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USAMV BUCHAREST AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY SUMMER SCHOOL

The 2017 edition on
“Policy Evaluation in Agriculture”



USAMV Bucharest and its partners within the ENHANCE consortium invite highly motivated postgraduate students (Master or PhD), researchers from agro-economics disciplines, and young professionals from governmental institutions to the 2nd Summer School of this project entitled “Policy Evaluation in Agriculture” that will take place in Bucharest, from 18-22 September 2017.

AIM

The 2017 USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School aims to start with basic welfare economic notions like the Pareto principles and dead-weight losses and then apply standard instruments of policy analysis to the different pillars of the Common Agricultural Policy. More innovative and broader tools applied by evaluation scholars such as qualitative analysis will be applied towards the end of the course. Over the week, students will develop a concept for evaluating a specific agricultural policy instrument.

Venue	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine- Bucharest, 59 Mărăști Blvd., Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania
Date	18-22 September 2017
Duration	1 week
Organizer	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine- Bucharest
Language	English
Credits/ Certificate	5 ECTS (for Master and PhD students)+ Certificate of attendance
Application deadline	31 May 2017
Notification of acceptance	30 June 2017
Fees	NO TUITION FEE IS REQUIRED *With the exception of the hospitality package
Hospitality package payment	15 July 2017
More information	http://www.enhance-project.ro http://course.enhance-project.ro



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PROGRAMME

	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22
8:30-10:00	Registration and Welcome	Public Policy as object of evaluation (M. Stolze)	Forecasting models (S. Mann)	Statistical Methods (S. Mann)	Stakeholder involvement (M. Stolze)
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break				
10:30-12:00	Introduction into Policy Evaluation (M. Stolze and S. Mann)	Steps and context of evaluations (M. Stolze)	Group work	Qualitative Methods (S. Mann)	Group work
12:00-14:00	Lunch („Complex Agronomie“)				
14:00-16:00	Normative Foundations of Policy Evaluation (S. Mann)	Group work	Excursion to the Ministry of Agriculture	Group work	Presentations
19:00					Closing ceremony and cultural night

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

Applications for participation can be submitted by e-mail and should include the following:

- **Application Form** (see below/ attached).
- **The applicant's CV.**
- **A copy of their latest university diploma.**

After receiving the notification of acceptance, an application will be considered completed once the payment of the hospitality package has been made (Deadline: 15 July 2017) (See Hospitality package below).

Participation is limited to a maximum of **25 students** and is subject to a selection process. The participants are selected by a commission of academic and scientific experts from the Consortium institutions.

The selection criteria include:

- Education in fields related to agricultural economics and policy.
- Previous experience and knowledge in the agro-economics and policy field.
- Geographic balance.
- Gender balance.

TARGET GROUP

- Postgraduate students (Masters or PhD students).
- Young researchers with an educational background in economics, management, marketing or other social sciences disciplines applied to agriculture.
- Young professionals from governmental institutions, regional organizations related to agriculture (ministries, authorities and agencies) who need a refresher course in scientific working.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Fluent in written and spoken English.
- Bachelor Degree or above in fields related to agricultural economics and policy.



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BENEFITS

- Acquire an understanding of the tools and procedures of policy evaluation in an agricultural context, including issues of stakeholder involvement, welfare estimation and statistical and qualitative analysis.
- Study at the leading Romanian higher education institution in agronomic sciences, USAMV Bucharest.
- Earn 5 ECTS points as a result of participating in this Summer School and passing the presentation.
- Learn from our international lecturers coming from leading research institutions.
- Gain international and intercultural experience.
- Improve your English language skills.
- Complement your theoretical notions by means of a field trip which brings to the group perspectives outside the seminar room.
- Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Bucharest and its surroundings during our social/ cultural programme.
- Have the chance to meet other young international researchers in agricultural economics.

SYLLABUS

The Summer School programme offers a combination of lectures, workshops and social/ cultural activities. During the training, participants will attend courses delivered by high-level guest lecturers from the academia, as well as experts and practitioners from leading research institutions.

COURSE LECTURERS

The 2017 course lecturers will be **Dr. Stefan Mann** from the *Federal Research Centre for Agriculture (AGROSCOPE)* and **Dr. Matthias Stolze** from the *Research Institute for Organic Agriculture (FIBL)*, both Switzerland. Both supervisors have extensive experience in teaching and applying policy evaluation.

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME

The USAMV Summer School offers exciting opportunities to explore outside the classroom. During weekdays a number of special events will be organized, such as: an international evening, a visit to The Ministry of Agriculture and the closing ceremony.

HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

- **NO TUITION FEE IS REQUIRED**
- However, some of the costs are not covered by the ENHANCE project.
- Participants at the 2017 editions of the USAMV Summer School can choose one of the two Hospitality packages that are offered:
 - **600 RON (145 €)** covering: Lunches (Monday-Friday), 7 nights of accommodation in double rooms within the USAMV campus and other extra-curricular activities.
 - **250 RON (55 €)** covering: Lunches (Monday-Friday) and other extra-curricular activities.



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- **The fee is payable to the following bank account:** *Universitatea de Științe Agronomice și Medicină Veterinară-București, Bd. Mărăști, nr. 59, IBAN: RO58TREZ70120F335000XXXX, Trezoreria Statului Sector 1, Bucuresti, CIF 4602041, mentioning "Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School-ENHANCE Project".*

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you wish to withdraw from the program before its start, the withdrawal must be submitted by email. A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

- For cancellations before 31 July 2017 - Free of charge
- For cancellations from 1 August to 20 August 2017 - 50% of the hospitality package charged
- For cancellations after 21 August 2017 - Full hospitality package charged.

MORE INFORMATION

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BACKGROUND

ENHANCE (Building an Excellency Network for Heightening Agricultural ecoNomic researCh and Education in Romania) is a Horizon 2020 Coordination and Support project funded by the European Commission. It is a three-year project (2016-2018) developed by four European members:

- *University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV)*, Faculty of Management, Economic Engineering in Agriculture and Rural Development (FMIEADR), Bucharest, Romania
- *University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences*, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Agricultural and Forestry Economics (**BOKU**), Vienna, Austria
- *Federal Research Centre for Agriculture (AGROSCOPE)* from Ettenhausen, Switzerland and
- *Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)*, Halle, Germany.

The general objective of the project **ENHANCE** is to fully realize and to further develop the currently existing scientific potential of the agricultural economists of the *University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine- Bucharest*, particularly with respect to quantitative methods like modelling, simulation, and econometrics as well as game theory, in order to support FMIEADR's development as the leading actor in agricultural economics in Romania with a strong European network.

This objective will be achieved through 6 specific objectives, one of them being to raise the standards of postgraduate education through the implementation of **three Summer schools** (2016, 2017, and 2018) and the exchange of post-graduate researchers.



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