In 2009, the Course for Sustainability has been reshaped as to include new target countries, namely the Black Sea Region and the South-Eastern Europe countries, as follows:

- Seminar Series: Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries
- Course on Local Sustainability and Action

Seminar Series: Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries

The "Seminar Series: Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries", organised in collaboration with the REC, Istanbul Bilgi University and Agroinnova, is at its second edition and is composed of two sessions.

Module	Location	Agenda
September 6 - 13, 2009		
Sustainable Development Climate Change Water Management Governance for Sustainable Development	Istanbul	download
October 30 – November 1, 2009		
Environmental Security Climate Change Water Management Business in Sustainable Development	Venice	download

The two sessions support participants networking among colleagues from different organizations coming from the same country and with colleagues from other States.

Governance and policies for SD, monitoring and evaluation of sustainability, environmental security, climate change, water management, sustainable tourism and economic aspects of SD

were key issues of the discussions, workshops and simulations that featured the schedule, in common and thematic sessions.

High-profile experts, professors and researchers from all over Europe were selected as speakers and discussants to share their knowledge and experience of SD by presenting case studies of local actions as starting points for implementing sustainable development at global level.

40 participants coming from the Black Sea Region (Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and the Ukraine) were selected through an open call.

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Course on Local Sustainability and Action

The "Course on Local Sustainability and Action" is a renewed edition of the Course for Sustainability: Strategies, Methodologies, Policies and Actions for Central and Eastern Europe, organised by Venice International University (VIU) in collaboration with the REC and Agroinnova - University of Turin. The first edition took place in 2008 and it focused on the Balkan region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia), including also Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary.

Role plays, presentations by the selected 35 participants and discussion of the case studies presented were the key features of the program.

Interdisciplinary topics were selected for the two modules, which were arranged in Venice-Italy, and Szentendre-Hungary, as follows:

Module Location Agenda

September 27 – October 4, 2009		
Course on Sustainable Development	Vertical Development and Action	download
October 4 – 7, 2009		
Course on Sustainability Science and Practice	Strategic Guidance	download

Introduction to sustainable development and useful policies to achieve it; local development, local economy and sustainable investments; energy strategies and climate change at local level; and provision of operational tools for promoting sustainable development in the participants' countries are among the key issues addressed in the course.
High level panel discussions and role plays actively involved the participants to promote their future commitment on sustainable development.

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