

Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARUD)

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Dear Partners,

meanwhile our SARUD project has successfully started and with this letter, we would like to inform you about the first activities implemented to the date as well as about further planned event and tasks of the project.

First coordination meetings in Russia and Kazakhstan

At the end of February – beginning of March the first coordination meetings in Russia and Kazakhstan took place. During these meetings, representatives from universities and non-university partners responsible for elaboration of SARUD master programme have met at the regional coordination institutions in Omsk and Astana. Participants had an opportunity to discuss current trends and developments in educational system of both countries, exchange experiences on elaboration of new study programmes and collect ideas on the outline and content of new professional master on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development. More information on these events you will find at the project webpage under: <https://sarud.uni-hohenheim.de/117842> .

Presentations hold during the meetings, detailed programmes and pictures are currently available under the following links (please do not forget to use the password: “**ka2sarud2015**”):

https://sarud.uni-hohenheim.de/intern?&no_cache=1#jfmulticontent_c277925-5

https://sarud.uni-hohenheim.de/intern?&no_cache=1#jfmulticontent_c277925-6

Please note that some presentations (“SARUD-project-description” or “Management of the Grant”) are available in two languages (EN and RU). You are highly encouraged to use these presentations as reference information for project implementation and disseminate them to relevant persons (first of all, to local project managers/coordinators) and departments. Furthermore, you are welcome to collect your questions for the Kick-Off meeting, where the project management will be one of the important topics in our agenda.

SARUD Kick-Off Meeting

The next occasion to meet with all project partners is the **Kick-Off Meeting** and the Second Steering Committee Meeting to be hold in **Omsk State Agricultural University** on **19-22 April 2016**. We are currently finalizing registration for the meeting and would kindly ask those of you who has not confirmed participation yet to do it ASAP. Meeting programme and further organizational details will be provided to all partners soon.

SARUD webpage

As informed earlier the SARUD webpage has already been launched (in English language) and is regularly updated with project news, documents and project relevant links.

Furthermore, it is planned to make the webpage available also in Russian language to reach Russian-speaking target groups and disseminate project information to a wider audience.

To make the SARUD webpage alive and up to date, but also to comply with EACEA requirements on project dissemination, we would kindly ask all project partners:

- to place information about your participation at the project on the webpage of your institution (please always use SARUD logo and EU flag with acknowledgement the support under Erasmus+ programme – both are available in intranet) and link this information to our project web page <https://sarud.uni-hohenheim.de/start>;
- always, when you publish any information online (about project, news, reports, etc.), please send us a link to these publications. It will help to document the dissemination and interlink published information with SARUD webpage;
- please check information about your institution and main representatives, which was placed on SARUD webpage under the link <https://sarud.uni-hohenheim.de/partners0> and give a short feedback whether this information is correct and up to date. We would be grateful to receive feedback from all partners **by the end of March 2016***

* Partners in Russia and Kazakhstan are kindly asked to provide the institution description also in Russian language to be placed on the RU webpage. Information about EU partners will be translated into Russian language in Hohenheim, therefore we would appreciate receipt of your feedback on information correctness before starting translation;

- download area for fundamental information on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development was created in intranet and will be filled with first relevant publications soon. In case you would like to share any pertinent publications, e-books, etc. in English or Russian with all consortium partners, please provide us those documents to be placed in download area.

SARUD study trips

Study trips and didactic trainings initially schedules for June 2016 and October 2016 will be preliminary rescheduled for October 2016 (Warsaw & Prague) and June 2017 (Stuttgart & Nuertingen). Detailed information on study trips will be provided during the Kick-Off meeting.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in Omsk soon.

Sincerely,

Your SARUD Team