REPORT ON MULTIPLIER EVENT 5

Multiplier Event No 5 (E5): How to develop collaborations and participatory approaches for the development of peripheral rural areas and sustainable farming practices? - Elaborating learning and training material - The RUR'UP Project approach

Receiving organisation: PO1-CIHEAM-IAMM

Date of the event: 24/10/2022, Montpellier, France – on-line event

1. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE MULTIPLIER EVENT 5 (E5)

The second French Multiplier Event was organised in October 24th, 2022, under a webinar format. It gathered over 25 participants at regional, national, Mediterranean and International level and count on the participation of representatives from the four Helix innovation strategy: academia, including researching and training institutions; private sector and non-governmental organisations; public authorities and policy makers; civil society: and, future professionals aiming at contributing to the sustainable development of rural areas.

The main objective of the Event was to present the collaborative work carried out during the RUR'UP project between academia and local stakeholders for the elaboration of the RUR'UP learning modules and case studies and how the project contributed to adapt teaching material to a professional audience.

Furthermore, the Multiplier Event raised awareness on the importance of the collaborative work and participatory (multi-actor) process for the elaboration of innovative learning and training material, adapted to peripheral rural areas particularities and highlighted the training of future professionals on sustainable agriculture in alternative systems and specific needs coming from peripheral rural areas.

As described and planned in the proposal, the webinar was organised by the CIHEAM-IAMM with the collaboration of the French associated partner, the Interdepartemental Agreement of Causses and Cevennes (l'Entente Interdépartementale des Causses et Cévennes, EICC). The deep expertise of the EICC on pedagogical and educational approach on sustainable agriculture was key for the success and implementation of the second French Multiplier Event, despite the fact of being crucial during the whole project implementation, contributing to the elaboration of the French Case study material, among others.

During this half a day webinar, and through the example of the RUR'UP project, participants learnt on the importance of the co-creation of learning material and some of them were invited to explain and present own experiences on multi-actor approaches and participatory process.

Furthermore, exchanges and discussions amongst participants and experts allowed to have a reflection on the need of multi-actor and multi-level interactions and collaborations for ensuring an effective sustainable development of the peripheral rural areas.

The ME5 contributed to the capitalisation and dissemination of RUR'UP outputs, results and followed methodology and enabled to build future collaborations on active pedagogies and training at institutional level.





2. PROGRAMME OF THE MULTIPLIER EVENT 5

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I- Programmes on sustainable development of peripheral rural areas: introduction

1- RUR'UP Project innovative education for sustainable development in peripheral rural areas. Elaborating learning and training material: French and Greek case studies

RUR'UP project presentation

RUR'UP Case studies on participatory strategies for the elaboration of training material: French case study presented by the Entente Interdepartamentale des Causses et Cevennes (associated partner RUR'UP) and by the CIHEAM-IAMM

Greek case study presented by the University of Thessaly, Greece (RUR'UP coordinator)

2- Case Studies on sustainability programmes and cooperative practices

II- The participatory process

III- Sharing experiences on collaborative strategies and further exchanges: Moving forward, feedback and Panel discussion

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RUR'UP case studies on participatory strategies for the elaboration of training material: Amandine Piaca EICC, and Maite Puig de Morales, CIHEAM-IAMM
Serafeim Felekis and Dimitra Gaki, UTH

2- Case Studies on sustainability programmes and cooperative practices
Alice Garnier, Institut Agro Florac, project Erasmus+ PastorEA
Pedro Mari Herrera, Fundación Entretantos, Spain, project Life Live'Adapt, training path on « adaptation of extensive livestock farming practices

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Short description of the programme sequence

The CIHEAM-IAMM organised an interactive webinar with a twofold objective: i) for presenting the RUR'UP project as an example of successful collaboration between academia and territorial actors; and, ii) for moving forward on the participatory process when elaborating learning and training material.

