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International projects at the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development (hereinafter such as FESRD) of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (hereinafter such as SUA) play a very important role. In this context it should be noted that our faculty together with the Faculty of Economics and Management is the most successful faculty in international projects at SUA in Nitra. International projects of the faculty are essential in relation to the decisive criterion in the process of allocation of subsidies from the state budget of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports. In 2015 the faculty received grants from international projects to the total amount of **501 335.64 Euros**. According to the principle of allocation of subsidies from the state budget of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports – SUA receives:

- in the case of foreign educational grants for 100 EUR SUA receives 9 EUR
- in the case of foreign research grants for 100 EUR SUA receives 214 EUR

Overview of projects for which FESRD SUA in Nitra received subsidy from the state budget is given in the Annex No. 1 of this report ("funds (grants) received from international projects solved at FESRD in 2015").

Fields of activities of the Centre of International Programmes (hereinafter such as CIP) in 2015 can be divided:

A. Organisation of events

B. Project activities

C. Other activities

A) Organisation of events

1. **From 22th to 30th of September 2015** - Organization of the training visit at SUA (meetings relevant sections, practical excursions and meeting of international project consortium) 25 Uzbek guests from partner institutions at SUA under a joint project TEMPUS no. 544445-TEMPUS-1-2013-1-IT-TEMPUS-SMHES solutions in cooperation with the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences.
2. **From 4th to 6th of November 2015** - The first project meeting to the Jean Monnet Project Networks: Sustainable land management in the EU. The aim of the meeting was to peer distribution of tasks between partners, planning of the different steps of the project partners with the administrative and financial rules of the project.
3. **From 12th to 13th of November 2015** - Organization of round table "Improving the implementation of the land law and land policy" in the frame of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Land policy of the EU - Towards a sustainable Europe", no. 542600-LLP-1-2013-1-SK-AJM-P.
4. **From 3rd and 4th of December 2015** - Participation in the organization of the faculty international scientific conference "Sustainability of rural areas in practice" (SURAP) with the support of the OECD.
5. **From 2th and 3rd of February 2015** - Organization of the final meeting of the international project Leonardo da Vinci - Transfer of innovation no. 2012-1-SK1-LEO05-04199 - New European Standards in the context of reformed EU Common

Agricultural Policy. The project was nominated after the successful evaluation of the project for an example of good practice in Slovakia.

6. **From 16th and 17th of February 2015** - Organization of the workshop "Decision-making in the field of land protection" in the frame of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Land policy of the EU - Towards a sustainable Europe", no. 542600-LLP-1-2013-1-SK-AJM-P
7. **From 27th and 28th March 2015** - Organization and participation in working meetings of the Steering Committee of the Joint International Master Program "Rural Development" (International Master of Science in Rural Development - IMRD). The meeting was attended by 14 participants from partner universities from Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, China and the USA. The meeting was also the start of III. phase of the program, which was extended it to cooperation with South Korean universities with possibility of student and staff/teachers mobility (Comparative Double Degree in EU and South-Korean Rural Development and Agricultural Economics - EKAFREE).
8. **From 31th of May and 03rd of June 2015** - Organization of the international seminar "EU Land Policy and its influence to Food Safety" in the frame of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Land policy of the EU - Towards a sustainable Europe", no. 542600-LLP-1-2013-1-SK-AJM-P.
9. **From 1st and 2nd of June 2015** - Organization of the international scientific seminar "European Seminar on Sustainable Agriculture and Land Use (AGROLAND EURO-2015)"
10. **From 6th and 31th of July 2015** – X. International organization of case study with the topic „Are Stakeholders Ready for Community Led Local Development? - Slovakia Case "in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus program (International Master of Science in Rural Development - Joint Degree) No. 2010-0114-R-04-018 / 001. Case study participated 10 students from the US, Mexico, Nicaragua, Slovakia, Japan, Lebanon, Italy and Bangladesh. Lecturer who provide instruction in the case study were teachers from FESRD SUA, as well as experts from Nitra Region.

B) Project activities

Project activities of CIP can be divided into two categories:

1. **Projects in coordination of CIP, FESRD**
2. **Projects realized and submitted with the support of CIP, FESRD – cooperation in the project tasks, administrative support**

1. Projects solved in coordination of CIP, FESRD

CIP, FERD dealt from the position of a local coordinator for SUA two international projects:

- **Erasmus Mundus "CASIA - The international academic exchange of students and teachers between the EU and Central Asia"**: CIP manages the coordination of

project activities, financial management and project coordination of academic mobility at SUA. In 2015 SUA accepted together 14 participants of the mobility, including:

7 within the Bachelor and Master study,
4 within the PhD. study,
1 post doc mobility,
2 mobility of teachers.

