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START OF PHYSICAL MOBILITY IN THE ERASMUS PROJECT

Between 21.11.2022 and 25.11.22, the first physical mobility action took place in the framework of the Erasmus+ project "Good Governance Practices in Agricultural Cooperatives - GGPAC", project no. 2021-1-RO01KA220-VET-000025577, with the participation of 35 cooperative managers from Romania, Greece and Estonia.

The project aims to support managers of agricultural cooperatives in their work, contributing to the promotion of good governance practices in agricultural cooperatives and to the development of competences, through training of managers and exchange of new and innovative practices, including multidisciplinary approaches.

The project meeting was hosted by Dr. Constantine Iliopoulos and Dr. Irini Theodorakopoulou at the [Agricultural Economics Research Institute \(AGRERI\)](#) of the [Hellenic Agricultural Organization-Demeter](#) in Athens, Greece and also included a two-day excursion in Central Greece, where participants visited agricultural cooperatives.

During the training, presentations were delivered by the following cooperative leaders, practitioners, and experts:

- Moschos Korasidis, CEO, Hellenic Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives, Greece
- Michael Fefes, Associate Professor, University of Peloponnese, Greece
- Professor Pavlos Karanikolas, Associate Professor, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece
- Sarantos Charalambopoulos, Business Development Manager, MEDITERRA
- Andreas Dimitriou, Chairman of the Board, PINDOS Poultry Cooperative, Greece
- Theo Benos, Post-doctoral Researcher, Aristotle University, Greece
- Panos Stamatis, Chairman of the Board, Peania Wine Cooperative, Greece
- Christos Markou, Chairman of the Board, Hellenic Federation of Wine Cooperatives, Greece



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The National Branch Union of Cooperatives in the Plant Sector - U.N.C.S.V. is a beneficiary of a mobility project under the Erasmus+ Programme, the project theme being "Good Governance Practices in Agricultural Cooperatives - GGPAC".

Erasmus+ is a European Union programme that provides mobility opportunities and support for the educational, personal and professional development of people working in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. Athens, Greece.

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U.N.C.S.V. Team

* The National Branch Union of Cooperatives in the Plant Sector - UNCSV is an umbrella professional organization of cooperatives in the plant sector established in 2017, responding to the challenges faced by its members in its 40 agricultural cooperatives. It represents and defends the interests of agricultural cooperatives in the plant sector in relations with the public administration, state authorities, other natural or legal persons, public or private, national and international bodies and equivalent international associations, in order to support and promote cooperative principles, as well as to provide, through cooperation, the necessary services aimed at contributing to the development and modernization of means and methods to increase the economic efficiency of members and the specialization and concentration of the activity of agricultural cooperatives operating in Romania.

AGRERI

The [Agricultural Economics Research Institute \(AGRERI\)](#) is the main Greek institute dedicated to economic and social research and outreach activities related to the agrifood system. It is supervised by the Ministry of Food and Rural Development and specializes, among other focus areas, on the organization, management, and governance of agricultural cooperatives and producer organizations. The last 30 years, AGRERI has coordinated/participated in numerous EU-funded projects aiming to support agrifood system transformation towards sustainability.