The webinar started with a short presentation of the participants and their expectations for attending the webinar. The introduction was followed by a presentation of the RUR'UP project, its objectives, outputs, results and achievements. Later, the CIHEAM-IAMM briefly presented the collaborative work followed by the partnership and the participatory process and methodology followed for developing the RUR'UP learning materials. After that, it was presented the French case and the Greek Case. For the French Case presentation, the CIHEAM-IAMM counted on the collaboration of the EICC. The objective was to show how both organisations were cooperating during the whole project implementation and how both institutions mobilised territorial stakeholders for RUR'UP purposes. A focus was made on the methodology followed for the coelaboration of RUR'UP material and a presentation of the interactive training guide addressed to advisors and professionals was made. The Greek example was presented by the Greek partner (UTH) and focussed on the multi-actor and participatory process and methodologies followed in the different phases of the project (focus groups, etc.) with a focus on the process followed for the engagement and involvement of the local actors for the elaboration of the Summer school learning and teaching material.

Right after, there was some time for allowing participants to present own experiences and a focus was made on two successful projects where participatory process and mutli-actor approach were engaged for the elaboration of educational and training material.

During the second part of the webinar, the CIHEAM-IAMM presented the participatory process, based on the learns and material from the RUR'UP e-learning course module.

The last part of the workshop was dedicated to further exchanges and learns amongst participants and a time was dedicated to have common reflections on future collaborations and strategies for the sustainable development of the peripheral rural areas and the improvement of the knowledge of the actors engaged and working there.

3. THE ORGANISATION OF THE EVENT

The webinar took place on the 24th of Octobre 2022 under an on-line format. The event was hold in English language and was open to international experts and participants from Programme countries (Cyprus, Spain, Greece, etc.) and non-Programme Countries from the Mediterranean area (Morocco, Algeria). This international representation, jointly with the regional (French) representation, allowed to have a deep common reflection on participatory and multi-actor approach, outreached wider audience and contributed to enlarge project results dissemination. Registration was made on-line and the meeting was finally organised on-line due to logistical unforeseen constraints of some of the participants and some of the organisers.





4. AUDIENCE AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE MULTIPLIER EVENT

The Multiplier Event 5 aimed at answering to the Four Helix innovation strategy and targeted to stakeholders from academia, such as researchers, educators and vocational trainers, private sector and NGOs, public authorities and administration, students and future professionals and civil society. The objective of the event was to learnt from and built on international and Mediterranean experiences and cases studies and the choice was made for promoting the event beyond a regional seminar and opening it to a wider audience. A total of 25 participants joined the webinar.

In order to ensure the success of the event and that the goals were achieved, the choice was made for having a limited number of participants but coming from different sectors and with different profiles. Indeed, the idea was to create an effective multi-level working arena (4 helix innovation strategy) where very different profiles of participants (from public authorities to students) could interact and to contribute actively to raise awareness on the importance of the multi-level participatory process.

See list of attendance in Annex 2.

5. CONCLUSIONS, NEXT STEPS AND EXPECTED FOLLOW-UP

Main conclusions and next steps

Participants highly appreciated the webinar in terms of content and also in terms of networking and format (interactive webinar). It was a s success to present to concerned actors how academia and actors from the territory were working closely during the RUR'UP project.

Feedback from participants is very positive and the exchanges that followed the event will I certainly give way to new ideas of cooperation and coordinating actions between academia, private sector, civil society and policy makers, for the sustainable development of the peripheral rural areas.



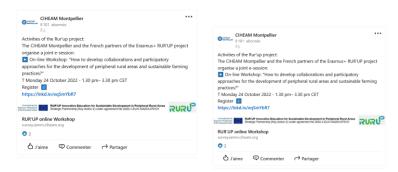


6. COMMUNICATION MATERIAL

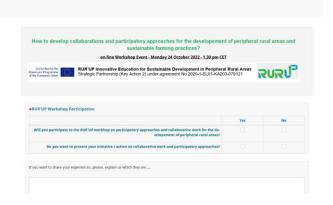
The CIHEAM Montpellier promoted the Multiplier Event through its social networks and website and created an entry for communicating and disseminating the Event results and outputs. Some of the communication material of the Event were the following:

Here-below, a screenshot of the event announcement through the social networks, the programme announcement and the registration form, and in Annex 1, a selection of screenshot from the webinar.











Annex 1 – Screenshots taken during the webinar





