US Atlantis* project „*Double Degree MSc. programme in Rural Development and Agricultural Economics*“, realization of the project: 1. 10. 2008-30. 9. 2012, No. 2008-1745/001-001 CPT-USTRAN. Within the joint international program, 1 student from Germany attended one semester at FESRD.
- management of *Erasmus Mundus* project „*Central Asia Student International Academic Exchange with EU – CASIA*“. CIP provides the project activities coordination, financial projects management, and academic coordination in

cooperation with the vice-dean for international relations at FESRD. Within the project, at FESRD SUA attended the mobility:

- 8 students at the Bc. level,
- 1 student at the MSc. level,
- 1 student at the PhD. level,
- 1 participant at PostDoc. Mobility.
- 1 lecturer (University Uralsk, Kazakhstan)

At the different faculties, mobilities attended:

- 2 PhD. students at the FEM
- 1 PhD. student at the FBP

In the next project period 2013 – 2015, mobilities of students and lecturers from EU countries (SR, SUA in Nitra) to the partners institution into the central Asia countries (Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan) will take place too.

2. *Projects administrated by CIP:*

a) Projects within Jean Monnet program – total amount of the administrated projects: 5

- JMO No. 141302-LLP-1-2008-1-SK-AJM-MO „Financing of EU Programmes“, modul
- JMO No. 154239-LLP-1-2009-1-AJM-MO „Agri-Environmental Legislation of the EU“, modul
- JMO No. 175785-LLP-1-SK-AJM-MO „European Union Business Law“, modul
- JMO No. 200123-LLP-1-2011-1-SK-AJM-CH, EU Agrarian Law, Jean Monnet Chair
- JMO: Learning at Schools: „European Integration in Slovak Schools“

b) Erasmus Intensive Programs– total number of administrated projects: 1

- IP No. 10-MB-IP-00170 „ EU Environmental Policy“. In 2012, 5 students and 1 lecturer from FESRD participated at the Intensive program (University of Foggia, Italy), 25.03.2012-6.4.2012

c) Baltic university program (students and lecturers mobilities)

d) Leonardo da Vinci – transfer of innovation – total number of administrated projects: 1

- LDV TOI No. 2012-1-SK1-LE005-04199 „New standards in the Context of reformed EU Common Agricultural Policy“

e) Project Tempus – total number of administrated projects: 1

- 530397-Tempus-1-2012-1-SK-TEMPUS-SMHES „Strengthening the Lifelong Learning in Environmental Sciences in Russia”

f) EU – Canada – total number of administrated projects: 1

- 2010-2649/001-001 CPT EU-CAN TEP Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships project – Biopower“

g) Tender EC - total number of administrated projects: 1

- EC Tender, AGRI-2010-EVAL-13 „Support for farmers cooperatives“

In 2012, 20 international projects have been implemented, out of it, 14 were administrated by CIP.

C) Other activities

- Preparation of an overview of updated calls within the Lifelong Learning Program in programming period (2007-2013) and cooperation in project proposals preparation
- Assistance in domestic and international events organization at the Dean’s office of FESRD level
- Projects meetings organization at the faculty level
- Participation at the Doors Open Day at the FSRD
- Cooperation in faculty’s propagation activities (presentations preparation, propagation materials, administration and updating of faculty’s website, information on realized activities and projects in Polnohospodar periodical)
- Representation of the faculty at the international associations meetings: IROICA, (International Association of Centers of International Relation of Agriculture Universities), AGRIMBA within the “International Week of Conferences” at the university in Bolzano, Italy in cooperation with SUA rector in Nitra (18 – 23, June 2012).
- FESRD SUA in Nitra represents CIP by a membership in international associations IROICA (membership in IROICA election committee and contact representation for SR)
- Courseware provided by CIP FESRD - Case studies of the IMRD Erasmus Mundus, provides the lecturing of the subject: „Public Communication“ in Slovak and English language.