



Educational event: Bioeconomy in Bulgaria

Overview	
Date	Monday, 25 January 2021
Location	Online via Google Meet
Aim of the event	To make university students and teachers in the OIP region of Stara Zagora (Bulgaria) familiar with educational materials about the bioeconomy and the BE-Rural project in general, through specialized lectures of bioeconomy, bio-based resources in relation to eco-entrepreneurship, regional development and sustainability.

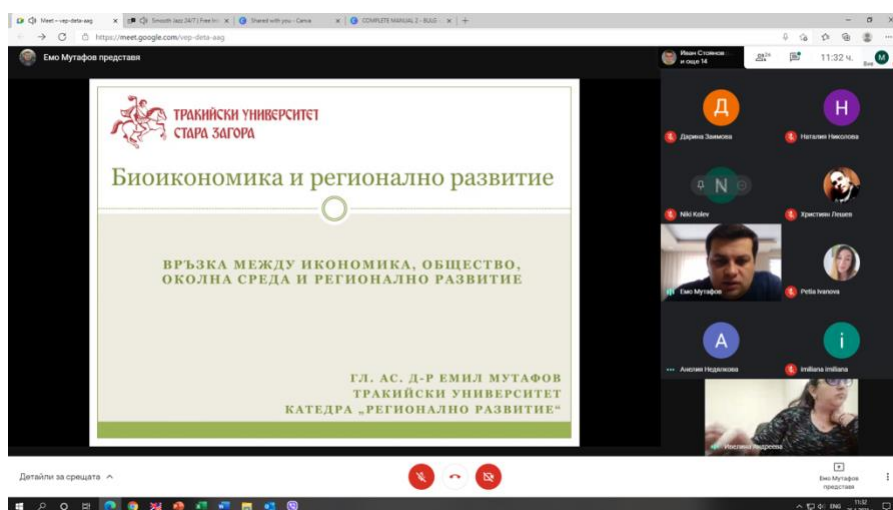
Short summary

The first educational event in Bulgaria under the BE-Rural project took place on 25 Jan 2021. At a time of pandemic and online learning programmes, the event was organised virtually via the Google Meet platform.

The main subject presented was the notion of bioeconomy, its development and prospects at European level, the available bio-based resources, examples of bio-based products, the circular approach and the relation with the regional development and sustainability.

The target group was students from the regional Trakia University located in Stara Zagora - OIP region of the project. Almost 30 participants attended the online lectures presented by professors from the Department of Industrial Business and Entrepreneurship, Trakia University.

The lectures provided extensive information in very good and understandable language, with appropriate examples and good practices, but unfortunately with online learning, the direct contact with learners was lost. This way of teaching, as well as the fact that in the provided training materials the



online games are in English, did not give the opportunity to break the academic atmosphere and conduct more attractive training. Trakia University is an agrarian university, and the lack of training in the field of bioeconomy is reported as a shortcoming in the education of students in this sector, which leads to a lack of skilled labour, so we believe that the training held, as well as the one to be held on the next day, contribute to filling a niche in Bulgarian higher education and are a good step for disseminating information about the benefits and advantages of the bioeconomy among young people from the Stara Zagora region.

Another educational event within the project for students from the same Trakia University will take place on the following day, 26 January 2021 in order to expand the knowledge about the bioeconomy to more participants from the OIP region of Stara Zagora.

The presentation slides can be found [here](#).

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