- **Erasmus Mundus "TIMUR - Education of Individuals through the mobility from Republic of Uzbekistan to EU "**. CIP manages the coordination of project activities, financial management, project coordination and academic coordination at SUA in Nitra. In 2015 there were 4 mobility participants at SUA in Nitra who successfully completed their mobility. Out of this amount:

2 within the Bachelor and Master study,
2 post doc mobility.

At the same time in 2015 SUA accepted 4 mobility participants, including:

2 within the bachelor and master study,
2 within the PhD. study.

2. Projects realized and submitted with the support of CIP, FESRD – cooperation in the project tasks, administrative support

In 2015 there were 21 international projects realized at FESRD (14 educational and 7 research projects), in which CIP provided administration, financial management, or direct support of project tasks for 11 projects. Other projects (10) were administered by local coordinators at relevant departments of FESRD. A detailed overview of research projects at the faculty in 2015 is enclosed in the Annex no. 2 and no. 3. In 2015 the faculty prepared and submitted 29 project proposals (14 education and 15 research projects). From 29 project proposals 12 proposal were submitted by the assistance of the CIP. From the total amount of submitted international educational projects (14) 4 projects were approved (28.5% rate of success). From the total amount of submitted international research projects (15) one project was approved, three proposals are still in the process of evaluation. Detailed overview of submitted international educational and research projects at FESRD in 2015 is enclosed in the Annex no. 4 and no. 5.

Additionally to international project activities, the staff of the CIP, FESRD actively participated also in national project activities:

1. KEGA no. 025SPU-4 / 2015 - Agricultural and Environmental Policy EU (textbooks and e-learning system in English).

2. The project NSK no. 539/2015 / SUA - The feasibility study of creating effective networks to support small and medium enterprises with a focus on primary agricultural producers and processors in the Nitra self- governing region.

3. VEGA no. 1/0872/13 - Effect of association of farms and farms through producer organizations to increase the competitiveness of the agricultural sector.

C) Other activities

- advisory and consultancy services related to international projects within EU programmes where requested by local coordinator:
 - Preparation of the content and financial part of the project proposal – communication with the Rector’s Office and with the relevant departments SUA within the projects,
 - Management and administration of EU projects - managing documentation via SAP system, communication with relevant departments of the SUA in Nitra,
 - Cooperation – working out interim and final project reports (technical and financial reports).

- search for new opportunities for cooperation with foreign institutions
- assistance for the FESRD staff in partner search within EU programmes especially in the calls under the Erasmus plus program and Horizon 2020
- assistance with managing the international mobility of students and cooperation with the Department of International Relations of FESRD
- registration of international projects at the faculty and the preparation of the supportive materials (content and financial section) for reports on educational activities, for science and research and for international relations of the faculty
- communication and cooperation with the International Relation Office of the SUA, with national offices and national contact points for individual EU programmes
- Advisory and consultancy services in preparation and realization of events with international participation (workshops, seminars, international conferences of the faculty, etc.)
- Preparing of the view of current calls in EU programmes (calls are updated at: <http://www.fesrr.uniag.sk/sk/aktualne-vyzvy-napodavaniemedzinarodnych-projektov/articles/3676/>)
- assistance in organizing national and international events at the Dean’s Office, FESRD
- organization of project meetings at the faculty
- Cooperation in promotion of FESRD (preparing presentations, promotional materials, web site update faculty information on the activities and projects in the university newspaper “PO NOHOSPODÁR”).
- cooperation on applications for approval of content themes of education and information activities of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
- CIP is representing the FESRD SUA by a membership of the International Association IROICA
- Courses provided by CIP FESRD - Case studies IMRD Erasmus Mundus, "Public Communication" in Slovak and in English, “Basics of Marketing” in Slovak and in English.

