



COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

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

Session 3

Rural Development and Resources

February 6 - 19, 2005

Location: Venice International University, San Servolo Island, Italy

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Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the challenges, key aspects and opportunities for sustainable rural development for Central and Eastern European countries;
- Illustrate the framework of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and its long-term prospects for sustainable agriculture;
- Analyze the sustainability of both agriculture and the environment as a key policy objective of today's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP);
- Examine dimensions of sustainable renewable resources management;
- Analyze principles and case studies for sustainability planning;
- Increase understanding of non-renewable resources management; and
- Examine the food system and priorities of authorities to ensure food safety

Outputs:

- Participants will understand how the global food system is changing, the main institutional aspects of food safety, and the ethical implications of the food chain. Moreover, participants will broaden their knowledge of biotechnologies and organic agriculture.
- Participants will become familiar with institutional arrangements suitable for the implementation of sustainable rural development, with special focus on the realities of Central and Eastern Europe and EU assistance. Case studies will be used.
- Participants will become more familiar with policies for sustainable renewable resources management, including strategies for the forestry sector.
- Participants will have the opportunity to come in to contact with Italy's sustainable production systems, and their process of transformation, especially when they are in marginal and environmentally fragile areas.
- Participants will be introduced to tools for protecting biodiversity and habitats, such as ecological landscape planning and eco-tourism.

Course Agenda

Theme: Introduction to Food Safety and Common Agriculture Policy

Lecture: The Institutional Aspects of Food Safety (G. Calabrese, EFSA, European Food safety Authority)

Lecture: The Common Agricultural Policy (B. Zolin, Ca' Foscari, University of Venice)

Theme: Food System and Safety

Lecture: The Changing Global Food System (Fantozzi, President of the Italian Society of Food Science and Technology; Professor of Food Science and Technology, University of Perugia)

Lecture: Neither Golden Nugget nor Frankenstein. Ethics of GM-food (M. Korthals, University of Wageningen)

Lecture: Biotechnology Application in Agri-Food System (M. Pasquali, University of Turin)

Theme: Agriculture and Environment

Lecture: Agriculture and Environment: An Economic Approach (A. Corsi, University of Turin)

Lecture: Organic Agriculture (F. Caporali, University of Tuscia)

Workshop: Organic Agriculture and Biotechnology - A Possible Interaction (D. Spadaro, F. Caporali)

Theme: Food Production and Distribution (Site Visit)

Lecture: Introduction to the Institutional Aspects of Organic Agriculture and the Food Distribution System (C. Micheloni, AIAB, Italian Association for Organic Agriculture)

Site Visit to a Farming Cooperative (El Tamiso)

Site Visit to BRIO SpA, a Commercial Firm Producing and Processing Organic Food

Theme: Resource Management

Lecture: Principles of Sustainability Planning - Planning for Environment, Economy and Communities (S. Calamandrei , European Economic and Social Committee)

Lecture : Principles of Sustainability Planning - Planning for Environment, Economy, and Communities: Case Studies (S. Calamandrei , European Economic and Social Committee)

Workshop: Resource Management Simulation (J. Zlinszky, REC)

Theme: Sustainable Resource Management and Rural Development in Europe

Lecture: The Global Challenge of Sustainable Resources Management and Policy (Buchi)

Lecture: Institutional Arrangements for Implementing Rural Development (G. Buchi, University of Turin)

Lecture: Institutional Arrangements for Implementing Rural Development - Case Studies (A. Zampagna, Director of Centuria)

Theme: Sustainable Rural Communities: Case studies

Lecture: Principles of sustainable livelihoods (M. Bruno , FAO)

Lecture: Rural Communities in Transition in Central and Eastern Europe: Challenges for Development (Péter Kajner, Hungarian Environmental Economics Center (MAKK) and BOKARTISZ Public Non-profit Company)

Case Study: The Bodrogköz: A holistic Approach to Rural Development (Péter Kajner, Hungarian Environmental Economics Center (MAKK) and BOKARTISZ Public Non-profit Company)

Theme: Landscape Management

Lecture: Landscape Ecological Planning: Concepts and Methods (P. Corona, University of Tuscia)

Lecture: The Ecological Network Natura 2000: Situation in Europe (Antonio Fernández de

Lecture: Non Renewable Resources and Rural Development (S. Stec, REC)

Theme: Eco-Tourism

Lecture: the "*Parco della Laguna*" (M. Favaro, Observatory of the Lagoon)

Site Visit: San Erasmo Island and Lazzaretto Nuovo Island

Theme: Forestry

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

Lecture: Forestry and the Development of Rural Areas (G. Scarascia Mugnozza, University of Tuscia)

Closing speech: (C. Scaffidi , Slow Food organisation)