

Report from the Third Workshop

"Circular economy as a model of development of agriculture of the Republic of Serbia "

Rekovac, 23.11.2023.

Place: Agricultural Veterinary School, 102 Rekovac

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00	Registration of attendees	
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the project "Circular Economy as a model of development that forms a new identity of the Republic of Serbia - EDUCIRC2022"	Assoc.Prof. Gordana Racić, Educons University
10:30 – 11:00	Proposal for the development concept of dairy cattle breeding in Serbia with reference to the circular economy	Boris Berisavljević, Institute for the Application of Science in Agriculture, Belgrade
11:00 – 12:00	Panel discussion „Circular economy in animal husbandry”	Representatives of Educons University, Animal Husbandry Institute, Faculty of Agriculture from Kragujevac, representatives of Agricultural Extension and Professional Services,

		agricultural producers
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee break	
12:30 – 13:00	Basics of profitable beef production	Boris Berisavljević, Institute for the Application of Science in Agriculture, Belgrade
13:00-14:00	Panel discussion „Circular economy in cattle breeding”	Moderators: Prof. Vilmoš Tot and Asst.Prof. Milomir Blagojević (Educons University)
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 16:00	Interview with participants / agricultural professional services and representatives of agricultural farms	
16:00 – 17:00	Summarizing the results and considering future cooperation	

Project team members attended the Workshop:

Assoc.Prof. Gordana Racić

Prof. Vilmoš Tot

As part of the project, three workshops are scheduled to be held in different regions of the Republic of Serbia, with the aim of promoting the project, talks with participants and polling. In order to obtain the most representative results that would reflect the situation in the country, it was decided that the **Third Workshop** will be held in Rekovac. There is an Agricultural Veterinary School in Rekovac, where, in accordance with a long-standing tradition, meetings are held for Agricultural Extension and Professional Services from the territory of the entire Republic of Serbia, in cooperation with the Institute for the Application of Science in Agriculture from Belgrade.

Bearing in mind the goals of the project, it was necessary to discuss the capacity of Serbian agriculture for circularity with the representatives of the aforementioned services, because they work in the field and have valuable knowledge about the situation in rural areas. Communication with direct agricultural producers was also of particular benefit.

During the panel discussion, special emphasis was placed on the need for the application of the quadruple helix model, which represents a combination of science, economy, decision-makers and the social community, as key actors in the process of transition to a circular economy.

The director of the Institute for the Application of Science in Agriculture Dr. Rade Jovanović emphasized the importance of transferring knowledge from science to the economic and social community. On the importance of moving from a linear economy to a circular economy, especially in the field of rural development and agriculture in his presentation, Prof. Vilmoš Tot from Educons University, and within the panel discussions held with representatives of agricultural producers, agricultural professional services and the scientific and academic community.

During the Workshop, which was held according to the scheduled Agenda, four basic activities were performed:

Presentation of the project "Circular Economy as a model of development that forms a new identity of the Republic of Serbia - EDUCIRC2022", which was done by Assoc.Prof. Gordana Racić. The basic motives, goals, activities and expected results of the project are presented.

Presentation „Proposal for the development concept of dairy cattle breeding in Serbia with reference to the circular economy”, during which Boris Berisavljević, in front of *the Institute for the Application of Science in Agriculture*, presented the state of the Republic of Serbia in this area, with an indication of the successful implementation of activities and exploitation of project results, the importance of implementing the basic goals of the European Union in the Serbian legislation.

Great attention was paid to the conversation with the Workshop participants. According to the project plan, special attention should be paid to marginal and rural areas, so that the largest part of the participants was precisely this population. The Workshop was attended by pupils of the Agricultural Veterinary School in Rekovac, accompanied by the director and teachers, as well as representatives of most agricultural professional services from the territory of the entire Republic of Serbia. During the Workshop, the fact was highlighted that information related to the development of a new identity model of the Republic of Serbia in the field of circular economy and agriculture must be focused primarily on the need to expand the knowledge of agricultural producers, especially in the field of waste management from cattle breeding and animal husbandry. Namely, waste management and reduction of pollution arising from agricultural production is one of the basic principles of the circular economy when it comes to the potential of the Republic of Serbia. Feedback was received from the field and areas that are of key importance for the development of rural areas.

The pupils and the teacher took an active part in the discussion, and recorded their answers and views of the concept of circularity in the poll questionnaire, which will later be processed together with the data obtained from other regions of the Republic of Serbia.

Summarizing the results and considering future cooperation showed that there is a mutual interest of the members of the EDUCIRC2022 project team and academic and scientific institutions, as well as agricultural professional services which are organized as part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of the Republic of Serbia.

The Workshop was covered in the media by Agro television and Television Agro Jug.

Report from Agro television can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.educirc.rs/en/report-from-agro-television-on-the-realization-of-project-activities-in-rekovac/>

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