



Bijeljina University Bijeljina – Educational seminar
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Minutes

Recognizing the need for dissemination of the VIRAL project, as well as its significance, a seminar for agricultural producers and other stakeholders in agriculture and agribusiness entitled: "Challenges of agricultural production in 2022." was held. It took place on 15th February at the Faculty of Agriculture of the Bijeljina University starting at 10.00.

The meeting was primarily intended for agricultural producers, the business sector in the field of agriculture, advisors as well as other individual and economic entities in the field of agriculture. The organiser of the meeting was the Bijeljina University. Participants were informed in advance about the most important details of the meeting through its programme. The activity was realised within the Erasmus + VIRAL project, and within the corresponding work package which includes introduction and education of participants in the field of agriculture with information and communication technologies.

The meeting was attended by more than 60 participants. Most of the participants were agricultural producers from the Semberija region as well as representatives from local agrarian institutions cooperating with the University (Department of agriculture of the city of Bijeljina, Agrarian fund of the city of Bijeljina), representatives of the city of Bijeljina (mayor), representatives of the VIRAL project, representatives of the Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for plant health protection, and representatives of the Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management of Republic of Srpska, as well as many others. With the consent of all participants, the materials from the meeting could be used for further distribution and popularisation of this topic.

Lecturers at the seminar were professors from the Faculty of agriculture, Bijeljina University, Faculty of agriculture, University of Banja Luka, Faculty of electrical engineering, University of Tuzla, and representatives of the relevant ministry and the Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for plant health protection. At the very beginning of the meeting, the lecturers and participants were greeted by the director of the Bijeljina University, prof. dr. Boro Krstić. In the continuation, the welcoming speech was given by the mayor of Bijeljina Ljubiša Petrović, then the director of the Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for plant health protection, prof. dr. Goran Perkovic, coordinator of the VIRAL project, prof. dr. Miljan Cvetković from the Faculty of agriculture, University of Banja Luka, as well as a representative of the Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management of the Republic of Srpska, dr. Zoran Maletić.





Photo. Welcoming remarks by representatives of relevant institutions, hosts and the mayor of Bijeljina

According to the agenda, five topics in the field of agricultural education were presented during the meeting:

Dr Zoran Maletić

Current incentives in agriculture in the Republic of Srpska



**Prof. dr Miljan
Cvetković**

The role of information and communication technologies in the process of innovating plum production



**Prof. dr Gorica
Cvijanović**

Harvest residues and microbiological preparations for the improvement of agricultural production



**Prof. dr Goran
Perković**

Modern methods of plant production



**Doc. dr Alma
Šećerbegović**

Precision irrigation system in agriculture (based on the Internet of things (IoT))



The lecturers gave their lectures using appropriate presentations. They strictly adhered to the scheduled time for the presentation, which was of special importance for the dynamics of the seminar.

Dr. Zoran Maletić announced a new set of measures to help agricultural producers in the Republic of Srpska, with an emphasis on incentives for the purchase of mineral fertilisers for the upcoming spring sowing.

Professor Miljan Cvetković emphasized the importance of proper plum growing technology, and especially the application of information and communication technologies in that part of fruit production.

Professor Gorica Cvijanović vividly presented the dangers that lurk when burning harvest residues from the field, and presented microbiological preparations that would enable the improvement of existing production.

Professor Goran Perković from the Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for plant health protection, together with his colleague Eduardo Ucciero from the European Commission, explained the process of phytosanitary supervision and its advantages in the countries of the region, as well as comparisons with the application in EU countries.

Doc dr. Alma Šećerbegović presented the practical application of modern applications for precision irrigation in agriculture and thus gained great attention of those present, which encouraged many participants to think about this type of information and communication business in their own production.

Among other things, the educational seminar attracted a lot of attention from the media, which had a unique opportunity to transfer the latest knowledge and achievements from the application of information and communication technologies in today's agriculture.



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Photo. Addressing the media

Numerous media reports also speak about the importance of the meeting, which can be found at the following links:

<https://youtu.be/2uRuqjDxqcM>

https://youtu.be/7PDnyDlt_C4

<https://youtu.be/0VTeMIOfdU>

For all those interested, who were not able to attend the seminar, the appropriate material will be available on the project website.

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