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Report on the activities of the Centre of International Programmes, FESRD,  
SUA in Nitra

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International projects play at the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development of  
SUA 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 largely of decisive criterion in the process of allocation of subsidies from the state budget of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports. In 2014 the faculty received   
grants from international projects to the total amount of 379 271.70 Euros. According to the principle of allocation of subsidies from the state budget of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports - acquires SUA:

* in the case of foreign educational grants for 100 EUR University obtain 9 EUR
* in the case of foreign research grants for 100 EUR University obtained 214 EUR

Overview of projects for which FESRD SUA in Nitra received subsidy from the state budget is given in the Annex. 4 of this report ("funds (grants) received from international projects solved at FESRD in 2014").

Fields of activity in the ,,CIP” (Centre of International Programmes) in 2014 can be divided:

**A. Organisation of events  
B. Project activities  
C. Other activities**

1. **Organisation of events**

**From 19th to 20th of May 2014** - in collaboration with the Department of Law – organization of International conference "EU Agrarian Law - Challenges and perspectives of agrarian EU law" within the international project Jean Monnet Chair, no. 200123-LLP-1-2011-1-SKAJM-CH,

**From 6th to 7th of June 2014** - in collaboration with the Department of Law - Organization of dissemination Seminar "EU Agrarian Law" within the international project Jean Monnet Chair, no. 200123-LLP-1-2011-1-SK-AJM-CH,

**From 14th of July to 8th of August 2014** – Organization of IX. International case study  
on the topic "Ex-post evaluation of the implementation of the LEADER approach" within the project Erasmus Mundus. (International Master of Science in Rural Development – Joint Degree) no. 2010-0114-R-04-018/001. Case study was attended by 15 students from (from Albania, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Ghana, the Netherlands, India, Cameroon, Canada,  
Colombia, Morocco, Germany, Spain, Italy, Uganda). Lecturer who provide instruction/lectures, lessons in the case study were educators from FESRD  
Nitra, from the Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland, and experts  
 from the Nitra region,

**04th of November 2014** - participation in the organization of the award of an honorary degree  
"Doctor Honoris Causa" Awarded candidates Professor Walter Leal  
(from Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany) and Professor Edward  
Pierzgalski (Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland),

**14th of November 2014** - participation in the organization of the formal sitting of  
the academic community on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of FESRD, which was attended by  
representatives from the Ministry of Environment, the Nitra  
County Committee of the Regions of the EU and representatives of the partner universities in Slovakia and abroad.

**04th - 05th of December 2014** - cooperation with the organizing committee of the Department of Regional and Rural Development in preparation of the international scientific  
FORWARD conference aimed at introducing new creative approaches  
to addressing key issues for development in rural areas and define new directions for rural development.

1. **Projects activities**
2. *Projects realized by CIP*

* Project management Erasmus Mundus "IMRD - International Master of Science in Rural Development - Joint Degree (II. Phase of the program), no. 2010-  
  0114 R-04-018 / 001 (Phase I. program from 2004 -2014, II. Phase of the program  
  since 2010 - 2015), within which are since 2006 organized  
  International case studies focusing on current issues of rural development.
* Project Coordination Erasmus Mundus “CASIA - International Academic  
  exchange of students between the EU and Central Asia”. CIP ensures coordination  
  project activities, financial management, project and academic coordination  
  in collaboration with the Vice-Dean for International Relations FESRD. In 2014 within the project 18 participants/ students studied, worked at SUA in Nitra.

5 within the bachelor and master study,   
7 within the PhD. study,  
3 post doc mobility,  
3 exchanges of teachers.

* **Project Coordination Erasmus Mundus "TIMUR - Education of Individuals  
  through the mobility from Republic of Uzbekistan to EU ".** CIP ensures the coordination of project activities, financial management, project coordination and academic coordination for new participants/ students/ teachers who enter the study  
  in the academic year 2015/2016. Since the beginning of the project (2014)  
  there were 4 mobility participants at SUA in Nitra. Out of this amount:

2 within the bachelor and master study,  
2 post doc mobility.

**-** **CIP have participated in the project TRIVE - ESF, "Operation programme (OP) Education”:**  
Development of international cooperation in order to transfer and implement  
results of research and development into educational programs. CIP also participated in the coordination of training activities 1.2 project.

