

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:

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### **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.

<b>Module</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
Sustainable Development		September 6 - 13, 2009
Climate Change		
Water Management		
Governance for Sustainable Development		<a href="#">download</a>
Environmental Security		October 30 – November 1, 2009
Climate Change		
Water Management		
Business in Sustainable Development		<a href="#">download</a>

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 Local Agenda**

September 27 – October 4, 2009  
Course on Sustainable Development and Action [download](#)  
October 4 – 7, 2009  
Course on Sustainability Science [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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