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Annex 1:		Financial sources (grants) received from international projects at FESRD in 2015					
No.	Project Title	Programme	Responsible Contact person	Department	International Grants (EUR)		
					Educational	Reserach	
1	Udržateľný pôdny manažment v EÚ (SULANET)	Jean Monnet	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	KP	167862,8		
2	Central Asia Student International Academic exchange with EU (CASIA)	Erasmus Mundus II	doc. Ing. Loreta Schwarczová, PhD.	CMP	164220		
3	Training of Individuals through Mobility to EU from Uzbek Republik (TIMUR)	Erasmus Mundus II	Ing. Norbert Floriš	CMP	43527,4		
4	Štruktúry vyššieho vzdelávania pre zlepšenie výučby verejného zdravia v Uzbeckej republike (UZHEALTH)	TEMPUS	prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD. (FEŠRR) , prof. MVDr. Peter Massányi, DrSc. (FBP)	KEP	19580,5		
5	New European Standards in the Context of Reformed EU Common Agricultural Policy(NEWCAP)	LdV TOI	prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD.	KEP	16592,94		
6	International Master of Science in Rural Development (IMRD)	Erasmus Mundus	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	KP	14522		
7	Centrum pre výskum potenciálu biomasy	Nórsky finančný mechanizmus	prof. Ing. Ján Gaduš, PhD.	KRB		67600	
8	Global Water Partnership in Central and Eastern Europe – Integrated Drought Management Programme	MVTS	prof. RNDr. Pavol Bielek, DrSc.	KUR		5000	
9	Revitalizácia malých poľnohospodárskych fariem na pestovanie energetických rastlín a produkciu biomasy.	APVVV-Bilateral agreement	prof. JUDr. Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	KP		2430	
Total 2015					426305,64	75030	
Total EDU and RES projects					501335,64		

Annex 2:							
International educational projects realized by FESRD in 2015							
No.	Project Title	Responsible contact person	Start date	Termination date	Identification Number	Programme	Project administered by CIP Y/N
1	Central Asia Student International Academic exchange with EU (CASIA)	doc. Ing. Loreta Schwarczová, PhD.	30.11.2010	14.7.2016	194139-EM-1-2010-1-NL-ERA MUNDUS-EMA21	Erasmus Mundus	Y
2	International Master of Science in Rural Development (IMRD)	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	1.10.2010	30.9.2015	2010-0114-R04-018/001	Erasmus Mundus	Y
3	International University Cooperation on Land Protection in European-Asiatic Countries - IUCLAND	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	15.10.2015	14.10.2018	561841-EPP-1-2015-1-IT-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	Erasmus+, KA2 Budovanie kapacít v oblasti vyššieho vzdelávania	Y
4	Comparative Double Degree in EU and South-Korean Rural Development and Agricultural Economics (EKAFREE)	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	1.9.2015	nešpecif.	501/2015/SPU	bilaterálna spolupráca	Y
5	Empowering regional Development and Innovations (ERDI)	prof. JUDr. Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	1.9.2015	31.8.2018	562603-EPP-1-2015-1-FIEPPKA2-KA	Erasmus+ KA2 Vedomostné aliancie	N
6	Enhancing Competencies of Central Asian Universities in Agricultural Policy focused on Environmental Protection & Land Management (ECAP)	prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD.	15.10.2015	14.10.2018	561590-EPP-1-2015-1-SK-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	Erasmus+ KA2 Budovanie kapacít	Y
7	Sustainable Land Management Network	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	1.9.2015	31.8.2018	564651-EPP-1-2015-1-SK-EPPJMO-NETWORK	Erasmus +, Jean Monnet Networks	Y
8	New European Standards in the Context of Reformed EU Common Agricultural Policy	prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD.	1.11.2014	28.2.2015	2012-1-SK1-LEO05-04199	Program celožiivotného vzdelávania, Leonardo da Vinci, Prenos inovácií	Y
9	Strengthening the Lifelong Learning in Environmental Sciences in Russia (STREAM)	prof. JUDr. Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	15.10.2012	28.2.2016	530397-Tempus-1-2012-1-SK-TEMPUS_SMHES	Tempus	N
10	Higher Education Structures to Enhance Public Health Learning and Teaching in the Republic of Uzbekistan (UZHELTH)	prof. MVDr. Peter Massányi, DrSc. (FBP, SPU), prof. Ing. Pavol Schwarcz, PhD.	1.12.2013	30.11.2016	544445-TEMPUS-1-2013-1-IT-TEMPUS-SMHES	Tempus	Y
11	Training of Individuals through Mobility from Uzbek Republic to EU	Ing. Norbert Floriš	15.7.2013	14.7.2017	545730-EM-1-2013-1-NL-ERA MUNDUS-EMA21	Erasmus Mundus	Y
12	Introducing EU standards in Moldova: towards a new model of cooperation and planning	JUDr. Lucia Paľšová, PhD.	1.1.2014	nešpecif.	21370007	IVF Standard Grant	N
13	Rural tourism programs network	prof. JUDr. Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	1.1.2010	sieť je priebežne predlžovaná	CIII-SK-0505-06-1516	CEEPUS	N
14	Baltic University Programme	doc. Ing. Alexander Fehér, PhD.	1.1.1995	nešp.	-	Program Baltickej Univerzity	Y

