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BSB908 Smart Farming brings Black Sea Basin area to digital era

BSB908 Smart Farming is a project that belongs to the wider ENI CBC BLACK SEA BASIN PROGRAMME 2014-2020 that is funded by the European Union. The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a replicable and transferable model for preparing the conditions needed to ensure the digital transformation in agriculture in the BSB area.

Pieriki Anaptixiaki S.A. - O.L.A. from Greece is the Lead Partner of the project. Bulgaria is represented by the Business Agency Association that is a public-private entity, having the head office in Varna, and many other branches that cover the whole country.

The Fund «Investment Support Centre» represents Armenia and was established by the Government of the country in 2002. "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati from Romania is the fourth project manager of BSB908 Smart Farming.

"Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati is the most important institution of higher education in the South - Eastern of Romania. Telavi State University represents Georgia in the project consortium. TeSaU is also a higher educational institution, comprising five faculties and more than 30 laboratories that focus on the regional priorities as agrarian sciences, tourism and ecology. The sixth project partner is Business Advisory Centre, an independent non-profit development organization that is the representative of Moldova in the BSB908 Smart Farming project.



Within the First Work Package of the Project, research analyses have been conducted in all partner countries of the projects. As a result, a comprehensive synthesis report has been developed which was summarizing all the research analyses and reveals the overall condition in digitalization of the Agriculture in the partners' countries.



The next step was to create the Smart farming Platform. Task group 2 has been developed in each country which involved the project's main staff and an external expert specializing in IoTs, SFTs in Smart Farming, agriculture. The Enterprise Armenia as Project Partner 3 was coordinating the works of all partners within this work package. Intensive online meetings and discussions have

been conducted with all partners' teams and specifically with external experts for the development of specifications and sections of the Platform.



After the development of the comprehensive TOR of the Platform which was also based on the issues and problem revealed by the Synthesis report, the next step was to develop the content of the platform and the platform as IT tool itself. On this stage of the project online meeting have been conducted dedicated mainly to selection, development and adaption of the Platform sections and the content. As the result the Smart farming Platform will serve as a one-stop-shop for the digital agriculture representatives giving them opportunity to communicate, to



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study, to develop and cooperate. The Platform main sections are dedicated to farmer, start-ups, technology providers and other digital agriculture representatives. There are also sections dedicated to IoT and SF technologies, learning webinars on digital agriculture, etc. The Platform main users will be the quadruple helix representatives: farmers/industry representatives; research/institution representative; governmental representatives and civil society representatives.

Successful cases of application of smart farming in all partner countries have been presented after that: the representatives of stakeholder group represented their newly developed technologies to the virtual event participants. After, the work package two has been presented by the project partner 3.



The platform is under finalization at the moment, active work are conducted to hand it over to users by the end of 2021. It is worth mentioning that the Platform will also have a survey section which will help to gather the feedback from all the users during the first months and improve the Platform accordingly.



In detailed presentation of the Smart Farming platform was also conducted to all event participants which helped them as future users of that comprehensive IT tool to have clearer understanding how and in which ways the Platform is going to be useful for them.



On the 18th of November 2021 the Cross border virtual event "Official Launch of the BSB Smart Farming platform" has been conducted between all project partners. All partner's staff members as well as representatives from Stakeholder groups were participating in the event. During the event the main goals and activities of the project have been presented by the Lead Partner Pieriki Anaptixiaki S.A. - O.L.A. from Greece.



More information on the Adi Platform, as well as general information on the BSB908 Smart Farming project, are available at the project website address:

<http://bsb-smartfarming.com/>

The Adi Platform domain is:

<http://www.adi-platform.com/>



The Smart farming Platform will have its face and name Adi which means Agriculture Digital. The smiley girl called Adi will guide all the new users of the Platform helping them to understand and use the Platform tools more comprehensively.

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