

# Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe

Towards a stronger European research area and knowledge excellence for sustainability transitions



## Strengthening partnerships and networks of WUR

Cooperation in progress

#### **EU Central Europe**

#### Poland:

- Warsaw University of Life Sciences
- Poznan University of Life Sciences
- National Veterinary Institute Pulawy
- Institute of Genetics and Animal Breeding at Polish Academy of Sciences

Czech: Prague Life Science University

**Slovakia:** Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra **Hungary:** Hungarian Agricultural University MATE

Croatia:

- Croatian Veterinary Institute Zagreb
- Croatian Forest Research Institute
- University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture

#### **EU South East Europe**

#### Romania:

- Agricultural University of Bucharest
- University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca
- Green Table Center of Excellence for Green education and research
- Ministry of Agriculture

#### **Bulgaria:**

- Agricultural University of Plovdiv
- National Academy of Sciences
- National Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Education and Sciences

#### Non EU

#### Western Balkan

Serbia: University of Novi Sad

#### Albania:

- Agricultural University of Tirana
- Ministry of Agriculture

**Moldavia:** State Agrarian University of Moldova, Chisinau

#### EU Baltic region

Estonia: Estonian University of

Life Sciences, Tartu

Latvia: University of Life Sciences

and Technologies, Gelgava



#### Ukraine

- National University of Life and Environment Sciences
- Ukrainian Agribusiness Club
- Kyiv School of Economics Center for Food and Land Use Research
- National Academy of Agricultural Sciences

### Partnerships with regional impact



Rural development and regional innovation



Urban sustainability, metropolitan areas

Food security (incl. veterinary)



Circular agriculture & Bio-economy, food waste and loss



Resilience and Climate change (water & soil)



Nature and biodiversity

Horticulture, organic agriculture



Sustainable animal breeding



Agro-economics, markets and value chains



Precision-farming

The CEE region has a fruitful ground for manifold cooperation initiatives in research and education. The eastwards enlargement of the EU and the need for bridging the innovation divide between west and east Europe (EU13 and neighboring non-EU countries) have featured some challenges, but also created many collaboration opportunities. The cooperation with CEE partners has an important role in the implementation of the Green deal EU policy within the multi-annual financial framework - 2021-2027, as well as in enhancing the regional cohesion and the European networks. The European Commission is investing in research and innovation initiatives in the CEE countries (Horizon Europe-Widening participation) in order to strengthen the effective use of the EU funds across Europe and improve scientific excellence, knowledge use, education, human capacity and innovation. As a leading academic organization in Europe in the field of life sciences, the partnerships of WUR with the CEE countries aim to boost the societal impact of science and education as drivers for the sustainable food systems transition, clean environment, bio-economy, nature-positive future, land-water-soil nexus and climate change solutions.



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