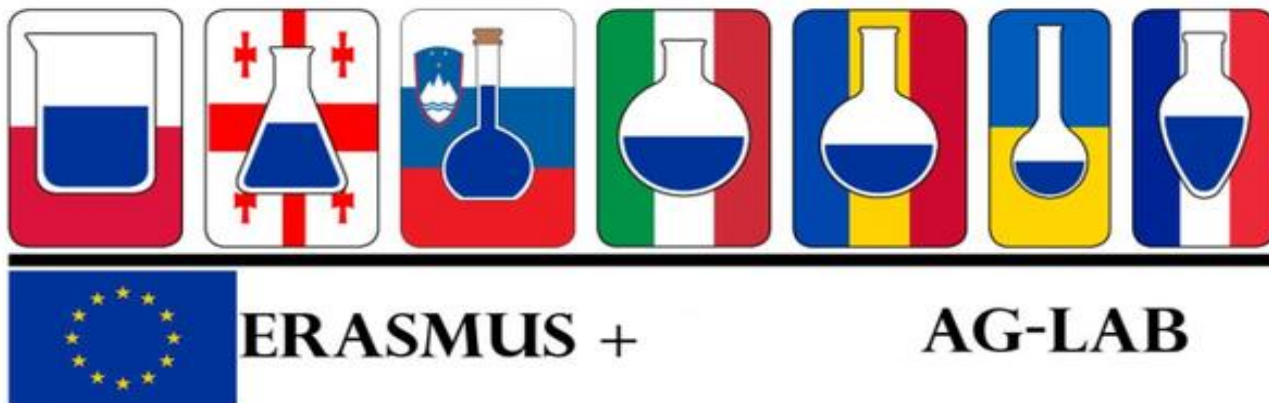


Ag-Lab project Newsletter #4

August 2019



The Ag-Lab project has been working hard over the summer!

Teacher Training Sessions: A 1-week training for universities teachers and acting laboratory staff in the EU on the theme of “PCR, sensory analysis” took place at *UniTE – Food technologies* from 20-24 May 2019 and at *WUELS* from 3-7 June 2019.

Two more expert missions were carried out by Dr. Manuel Sergi from UniTE in Kiev, 13–15 May on the theme of “Validation of the Liquid and Gas chromatography high performance method” and by *Dr. Dario Compagnone* from UniTE was in Tbilisi from 13-15 May on the theme of Organic pollutants.

After the successful undertaking of these teacher training sessions and Expert missions, the next step of the Ag-Lab project is dedicated to **student mobility!**

The first student training programme in Laboratories took place at *Uniwersytet Przyrodniczy we Wrocławiu (Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences (WUELS))* from 3 - 28 June!

The next will take place at *UniTe / Università degli Studi di Teramo*, from 26 August - 20 September.

Then: 9 September - 4 October at *Univerza v Ljubljani / University of Ljubljana* and finally 4 - 28 November at *VetAgro Sup Lyon*.

The reports of these training sessions can be found at:
(link to web portal)

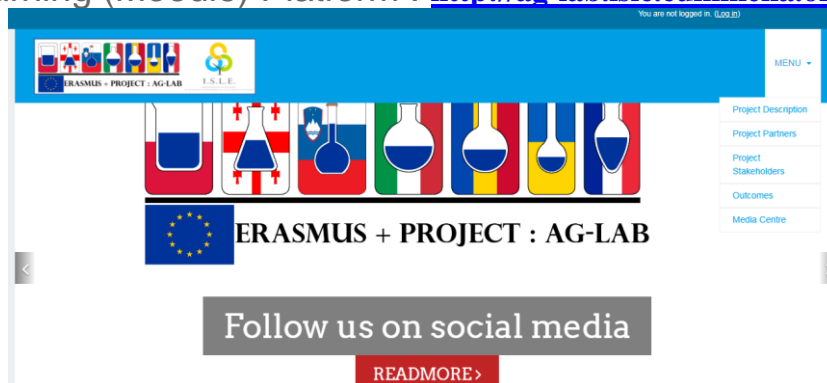
Up-coming Project Work:

