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**USAMV BUCHAREST AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY
SUMMER SCHOOL
The 2016 edition on
“Scientific Working”**

USAMV Bucharest and its partners within the ENHANCE consortium and invite highly motivated postgraduate students (Master or PhD), researchers from agro-economics disciplines, and young professionals from governmental institutions, to the 1st summer school of this project entitled “Scientific Working in social and (agricultural-) economic science” that will take place in Bucharest, from 19-23 September 2016.

BACKGROUND

ENHANCE (Building an Excellency Network for Heightening Agricultural ecoNomic researCh and Education in Romania) is a Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support project funded by the European Commission. It is a three-year project (2016-2018) developed by four European members:

- *University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV)*, Faculty of Management, Economic Engineering in Agriculture and Rural Development (FMIEADR), Bucharest, Romania
- *University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences*, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Agricultural and Forestry Economics (**BOKU**), Vienna, Austria
- *Federal Research Centre for Agriculture (AGROSCOPE)* from Ettenhausen, Switzerland and
- *Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)*, Halle, Germany.

The general objective of the project **ENHANCE** is to fully realize and to further develop the currently existing scientific potential of the agricultural economists of the *University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine- Bucharest*, particularly with respect to quantitative methods like modelling, simulation, and econometrics as well as game theory, in order to support FMIEADR's development as the leading actor in agricultural economics in Romania with a strong European network.

This objective will be achieved through 6 specific objectives, one of them being to raise the standards of postgraduate education through the implementation of **three Summer schools** (2016, 2017, and 2018) and the exchange of post-graduate researchers.

AIM

The 2016 USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School aims to promote the development of the participants' competences related to scientific working in agricultural economics and policy, i.e. fundamental needs and requirements for Master or PhD Students and young researchers. This comprises courses on literature search including **literature management and publishing, scientific writing/ writing journal articles with a focus on economic and social science as well as inter- and trans-disciplinary research, presentations** (e.g. PowerPoint, Prezi, graphics programmes), **aspects related to manuscript submissions to a journal** (e.g. choosing the right journal, special issues, templates, editing), **science communication to stakeholders** (e.g. different channels, social media, blogs). It is planned to put a specific focus on freeware (e.g. Gimp, Prezi, LaTeX, R, Open Office, Zotero).

Venue	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine- Bucharest, 59 Mărăști Blvd., Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania
Date	19-23 September 2016
Duration	1 week
Organizer	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine- Bucharest
Language	English
Credits/ Certificate	5 ECTS (<i>for Master students</i>)+ Certificate of attendance
Application deadline	15 May 2016
Notification of acceptance	15 June 2016
Fees	NO TUITION FEE IS REQUIRED
More information	http://www.enhance-project.ro



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APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

Applications for participation can be submitted by e-mail and should include the following:

- Application Form (see below/ attached).
- The applicant's CV.
- A copy of your latest university certificate.

NOTE: In the preparatory period from acceptance until the beginning of the summer school, the chosen participants will have to select from their own work an outline/draft of a current research paper/ master thesis or the like, in order to be discussed during the workshops.

After receiving the notification of acceptance, an application will be considered completed once the payment of the hospitality package has been made (**Deadline: 1 July 2016**) (See Hospitality package below).

Participation is limited to a maximum of **25 students** and is subject to a selection process. The participants are selected by a commission of academic and scientific experts from the Consortium institutions.

The selection criteria will include:

- Education in fields related to agricultural economics and policy.
- Previous experience and knowledge in the agro-economics and policy field.
- Geographic balance.
- Gender balance.

TARGET GROUP

- Postgraduate students (Masters or PhD students).
- Young researchers with an educational background in economics, management, marketing or other social sciences disciplines applied to agriculture.
- Young professionals from governmental institutions, regional organizations related to agriculture (ministries, authorities and agencies) who need a refresher course in scientific working.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Fluent in written and spoken English.
- Bachelor Degree in fields related to agricultural economics and policy.

BENEFITS

- Acquire an understanding of scientific writing, literature management and publishing, creative dissemination, inter- and trans-disciplinary research as well as of philosophy of science.
- Study at the leading Romanian higher education institution in agronomic sciences, USAMV Bucharest.
- Have the chance to earn 5 ECTS points as a result of participating in this Summer School.
- Learn from our international lecturers coming from leading research institutions.
- Gain international and intercultural experience.
- Improve your English language skills.
- Complement your theoretical notions by means of a field trip which brings to the group perspectives outside the seminar room.
- Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Bucharest and its surroundings during our social/ cultural programme.
- Have the chance to meet other young international researchers in agricultural economics.

SYLLABUS

The Summer School programme offers a combination of lectures, workshops and social/ cultural activities. During the training, participants will attend courses delivered by high-level guest lecturers from the academia, as well as experts and practitioners from leading research institutions.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

A detailed programme, including information related to the lectures, workshops and the social/cultural activities will be available soon



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COURSE LECTURERS

High-level guest lecturers from the academia, as well as experts and practitioners from leading research institutions. (TBC)

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME

The USAMV Summer School offers exciting opportunities to explore outside the classroom.

During weekdays a number of special events will be organized, such as: welcome reception, an international evening, a visit to The Romanian Academy and the closing ceremony.

HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

- Participants at the 2016 editions of the USAMV Summer School will be offered a Hospitality package of **500 RON (110 €)** covering: Lunches (Monday-Friday), 7 nights of accommodation in double rooms within the USAMV campus.
- The fee is payable to the following bank account: Universitatea de Științe Agronomice și Medicină Veterinară- București, Bd. Mărăști, nr. 59, IBAN: RO58TREZ70120F335000XXXX, Trezoreria Statului Sector 1, Bucuresti, CIF 4602041, mentioning "Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School-ENHANCE Project".

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you wish to withdraw from the program before its start, the withdrawal must be submitted by email. A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

For cancellations from 1 to 15 July 2016 - Free of charge

For cancellations from 15 July to 31 July 2016 - 50% of the hospitality package charged

For cancellations after 1 August 2016 - Full hospitality package charged

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