



Erasmus+

WORKSHOP ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE „GOOD HERBS” PROJECT

Organized within the „Integration of good practices and new methods for professional training in the field of herbs processing for food and food supplements” project, the workshop organized in Bucharest on June 14-15, 2016, brought together representatives of all partners (IBA Bucharest, CTC and UCAM - Spain, UCP - Portugal and No-Gravity –Slovakia) in order to identify new ways to continue the project, with collaborative institutional and thematic approach on medicinal and aromatic plants.

The ideas and suggestions of each partner were presented and discussed:

- operation and maintenance of „Good Herbs” electronic platform for education / distance learning; ways to provide access to the server/Moodle platform, the payment of the subscription and maintenance (IBA Bucharest, Nastasia Belc);
- establish a strategy for sustainability that includes: integration of the project results in education and training (in the field of nutrition, food engineering, functional foods); establish the connection with the economic area (delivery of information, training, courses) in order to support innovation (new products, food safety); coordination of future research activities (partnership for new joint research projects, addressing new directions for cooperation, for example BIOACTIVES); creating an economic subcluster of medicinal and aromatic plants (identification of local needs, support for organizing small business and farms for subsistence) – UCP Portugal, Eduardo Cardoso;
- continue the collaboration between partners within other programs that address similar /tangential issues, which can exploit the complementarity between the institutions involved and capitalize on the expertise of specialists working in the field, integration of research with industrial applications, blend the traditional use with innovation (Eureka ..>) – Angel Martinez, CTC Spain;
- collaborative drafting and publishing of scientific articles, books, guides, brochures and periodical updating of the project website with original contributions (recipes, curiosities related to certain plant species, new (novel) food, modern use of species traditionally known as medicinal and aromatic and so on) – Pillar Zafrila, UCAM-Spain;
- exploitation of the results obtained in the project by adapting to the demands of other programs (including Erasmus +), extending the scope and the countries that make dissemination / implementation of new proposals (relevant e.g.: Herbs 4 Youth project, Europe - South America) – Gabriel Adamek, No-Gravity, Slovakia.

The workshop ended with a series of constructive conclusions which create favorable premises for continuity of both the partnership and the themes developed within the Good Herbs project.