



COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

STRATEGIES, METHODOLOGIES, POLICIES AND ACTIONS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Module 4

Rural Development and Natural Resources

April 30th – May 11th, 2007.

Location: Venice International University, San Servolo Island, Italy

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Learning Objectives:

By the end of the module participants will:

- Understand the international, regional (EU), and national policies and concepts for regional and rural development
 - Common Agricultural Policy
 - Economic and Social Cohesion Policies
- Understand multiple dimensions and impacts of resource use, and be able to differentiate between sustainable and unsustainable use of natural resources and limits to growth
- Consider social, environmental and economic factors and effects when making resource-use-related decisions
- Understand the role of local communities in natural resources management, and their engagement and be able to develop implementation tools at the national level

Course Agenda

Theme: Introduction to Sustainability Planning and Rural Development

Lecture: Sustainable Development; An Overview of the State of Play at European Level
(Jacob Andersen, European Economic and Social Committee)

Lecture: Ecological Economics and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (Josep A. Gari, FAO)

Workshop: Resource Management Simulation (Janos Zlinszky, REC)

Theme: Agriculture, Environment and Food Systems

Lecture: The Role of Organic Agriculture in the Sustainable Development Framework
(Davide Spadaro, University of Turin)

Lecture: Biotechnological Applications in the European Agriculture (Davide Spadaro, University of Turin)

Lecture: Sustainable Food Safety (Zoltan Erdös, Slow Food Hungary and Food Industry Consultant)

Workshop and Discussion: Organic Agriculture and Biotechnology - A Possible Interaction?
(Davide Spadaro and Zoltan Erdös)

Theme: Systems for Rural Development

Lecture: National Policies Encouraging Sustainable Rural Development and Cultural Heritage (Richard Eberlin, FAO)

Lecture: Rural Development in Wales, the Story (Elid Morris, West Wales European Centre)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Theme: Policy and Financing

Lecture: Regional Development, Sustainability and Territorial Cohesion Policies (Richard Filcak, REC)

Lecture: Agro-Environmental Programmes and Plans: Financing for Rural Development
(Claudio Cecchi, La Sapienza University, Rome)

Lecture: Introduction to the Common Agricultural Policy (Claudio Cecchi, La Sapienza University, Rome)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences with the CAP and Financing Programmes (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Theme: Organic Farming and Alternative Production Systems

Panel Discussion: Food Production and Biological Agriculture (Francesca Radin, VIU as Moderator; Raffaella Roviglioni, AIAB; Ciro Zanin, Terrantiga; Giovanni Dalle Molle, Farmer)

Site Visit: Organic Eco-Tourism Farm

Theme: Land Use Planning and Non-renewable Resource Management

Lecture: Landscape Ecological Planning and Rural Settlement Planning: Concepts and Methods (Anna Barbati, University of Tuscia)

Lecture: Non Renewable Resources Management and Rural Development: Mining Case Study (Stephen Stec, REC)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences with Mining Management (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Role Play: Good Governance Workshop

Theme: Resource Management: Forestry

Workshop: Good Governance Debrief

Lecture: Forestry and the Development of Rural Areas (Giorgio Matteucci, CNR)

Lecture: Forest Policy in Central and Eastern Europe: Liberalization and Conservation in the Age of Transition (Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences from Participants on Sustainable (or Unsustainable) Use of Natural Resources (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Workshop: Dinaric Arc Initiative (DAI) (Giorgio Andrian, UNESCO)

Theme: Resource Management: Water

Lecture: Water Resources Management – A Key to a Future (Edward Bellinger, Central European University)

Lecture: EU Water Framework Directive: State of Play of Implementation and Implementation Costs (Edward Bellinger, CEU)

Lecture: Transboundary Water Courses (Edward Bellinger, CEU)

Tutorial: Participants' Experiences with Water Management (Participants and Lecturers as Facilitators)

Theme: Ecotourism

Lecture: Ecotourism – A Modern Tool and Opportunity for Sustainable Development in Central and Eastern Europe (Kamelia Georgieva, The Humanities Research Center)

Site Visit: Ecotourism in the Venice Lagoon – Valle Averta and Valle Figheri (P. Rosa Salva, Ca' Foscari; Giampaolo Rallo, Valle Averta)

Theme: Biodiversity and Ecosystems

Lecture: The Protection of Biodiversity in the Enlarged Europe (Antonio Fernández de Tejada Glz, Spanish Ministry of the Environment)

Closing Discussion: Issues in Rural Development, Conservation and Resource Use (Antonio Fernández de Tejada Glz., Spanish Ministry of the Environment as facilitator; Richard Filcak, REC)