1. Projects administered by CIP according to the programme types:
2. **Projects within program Jean Monnet - the total number of administrated projects: 2**

* Jean Monet no. 200123-LLP-1-2011-1-SK-AJM-CH, „Agrarian Law in EU”,

Jean Monet Chair

* Jean Monet no. 542600-LLP-1-2013-1SK-AJM-PO „Jean Monet Centre of

Excellence: EU Land Policy - towards a more sustainable Europe“

1. **Leonardo da Vinci, Transfer of Innovation – the total number of administrated projects: 1**

* LDV TOI - NEWCAP č. 2012-1-SK1-LEO05-04199 "New European standards in the context of the reformed Common Agricultural EU Policy "

1. **Project Tempus - the total number of administrated projects: 2**

* 530397 **–** TEMPUS -1-2012-1-SK-TEMPUS\_SMHES "Strengthening lifelong learning in the assessment of environmental effects and management in Russia "
* 544445- TEMPUS – 1-2013-1-IT-TEMPUS-SMHES "The structure of higher education in order to enhance learning and teaching in the field of public health in Uzbekistan"

1. **Baltic University Program (BUP)** – Administration of mobility of students and teachers at events organized by BUP. In 2014, CIP administratively managed 14 student and teacher mobilities, as well as the administration and updating of web pages of BUP.

In 2014, the FESRD was involved in 19 international projects, of which CIP ensured administration and financial management in the case of 12 projects (63%).Other projects (7) were administered by the local coordinators in the relevant departments of FESRD. In 2014 there were prepared and submitted 16 proposals of international projects (out of this amount - 11 projects were submitted by the assistance of CIP). Out of this amount - 3 projects have been successful so far, 9 projects proposals were  
not successful and 4 proposals projects are still in the evaluation process.

Overview of international projects administrated by CIP is given in Annex 3 of this report.

Overview of the proposal projects that have been filed with the assistance of CIP  
It is given in Annex. 1 of this report.

CIP FESRD (02/28/2015) participated in the preparation of proposals for further international projects with a submission deadline in 2015:

* Erasmus plus, capacity building in higher education - four proposals  
  projects
* Erasmus plus, knowledge alliance - one proposal
* International Visegrad Fund - one proposal
* Jean Monnet program - one proposal
* Horizon 2020- three proposals

**C) Other activities**

* advisory and consultancy services relating to international projects within  
  EU programmes where requested by local coordinator:

1. 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,
2. Management and administration of EU projects - ensuring documentation via the SAP, communication with relevant departments of the SUA in Nitra,
3. Cooperation with project promoters in preparing the final project report (technical and financial reports).

* search for new opportunities for cooperation with foreign institutions
* assistance for the FESRD staff in the process of partner finding within EU programmes especially in the calls under the Erasmus plus program and Horizon 2020
* assistance with ensuring the international mobility of students and cooperation  
  with the Vice-Dean for International Relations (especially for Erasmus Mundus)  
  as well as the Vice - Dean for Science and Research (international research projects)
* registration of international projects at the faculty and the preparation of the supportive materials (content and financial section) to report an educational activity for science  
  and research and 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-na-podavaniemedzinarodnych-projektov/articles/3676/> )
* assistance in organizing national and international events at the Dean's Office  
  FESRD
* organization of project meetings at the faculty
* cooperation on the presentation activities of the faculty (preparing presentations, promotional materials, web site update faculty information on the activities and projects in the university newspaper “POĽNOHOSPODÁR”).
* CIP is representing the FESRD SUA by a membership of the International Association IROICA
* Teaching provided by CIP FESRD - Case studies IMRD Erasmus Mundus, ensure the teaching of the "Public Communication" in Slovak and in English.
* Promotion of the FESRD in cooperation with the Vice-Dean for Education (Secondary school in Stará Turá)
* Assistance with processing the proceeding volume of the international conference „Social & Economic Transformations Affecting Rural People and Communities in Central & Eastern Europe Since 1990“, organized in the cooperation with Cornell University a University of Texas at San Antonio, USA in the form „Proceeding Volume“.

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