Annex 3:							
International research projects realized by FESRD in 2015							
No.	Project Title	Responsible Contact Person	Start date	Termination date	Identification Number	Programme	Project administered by CIP Y/N
1	Centre for the Research of Biomass Potential	prof. Ing. Ján Gaduš, PhD.	1.10.2015	30.4.2016	GIIP001	Nórsky finančný mechanizmus, program SK07 – Green Industry Innovation	N
2	Assessment of EUROpean AGRiculture WATer use and trade under climate change	prof. RNDr. Bernard Šiška, PhD.	1.1.2012	31.12.2016	not specified	COST	N
3	Innovative management and multifunctional utilization of traditional coppice forests - an answer to future ecological, economic and social challenges in the European forestry sector (EuroCoppice)	doc. Ing. Alexander Fehér, PhD.	16.10.2013	15.10.2017	FPS COST Action FP1301	COST	N
4	EU Land Policy - the Pathway Towards Sustainable Europe	prof. JUDr. Anna Bandlerová, PhD.	1.9.2013	31.8.2016	542600-LLP-1-2013-1SK-AJM-PO	JM Centrum Excelentnosti	Y
5	Integrated Drought Management Programme	prof. RNDr. Pavol Bielek, DrSc.	29.9.2013	31.12.2015	not specified	Medzinárodná vedecko-technická spolupráca	N
6	Revitalization of Small Agricultural Farm through Energy Crops Cultivation and Biomass Production	prof. JUDr. Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	1.1.2015	31.12.2016	not specified	APVV projekty financované inou inštitúciou ako MŠVVaŠ	N
7	Sustainability in rural areas in practice	Ing. Marcela Chrenková, PhD.	41974	42369	-	OECD CO-operative Research Programme	N

Annex 4:									
International educational projects – submitted by FESRD in 2015									
No.	Project Title	Responsible Contact Person	Date of submission	Start date	Project termination	Identification number	Programme	Project administered by CIP Y/N	Approved Y/N
1	New paradigms of public administration performance in V-4 countries	prof.JUDr. Eleonóra Marišová,PhD.	not specified	not specified	not specified	not specified	IVF Small Grant	N	N
2	Eastern European Countryside Revisited - Vishrad Group 25 years after the transition	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	1.3.2015	1.9.2015	not specified	not specified	IVF Standard Grant	N	N
3	Central European Initiative on Agricultural Land Protection	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	26.2.2015	1.9.21015	not specified	not specified	Erasmus+ Jean Monnet	A	N
4	Transversal Entrepreneurial Competencies for Food Safety Professional Services - TECFood	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	23.3.2015	not specified	not specified	not specified	Erasmus+ KA2 Strategické partnerstvá	A	N
5	Food, Health and Law	prof. Ing.Pavol Schwarcz,PhD.	26.3.2015	1.9.2015	not specified	not specified	Erasmus+ Jean Monnet	N	N
6	International University Cooperation on Land Protection in European - Asiatic Countries (IUCLAND)	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	10.2.2015	15.10.2015	14.10.2018	561841-EPP-1-2015-1-IT-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	Erasmus+ KA2 Budovanie kapacít v oblasti vyššieho vzdelávania	A	A
7	„Youth Permaculture Gardens -Perma is Cool!“	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	not specified	1.1.2016	31.12.2018	not specified	Erasmus+ KA2 Strategické partnerstvá	N	N
8	Enhancing Competencies of Central Asian Universities in Agricultural Policy focused on Environmental Protection& Land management (ECAP)	prof. Ing.Pavol Schwarcz,PhD.	9.2.2015	15.10.2015	14.10.2018	561590-EPP-1-2015-1-SK-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP	Erasmus+ KA2 Budovanie kapacít v oblasti vyššieho vzdelávania	A	A
9	ERDI- Empoweing Regional Development and Innovations	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	20.1.2015	not specified	not specified	not specified	Erasmus+ KA2 Strategické partnerstvá	N	N
10	Empowering Regional Development and Innovations (ERDI)	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	9.2.2015	1.9.2015	31.8.2018	562603-EPP-1-2015-1-FI-EPPKA2-KA	Erasmus+ KA2 Vedomostné aliancie	N	A
11	MSc Program for Agricultural Engineers in Agrian Industry of Uzbekistan (AgriTech)	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	10.2.2015	15.10.2015	14.10.2017	not specified	Erasmus+ KA2 Budovanie kapacít v oblasti vyššieho vzdelávania	A	N
12	The Best Environmental Resources Management (ERM) for sustainable future, EMRSF	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	not specified	15.10.2015	14.10.2017	not specified	Erasmus+ KA2 Budovanie kapacít v oblasti vyššieho vzdelávania	N	N
13	Sustainable Land Management Network (SULANET)	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	26.2.2015	1.9.2015	31.8.2018	564651-EPP-1-2015-1-SK-EPPJMO-NETWORK	Erasmus+ Jean Monnet	A	A
14	EU Approaches towards Public Management	Ing. Monika Bumbalová, PhD.	26.3.2015	1.9.2015	31.8.2018	not specified	Erasmus+ Jean Monnet	N	N

