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REGULATION

**on the functioning of the Expertise Center «Agrobiology»
created at CSU in the framework of the EU Erasmus+ “Enhancing capacity
of universities to initiate and to participate in clusters development on
innovation and sustainability principles” (UniClaD)
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This Provision defines the basic organizational principles of the Expertise center «Agrobiology» (hereinafter – Center) functioning in order to meet the objectives of the project, to reinforce the relation between researches, education and business., to enhance the role of universities as partners for enterprises and important players in the local development, to involve students to researches and their practical application.

I. General provisions

1. The Center constitutes a platform of joint activities for to achieve the objectives set out in §2 of these regulations.
2. Full name of the Center is: Agrobiology. Short name is ECA.
3. The Center does not have legal personality and does not have the character of a civil partnership.
4. Administrative and organizational support for the activities of the Center is provided by the head of the Center, appointed by the order of the rector of CSU.
5. Cooperation of members within the Center is carried out through the secretaries of the Center ,Center Partners, Center Coordinator and Center Management.

II. Center objectives

Center's aim is to increase competitiveness and innovativeness of enterprises in GagauzYeri through cooperation of companies from agricultural sector with:

- a) business environment institutions,
- b) research and development centres,
- c) universities
- d) local government authorities

Tasks of the Center

- Establishment of preconditions for the creation of cluster based on principles of innovation and sustainability by development of cooperation with local economic and academic partners, carrying out applied researches for their practical implementation at industry, promoting this cooperation results and thus attracting new partners;
- Preparing students for further practical activities in researches and industry by involving them into the Center's activities.

III. Areas of activity of the Center

The Center covers the following areas-Production and processing of agricultural products

Types and forms of the Center's activities

- carrying out researches in the area of its competence ;
- participation in the implementations of its researches results at the enterprise GagauzYeri (Here and after – Partner institution) in the framework of the EU Erasmus+ project «Increasing the

capacity of universities to initiate and participate in the development of clusters on the principles of innovation and sustainability» (UniClaD);

- promotion and dissemination of its activities results at local and national levels;
- establishment the cooperative relations with other industrial and research institutions, study of their need and launching common research projects;
- providing advisory services for local enterprises in the area of its competence;
- participation in the development of new training topics for students and stakeholders in the area of its competence;
- organizing practical training and internship for master and PhD students by their involvement in development and implementation of research projects;
- monitoring of research activities carried out the in the area of the Center's competence on local, national and international levels and dissemination of this information among stakeholders;
- participation in conferences, seminars, workshops, trainings, etc.

Within the scope of the Centre's activities, the Specialists may define specific forms, types, directions and themes of service provision according to the individual needs of their stakeholders.

The entities of the Center are: the university administration, teachers and researchers of the university, the administration and specialists of the partner institution, master and PhD students of the university, representatives of local enterprises and research institutions acting in the areas of the Center's competence, representatives of local authorities, other interested stakeholders.

IV. Organization of the Center's activities

The Center acts according to the annual plan that is developed by its head and involved specialists following to the communication with the partner institution, infested stakeholders and study of their needs as for the scientific accompanying. The annual plan contains the list of research projects edited according to indentified needs.

The annual plan is validated by the Center's council, the administrations of the university and the partner institution. During the year the annual plan can be modified according to new identified needs and command provided by the partner institutions or interested stakeholders.

For the implementation of research projects the work team is created by the head of the Center and validated by the Center council. The work team consists of teachers and researchers of the university, master and PhD students, researchers and specialists of the partner institution, other possible partners.

In the end of the year the head of the Center submits the report of carried out activities and their results to the Center council and the administrations of the university and the partner institutions.

The needs for research projects carried out by the Center are identified in accordance with its objectives and tasks. The ways for their identification are:

- receiving direct commands from the partner institution and interested stakeholders;
- constant monitoring of economic, ecological, social situation in the area of the Center's competence;
- constant monitoring of research activities carried out in the area of the Center's competence on local, national and international levels;
- communication and consultations with the partner institution, local authorities and stakeholders;
- communication and consultations with professional associations acting in the area of the Center's competence;
- cooperation with international partners, such as universities, research institutions, enterprises acting in the area of the Center's competence.

The relevance of needs identification and efficiency of performed activities are checked by the following indicators:

- number of research projects implemented in practice;
- number of teachers, researchers, specialists involved into research projects development and implementation;
- number of master and PhD involved into research projects development and implementation;
- number of contacts with local authorities and stakeholders; number of stakeholders interested in the Center's activities and addressing for the scientific services provided by the Centers;
- number of researches carried out for stakeholders;
- number and scope of research results implemented into the educational process at the faculties;
- scope of the increased role of the university as a participant of the local development.

The methodological principles of activities carried out by the Center are:

- transition from theoretical research activity to practical and applied researches based on innovation and sustainability principles;
- combination of classical teaching methods in the academic environment with active forms of learning, involving students into research activities carried out by the universities and the implementation in practice;
- the content of trainings should meet European requirements and be focused on the comprehensive implementation of the innovation and sustainability principles;

- raising the awareness of students about the research activities carried out by the university including their results into the content of education provided at the relevant faculties;
- active participation of the university in the economic and social life of the town, the territory and the region.

V. Composition and structure of the Center

1. The Center includes the head of the Center and the Secretary of the Center.
2. Direct management of the activities of the Center is carried out by its head, who is appointed to the position by order of the rector
3. The structure and basic instructions are approved by the rector of CSU.
4. The center reports directly to the rector of CSU.

VI. The financing of the Center

The financing of the Center is carried out at the expense of the budget of the EU Erasmus+ project UniClaD that covers purchase of the equipment necessary for the realization of research projects and a part of staff costs (head of the Center, secretary).

The Center activities are co-financed by the University in form of providing location, furniture, communication means, and additional equipment.

During the project the Center is acting as a non-profit organization providing services free of charge. But after the end of the project, in accordance with the legislation and the amendments made in its statute, the Center will be able to provide paid services in the field of its competence to individuals and legal entities. The earned finances will be used to carry out the statutory activities of the Center and maintaining its viability.

The Center may involve third-party specialists / experts, including foreign experts to develop research projects and to promote their results on the base of cooperation agreement.

The property assigned to the Center belongs to the University on the rights of operational management.

The property that is in state and communal ownership and transferred to the Center is not subject to alienation. The seizure of property transferred to the Center is allowed only in cases, on the grounds and in the manner prescribed by law.

The property of state and municipal institutions transferred to the Center, which ensures their statutory activities, may not be the subject of collateral.

VII. Final provisions

1. The present Regulation may be supplemented or amended by the CSU Senate.
2. The present Regulation shall enter into force following the approval of the CSU Senate and shall remain in effect until its reapproval.