- Edition of the **Manual** devoted to the laboratory practice by *30th September 2019*;
- Students training: 26 August – 20 September 2019 in Teramo (Italy), 9 September – 4 October 2019 in Ljubljana (Slovenia), 4 – 28 November in Lyon (France).
- Another **training session and the 5th Steering Committee meeting** are planned for 21 – 25 October 2019 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Project Results so far:

After 24 months the outcomes of the Ag-Lab project are the following:

- Development and validation of the training courses for master students devoted to the laboratory practice in the field of veterinary medicine, food technologies, agronomy and animal husbandry;
- Launching of the pilot courses for master students at MD, UA and GE universities;
- Purchase of equipment;
- Development of the training programme for the post-diploma courses for acting laboratories staff;
- Implementation of the quality strategy under the coordination of the [Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences](#);
- Carrying out of the technical work for the Web-portal;
- Different dissemination actions: publications, TV programmes, exhibitions (LabComplex in UA), film in GE.
- New courses on Laboratory practice are currently being uploaded on the Ag-Lab Long-Distance Learning (Moodle) Platform : <http://ag-lab.isle.eummena.org>



Project Dissemination

The **Ag-Lab project** has already been disseminated through different *seminars and conferences* held at partner universities, *Information days, events* organized by Erasmus+ offices, *TV programs, publications* and through partner university *web sites and social media*. A *film* dedicated to the Ag-Lab project will be available very soon on the new website.

Capacity Building in Georgia, Moldova & Ukraine

Ag-Lab aims to improve the quality control of Agro-Food products in the three recently-associated EU member countries by improving upon the training of their specialists. The project deals with the part of the EU Agreement related to food and agricultural products safety which can only be ensured through appropriate laboratory control of EU legislation and standards.



Consortium of 19 partners

EU

- University of Lodz (UL) - Slovenia
- Association for Innovation, Teaching and Learning Development in The Sciences (AITL) - France
- University of Zagreb (UZ) - Italy
- Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences (WULS) - Poland
- Institute of Higher Education in Veterinary and Food Sciences (IWEVFS) - Poland

Georgia

- Georgian Environmental University (GEU) - Tbilisi
- Georgian State University (GSU) - Tbilisi
- Public Institution "Republican Veterinary Diagnostic Center (RVCDC)" - Tbilisi

Moldova

- State Agrarian University of Moldova (SAU) - Chişinău
- Concord State University (CSU) - Chişinău
- Public Institution "Republican Veterinary Diagnostic Center (RVCDC)" - Chişinău

Ukraine

- State Institution "Science and Technological Centre of Biotechnology and Animal Production of Higher Technological Institute - Agrosvit" - Kyiv
- Research Institute of Laboratory Diagnostics and Veterinary and Sanitary Epizootics (RIEVS) - Kyiv
- State Centre of Agricultural Products Certification and Examination (SCAPE) - Kyiv
- State National Agrarian University (DNAU) - Kyiv
- Odessa National Academy of Food Technologies (ONAF) - Odessa
- Black Sea National Agrarian University (BSNAU) - Odessa
- National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine (NUBio) - Kyiv
- Life National University of Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology (LNUVMB) - Kyiv

The Ag-Lab Project

Over the 3 years, the project will create 4 specialised courses dedicated to laboratory practice in agro-food sector: veterinary medicine, agrobiological, food safety and food technologies.

4 expected project outcomes:

- Elaborated training courses and obtained necessary competences for students and laboratory staff
- Trained by the project
- Pedagogical supports
- Control tools for cooperative teaching with the participation of universities and acting laboratory staff

Stakeholders

UA, MD and GE & EU Universities staff and students, other HEIs, UA, MD, GE laboratories staff, Laboratories potential employers, University administrators, Policy makers at local, regional and national level, National Erasmus+ offices, Representatives of the Delegation of the European Commission

Moldova standards legislation control Laboratory training practice agro food safety project Improving quality safety

Ag-Lab will provide its stakeholders with a new approach to training specialists through laboratory practice for specialists of the Agro-Food... through the grantee exchange amongst teachers, laboratory specialists and their EU colleagues via the *Ag-Lab Monthly journal*. New information, new rules, regulations, procedures and all the new online courses will be shared in English and in national languages. Students will also have access to the platform to find places for *internships and employment*.

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