

Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development successful in project activities

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The Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development can consider the year 2020 to be one of the most successful years regarding its project activities. The faculty used its experience in the field of international cooperation and project implementation and created international consortia, which prepared several interesting project plans. In 2020, international educational and research projects were approved for financing.

The first successful project is a project within the HORIZONT 2020 programme titled *Inclusive health and wellbeing in small and medium sized cities* - IN-HABIT, which is coordinated by the University of Córdoba. A total of 21 institutions from Spain, Italy, Lithuania, UK, Germany, Belgium, Colombia and Slovakia are cooperating on the project. The project will use innovative approaches to address the problems of disadvantaged citizens and thus contribute to the promotion of health, well-being and a healthy lifestyle in cities. The project is implemented in cooperation with the Faculty of Horticulture and Landscape Engineering. The local coordinator of the project is Ing. Katarina Melichová, PhD. from the Department of Regional Studies and Rural Development.

FESRD employees also have a great deal of credit for obtaining the university-wide project INnoVations of Regional Sustainability: European Universities Alliance - INVEST implemented within the framework of the European Universities program. The partners are universities from Bulgaria, Greece, Finland and Netherlands. The project coordinator is prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD. from the Department of European Policies.

Another successful project is the project titled *Slovak Youth and their Future in the Light of the Common Agricultural Policy* - SKYCAP, solved within the Tender of the European Commission IMCAP. The project is implemented in cooperation with the Faculty of Agrobiolgy and Food Resources. The project coordinator is prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD. from the Department of European Policies.

As part of Jean Monnet's activities, the Faculty was also successful in having two projects approved for financing, namely the project "Quality Soil as a Pathway to Healthy Food in the EU (FOODIE)", which aims to stimulate discussion on the sustainability of soil quality in relation to food security. The project will be implemented in cooperation with the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Science. The project coordinator is prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD. from the Department of Law.

The second project under this grant scheme is the *EU Law on Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Agriculture project after the European Green Deal* - SUSTAIN, coordinated by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy. The project aims to spread knowledge about legislation related to sustainable agriculture through several types of educational activities and events. The project involves prominent experts from Greece, Great Britain and Cyprus. For our faculty it is prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD. and doc. JUDr. Lucia Pašová, PhD.

The faculty also managed to obtain a project within the Strategic Partnerships call for proposals - *Sociability Through Urban Design Innovation*- STUD.IO "- coordinated by the Unione degli Assessorati from Italy. The project will involve universities with the third sector from Italy, Spain, Romania and Slovakia. The local coordinator of the project is doc. JUDr. Lucia Pašová, PhD. from the Department of Law.

A lot of work awaits the faculty in the implementation of the above mentioned projects, but we believe that the achieved results will significantly contribute to improvement of the quality of research and education!