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## Project Information

# Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Russian Federation and Kazakhstan

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## Project

SARUD is the acronym for 'Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development', an Erasmus+ Capacity-building project in the field of higher education. The project is funded by the European Commission from 10/2015-10/2018.

SARUD addresses the demand for practice oriented but formalized education in sustainable agriculture and rural development. It reflects the need for the design, implementation and administration of integrated and sustainable rural development programs.

Supported by practice partners Russian and Kazakh universities develop and open new master programs on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development within their accredited majors Economics, Agriculture and Municipal and Public Management.

A network comprising Russian, Kazakh and EU partners actively explores and exploits existing experiences on sustainable agriculture and rural development. Internet based knowledge platforms will be accessible for all interested faculties and potential users.



## Background

Policy, research and education in Russia and Kazakhstan react to the demand to raise awareness and knowledge on sustainable rural development and its implementation. Need for action is enhanced by global questions of food security and climate change, and by challenges imposed by socio-economic changes in remote areas and losses in biodiversity and other natural resources.

The basic objective of **Rural Development** is to secure livelihoods in rural areas. This translates into the maintenance of resource potentials for primary production and services as a necessary foundation for income diversification through optimized value chains grounded in sustainable resource use.

**Sustainable Agriculture** produces commodities in a resource efficient way while retaining natural potentials associated with ecosystem services. Agricultural production systems have to be assessed at how they fulfill the requirements for natural resource use as well as for their contributions to the socio-economic environment.

Sustainable rural development programs require **Integrated Approaches** that fit specific local conditions. Decision makers, managers, consultants and other experts involved in the field of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development need to have a broad interdisciplinary understanding of opportunities and problems. SARUD provides the means for educational systems to respond to this challenge.

## Objectives

The joint activities of SARUD are targeted at:

- developing practice-oriented master programs on sustainable agriculture and rural development at participating Russian and Kazakh universities. Programs are tailored to meet the demand for professionals in public services, local and regional governments, farm management and service providers,
- building a knowledge and network platform on sustainable agriculture and integrative rural development with international and regional case studies and examples,
- strengthening the competences and inter-regional networks of higher education faculties for conducting target-group specific trainings in the area of rural development.

SARUD will develop programs suited to educate professionals that are subsequently able to design and apply rural development concepts for specific conditions. The knowledge base of experts encompasses economics, management, social sciences, agronomy and ecology. Graduates will be able to access national and international experiences, apply up-to date methods for land-use planning and the assessment of agro-ecosystems as well as socio-cultural and natural resources.

