

*Invitation for participation in the Consultation
«Innovative measures for sustainable agriculture-
Obstacles & Needs» and in the SEMINAR for the use
of Innovative Geothermal Greenhouses in the
context of the Interreg MED Greenhouses project.*

Wednesday 3 July 2019 Hotel Gega, Berat / 11:00 - 15:00
Thursday 4 July 2019 Samaticë, Ura Vajgurore / 11:00 - 15:00
Friday 5 July 2019 Kozare, Kuçovë / 11:00 - 15:00



Figure 1 – Invitation of Seminar 1

Agenda



Regional Council of Berat

11:00-11:15 Registration
 11:15 – 11:30 Welcome speech
 11:30 – 11:45 Presentation of the MED Greenhouses project
 11:45-12:15 Open discussion for innovative measures of sustainable agriculture
 12:15 – 12:45 Open discussion for obstacles & needs of agriculture sector
 12:45 – 13:30 Lunch & coffee break

13:30 – 14:00 Presentation of Innovative Geothermal Greenhouses (benefits, operation, cost, technology specs, installation, construction)
 14:00 – 14:30 Presentation of project's e-learning platform
 14:30 – 15:00 Open Discussion / questions



The Regional Council of Berat, in collaboration with Living Prospects Ltd – the contracting company for the external expertise – organized 3 Seminars for the use of Innovative Geothermal Greenhouses as a back to back event with the 1st -2st -3st Consultation “Innovative measures for sustainable agriculture - Obstacles & Needs” in the context of the Interreg MED Greenhouses project.

The event was organized at the venue of Hotel Gega, in Berat. There were around 30 participants including greenhouse farmers, agriculture specialists and heads of regional directorates related to the field of agriculture, greenhouses and food safety.

The seminar started according to the agenda at 13:30, a presentation of innovative greenhouses was followed by the presentation of the project's e-learning platform and closing remarks and discussions. This part of the consultation / seminar was moderated and performed by the external experts Mr. Spiros Vasiliadis and Mr. Kristofor Muka.

The Training Course Material for Stakeholders/actors regarding MED Greenhouses installations highlighted the main objective of the project and related technology usage which is to *address issues related to energy & water efficiency & sustainable agricultural production, contributing to Green Growth & Circular Economy*.

The new technology was presented in details including i) an overview of the construction process; ii) various subsystems such as cooling & ventilation, heating system, curtain thermal insulation system, air drying system, hydroponic system and central control system; iii) advantages and challenges of the new technology were presented in comparison to traditional systems; iv) transferability of this new technology was discussed at last

The e-learning platform was presented next. Participants were informed about the importance of the platform as a fast and efficient tool for allowing them to gain, share and transfer knowledge by participating at different online webinars and other similar events. Participants were informed about the technical steps of accessing the platform through a simple demonstration tutorial.

At the end, around 14:30 – 15:00 participants were discussing the new presented technology. They highlighted its importance into reducing the costs and being more efficient than traditional technology. They valued it as the *future* of greenhouses. Issues were raised only in terms of

- Initial production and installation cost. Participants would prefer a collaboration with public authorities in order to create initially a few prototypes in Albania
- The ability of the new presented technology to spread through the Albanian market in terms of transferability and ease of deployment.

At the end, participants received a handful of promotion materials such as leaflets, notepads, pens, folders, bags and usbs. They were invited to follow through the activities of the project.

Photo Gallery



Figure 2 – Photos from the 1st Seminar

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Figure 3 – Photos from the 2nd Seminar

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Figure 4 – Photos from the 3rd Seminar