

Young Professionals in Western Balkans Dual Curricula – Study and Work Practice in Agriculture and Food Safety

The EU funded Erasmus+ project 619178-EPP-1-2020-1-DE-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP (15.01.21 - 14.01.24) is dedicated to strengthen practice oriented higher education for the Agribusiness in Albania and Kosovo. It also improves Lifelong Learning capacities and knowledge transfer with and for private and public partners in the agriculture and food sector.

The **Dual Bachelor Studies on Animal Husbandry and Animal-source Food Safety at the Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania** start in fall 2022/23.

2/3 of study time is dedicated for classes and theoretical background and 1/3 of the training takes place in farm- or company-based apprenticeship modules. Theoretical and practical training will be closely linked.

The **University of Prishtina** offers the Bachelor Study programme in **Livestock Business Management**.

In cooperation with the working life partners, esp. the Kosovo Food and Veterinary Agency and Kosovo Association of Milk Producers, module contents and practical training will be improved and optimised according to the labour market.

Agriculture and food are dominant sectors in the rural areas of Albania and Kosovo. **Six project partners from the agricultural and food sector** support the practice oriented improvement of educational programmes. Aim is to attract young professionals to highly demanded working areas and foster entrepreneurship and collaboration of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.



Picture: University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica

Accordingly the **Dual Bachelor Studies on Agribusiness at the University "Fan Noli" Korce, Albania** start in 2022/23. Both study programmes support students to develop transversal skills e.g. in digital competences.

Similar, the **University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica** further develops the Bachelor Study programme in **Engineering & Food Technology**.

All participating universities cooperate in joint staff training and networking activities. Built-up capacities include as well online collaboration and modern E-learning offers and facilities for students.

Besides training future professionals, Life Long Learning units at the partner universities are strengthened to address existing demand for knowledge transfer.



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Kosovo Association of Milk Producers, Kosovo
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