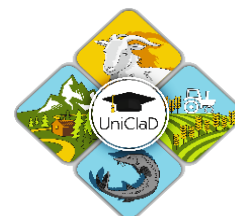




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Road map for the creation of expertise centers

Introduction

The main result of the project is the creation, launching and supporting of the sustainable functioning of the Expertise center at the Comrat State University (CSU), together with our partner, the SRL “Oloi-Pak” particularly SANA, SRL «DOKSANCOM», SRL «GEXIMSUD».

The centre named “Agrobiotechnology” is going to be designed for carrying out joint projects with SANA and other stakeholders. These projects will include joint researches and their implementation into practice, practical training of students, development of technologies, joint development of services that can be offered to SANA and other interested businesses. Thus, the centre is going to expand its activities and involve other local businesses that are interested in getting information, services, research, etc. In future, the collaboration might be transformed into a real cluster. Sustainability and innovative character should be the key principles of the cluster.

The center will be created with the support of EU partners and using their expertise and experience.

In order to prove the efficiency of the center, a pilot project (one or more) will be launched in the second half of the project according to the specifics of the center. The topics of the projects will be defined according to the needs of SANA (and other businesses) and universities possibilities. They will include scientific elaborations and their practical application by the stakeholder. The students will be involved in the activities of the pilot projects. The topics and elements of pilot projects will be presented in 2 Master and 2 bachelor Theses.

It is expected that the presentation of the pilot projects results to stakeholders will encourage them to cooperate, to establish sustainable business relations for the development of new projects and thus the centre will be strengthened and viable.

Activities to be carried out

№	Action	Date
1.	Editing the package of documents (models) ensuring the functioning of expertise centres: Framework draft	December 2020

	<p>statute, Regulations on the functioning of the centre https://kdu.md/ru/nauka-i-mezhdunarodnye-svyazi/proekty/proekt-uniclad/novosti-proekta-uniclad/item/1490-the-project-increasing-the-capacity-of-universities-to-initiate-and-participate-in-the-development-of-clusters-on-the-principles-of-innovation-and-sustainability-uniclad</p>		
2.	<p>Revision the prepared models of documents by CSU and SANA Cooperation Agreement with the partner of the university. https://kdu.md/ru/nauka-i-mezhdunarodnye-svyazi/proekty/proekt-uniclad/novosti-proekta-uniclad/item/1808-sostoyalos-podpisanie-soglasheniya-o-sotrudnichestve-tsentra-agrobiotekhnologij-kgu-s-agropredpriyatiyami-gagauz-eri</p>	First part of December 2020	
4.	<p>On-line workshop devoted to the presentation of developed documents,</p>	Participation in the on-line workshop 3December	
5.	<p>Creating a working group for the development of the Expertise center.</p> <p>Description of «Layout»(model) of the center: location, working staff, accessibility for students, teachers, researchers, industrials, stakeholders; documentation; centre's services users.</p> <p>Adaptation and completing the proposed models of the documents ensuring the center functioning (Regulation, Agreements etc.) for local rules and needs.</p>	<p>March 2021</p> <p>March 2021</p> <p>End of March</p>	<p>Order on the allocation of room for the Center and the Laboratory</p> <p>The Regulation and model Agreement with stakeholders were approved on April 21, 2021.</p> <p>Prepared presentation of the model Expertise Center. Participation in the on-line workshop on March 25. https://kdu.md/ru/nauka-i-mezhdunarodnye-svyazi/proekty/proekt-uniclad/novosti-proekta-uniclad/item/1722-project-enhancing-capacity-of-universities-to-initiate-and-to-participate-in-clusters-development-on-innovation-and-sustainability-principles-uniclad</p>

	Preparation of the presentation of Expertise center model of CSU for the on-line workshop.		
6.	Creating an expert center. Preparation of dedicated premises. The beginning of the procedure for the purchase of equipment (conclusion of contracts, procurement, installation of equipment.	March – June 2021	The orders of the University on the creation of the Expert Center and the working group of the center were signed, the Regulations of the Expert Center and the Stakeholder Center Cooperation Agreement were approved. The procedure for purchasing equipment has started. https://kdu.md/ru/nauka-i-mezhdunarodnye-svyazi/proekty/proekt-uniclad/novosti-proekta-uniclad/item/1851-v-ramkakh-proekta-programmy-erasmus-uniclad-by-la-zaplanirovana-zakupka-oborudovaniya
7.	Defining the subject of the pilots scientific projects: area, topic, persons implementing the project, conditions for the project implementation, project beneficiaries.	March – May 2021	The topic of the pilot project has been identified on the meeting of the Agrarian Council 16.03.21.
8.	Launching the pilot research project together with partner SANA. Dissemination of the pilot project among stakeholders.	Since April 2021 June, September	Launch of a pilot project. https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=4942850269061689&set=pcb.4942862705727112
9.	Definition of stakeholders, establishment of contacts with stakeholders, development of the cooperation strategy: negotiation, involvement of stakeholders into the centers activities, promotion of the centers and their results.	Since February 2022	Continues
10	Development of the sustainability strategy of the expertise centers: enlargement by involvement of new partners, launching of new projects, development of the “road map” for the creation of clusters based on the expertise centers.	Since June 2022	Continues

Anticipated risks and their assumption

	Anticipated risks	How the risks can be mitigated	Results
1.	Involvement of teaching staff, students, enterprises staff into the expertise centres activity.	Creation of common research groups with the participation of master and bachelor students, teaching and enterprise staff with expertise centres	Created
2.	Capacity to maintain relations with the chain bachelor-master-researchers-projector-executor.	Planning of master and research works on common subjects and in line with enterprise interest that can be applied for real projects.	Planned
3.	Mobilisation of stakeholders and their interest to participate in future clusters.	Establishment of direct contacts with stakeholders, invitation to events, distribution of information, demonstration of positive results of the project activity. Informational campaign for stakeholders with participation of EU, UA, and AZ experts. Demonstration of the European experience.	Holding joint meetings, field days with stakeholders.
4.	Insufficiency of the developed legal base to ensure the proper functioning of expertise centre and further of cluster.	Creation of the working groups for the development of the legal base for expertise centers functioning. Involvement of lawyers into working groups. Approval of the legal base by universities' administration. Study of legal aspects of clusters functioning in EU countries.	The lawyer is included in the working group.
5.	Low support by university administration	Well established communication with HEI's administration, participation of administration representatives in the working groups and planning of reseach activities.	We have comprehensive and full support.
6.	Low support by local authorities.	Establishment of contacts with local authorities from the early beginning of the project, their permanent informing of its progress and involvement in project events.	We have comprehensive and full support.

7.	Incapacity to insure the sustainability of the expertise centres	Analyses of pilot projects sustainability and development of recommendations for enhancing of their sustainable character.	will be held if necessary
8.	Allocation of human resources, in compliance with national legislation and HEIs and enterprises internal regulation	Consultations with administration, involvement of HEIs and enterprises law departments, study of EU HEIs experience, validation by the Ministries of education.	will be held if necessary