Annex 5:									
International research projects – submitted by FESRD in 2015									
No.	Project Title	Responsible Contact person	Submission date	start date	termination date	Identification number	Programme	Proj. admin. by CIP Y/N	Approved Y/N
1	New relationships between producers and consumers of agricultural commodities in metropolitan territories	doc. Ing.Mária Fáziková,CSc.	not specif.	1.1.2016	not spec.	not spec.	APVV Bilaterálna výzva	N	N
2	Central agro, Agro-mining	Prof. Adriana Kolesárová	not specif.	nešpecif.	not spec.	not spec.	INTERREG	Y	N
3	Environmental Assessment System- Integrated management of the environmental sustainability	Prof. Adriana Kolesárová	not specif.	nešpecif.	not spec.	not spec.	INTERREG CE	Y	N
4	Management Tool to Improve and Protect European Rural Regions (Land Banks)	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	30.7.2015	1.1.2016	31.12.2020	PGI01461	INTERREG EUROPE	Y	N
5	Transformation of Agricultural Land as a Social, Economic and Environmental Security in Rural Areas after Land Reform in Slovakia and the People's Republic of China (ALSES)	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	29.6.2015	1.1.2016	31.12.2017	SK-CN-2015-0033	APVV Bilaterálna výzva	Y	N
6	Sustainable Food Security- Small farms but global markets: the role of small and family farms and nutrition security	prof. Ing.Pavol Schwarcz,PhD.	3.2.2015	1.9.2015	not spec.	Horizont 2020, Sustainable Food Security	H2020	Y	N
7	Development strategies for future innovative LAGs	prof.Ing.Dušan Húška,PhD.	13.7.2015	1.1.2016	not spec.	not spec.	H2020	N	N
8	Identification of a New Paradigm for Local Participative and Sustainable Food Production Model	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	not specif.	1.9.2015	not spec.	not spec.	H2020	N	N
9	Energy policy in V4 countries in the field of renewable sources	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	14.4.2015	1.9.2015	20.3.2017	not spec.	IVF Strategic Grant	N	N
10	The implementation of V4 experiences within the development of entrepreneurship- chances for Ukraine	prof.JUDr.Anna Bandlerová,PhD.	15.4.2015	1.9.2015	31.8.2016	31510041	IVF Strategic Grant	Y	N
11	Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources in Central Europe	prof.JUDr.Eleonóra Marišová, PhD.	15.4.2015	1.8.2015	31.7.2017	not spec.	IVF Strategic Grant	N	N
12	Centre for the Research of Biomass Potential	prof. Ing. Ján Gaduš, PhD.	12.8.2015	1.10.2015	30.4.2016	GIIP001	Nórsky finančný mechanizmus, program SK07 – Green Industry Innovation	N	Y
13	Economic Aspects of Regional Development in the Specific Area of V4 Countries	Ing. Martin Mariš, PhD.	1.12.2015	1.3.2016	31.8.2016	11540002	IVF Small Grant	N	in the process of evaluation
14	The concept of sustainable development in students' opinion	doc. Ing. Alexander Fehér, PhD.	30.6.2015	1.1.2016	31.12.2017	SK-PL-2015-NEWPROJECT-6802	APVV Bilaterálna výzva	N	in the process of evaluation
15	Evaluation study of the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership	Ing. Ivan Takáč, PhD.	11.9.2015	25.1.2016	not spec.	AGRI-2015-EVAL-05	EC Tender	N	in the process of evaluation