



1st Knowledge exchange and capacity building seminar for public sector institutions

Overview	
Date	19 May 2020
Location	<i>Online</i>
Aim of the event	Exchanging knowledge and building capacity for the local authorities in Covasna on Regional Smart Specialization Strategies

The event was organized online by the Romanian Cluster Association (CLUSTERO) and the Institute of Economic Forecasting (IPE) of the Romanian Academy, within the BE-Rural project under *Task 4.3*.

The aim of this seminar was to exchange knowledge and build capacity following the Regional Smart Specialization Strategy and the ongoing activities within the European BE-Rural project.

The event took place within the broader thematic seminars organized by CLUSTERO and IPE on the policy mix related to the Regional Smart Specialization Strategies for the period 2021-2027 and the project portfolio related to the strategies that will be included in the Regional Operational Program 2021-2027. These initiatives are of relevance for the BE-Rural project as they consist in scaling up local undertakings to regional and national level. To achieve this goal, clusters are the most effective resources in Covasna.

The main target group of the event was represented by the Regional Development Agencies and Ministries responsible for the implementation of the smart specialisation strategies. In this respect, the Ministry for European Funds and the Ministry for Public Works, Development and Administration attended.

The webinar started with a presentation of the European project, BE-Rural along with its scope, objectives and activities carried out in OIP Covasna. Regional stakeholders, led by Lajos Vajda, Director, ASIMCOV, outlined the key priorities for the regional bioeconomy, its strengths, expertise, and resources already available along with any measures needed for further development (e.g. human resources, stakeholder and citizen involvement, funding, leadership, etc.). The urgent need of seeing clusters as drivers of S3 approaches has also been emphasised.

Current situations and future development plans of the bioeconomy in the concerned regions were discussed, as well as potential synergies between the BE-Rural project and the wider frame of cluster support schemes in the next programming period, 2021-2027.

A bilateral follow-up has been agreed for each region. As far as the Central Region of Covasna is concerned, a face-to-face meeting in the next 2 months was set on the agenda.

Agenda	
11:00-11:10	Presentation of participants
11:10-12:30	Presentation and debate on the policy mix related to the Regional Smart Specialization Strategy for the period 2021-2027 and on the results of the entrepreneurial discovery process
12:30-13:00	Presentation of the BE RURAL project: scope, objectives, activities
13:00-13:30	Presentation of the current situation and of the future development plans of the bioeconomy in the Central Development Region; synergies with Be-Rural project
13:30-14:30	Discussions on the alignment of the Central Development Region's activities with those of Covasna County to the elaboration of the bioeconomy strategy and roadmap.

Participants			
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