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## USAMV BUCHAREST AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY SUMMER SCHOOL

### The 2018 edition on “Institutional Economics and Agricultural Development”



#### AIM

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Summer School of this project entitled “Institutional Economics and Agricultural Development” that will take place in Bucharest, from 17-21 September 2018.

The 2018 USAMV Bucharest Agricultural Economics and Policy Summer School aims to introduce the various concepts of defining and conceptualizing economic institutions, focusing especially on institutions of natural resource use, agricultural production and agricultural markets. Theoretical and empirical analyses of institutions' role in land use decisions, access to agricultural inputs, transactions, and cooperation will be presented and jointly critically discussed. Finally, various conceptual approaches to the theory of institutional change will be introduced.

<b>Venue</b>	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest, 59 Mărăști Blvd., Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania
<b>Date</b>	<b>17-21 September 2018</b>
<b>Duration</b>	1 week
<b>Organizer</b>	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Credits/ Certificate</b>	5 ECTS (for Master and PhD students)+ Certificate of Attendance
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>31 May 2018</b> (use the form provided on the website in the section <b>Submit an application</b> )
<b>Notification of acceptance</b>	<b>30 June 2018</b>
<b>Sending out an extended abstract</b>	<b>2 September 2018</b> (use the template provided on the website in the section <b>Daily programme and materials</b> )
<b>Fees</b>	<b>NO TUITION FEE IS REQUIRED</b> *With the exception of the Hospitality Package
<b>Hospitality package payment</b>	<b>16 July 2018</b>
<b>More information</b>	<a href="http://www.enhance-project.ro">http://www.enhance-project.ro</a> <a href="http://course.enhance-project.ro">http://course.enhance-project.ro</a>



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## PROGRAMME

	Monday 17 September	Tuesday 18 September	Wednesday 19 September	Thursday 20 September	Friday 21 September
09.00-10.00	(8.30-9.00) Registration  Welcome and introductions	Property rights (II)	Contract theory	Cooperation (I)	Institutional change
10.00-10.30	Why do institutions matter?				
10.30-11.00	Coffee break				
11.00-12.30	Schools of thought	Presentations I	Presentations III	Presentations IV	Presentations VI
12.30-14.00	Lunch ("Complex Agronomie")				
14.00-16.00	Property rights (I)	Transaction cost theory	Visit/ Excursion (TBC)	Cooperation (II)	Presentations VII and Wrap-up
		Break		Break	
16.00-17.00	USAMV Campus visit	Presentations II	Bucharest tour	Presentations IV	Closing ceremony
17.00-19.00		Visit to the Village Museum			
19.00					Cultural night

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

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

- **Application Form** (see our website).
- **The applicant's CV.**
- **A copy of the candidate's 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: 16 July 2018)** (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.
- 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

- **The summer school targets PhD students and experienced MSc students. Familiarity with introductory levels of microeconomics is a prerequisite.**
- 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 institutional economics and policy evaluation in an agricultural context.
- 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 meeting all the requirements.
- 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.



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### 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 2018 course lecturers all come from **Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)**, Germany.

**Prof. Dr. Thomas Herzfeld** is an expert in applied analysis of rural household behaviour as well as analysis of agricultural policies and institutions. He taught courses at universities in Germany, Romania and The Netherlands.

**Dr. Vasyl Kvartiuk** is a Senior Researcher and an expert in the analysis of local governance and economic development.

**Dr. Axel Wolz** is a Senior Researcher and his major research activities focus on the transformation of agricultural production cooperatives in the post-socialist economies.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The USAMV Bucharest Summer School offers exciting opportunities to explore outside the classroom. During the week, a number of special events will be organized, such as: campus visit, visit to the Village Museum, a visit to an institution in the field of agricultural economics, the closing ceremony and a cultural night.

### HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

#### NO TUITION FEE IS REQUIRED

However, some of the costs are not covered by the ENHANCE project.

After receiving the **Notification of Acceptance**, participants in the 2018 edition of the Summer School have to pay the Hospitality package that

### 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 of Bucharest*, particularly with respect to quantitative methods like modelling, simulation, and

includes: **5 breakfasts, coffee breaks and lunches (Monday-Friday)** and **other extra-curricular activities** (visit to a Romanian institution in the field of agricultural economics, Closing Ceremony and Cultural night).

**The fee, 322 RON (or 70 €), is payable to the following bank accounts:**

**Beneficiary:** STATIUNEA DIDACTICA  
BELCIUGATELE

**Tax registration number (CUI):** 1925919

- **FOR PAYMENTS IN RON**  
**Bank:** BANCA COMERCIALA ROMANA  
**IBAN:** RO95RNCB0085005799950001  
**SWIFT code:** RNCBROBU
- **FOR PAYMENTS IN EUR**  
**Bank:** BANCA RAIFFEISEN  
**IBAN:** RO58RZBR0000060019500908  
**SWIFT code:** RZBRROBU

### ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

**Optionally**, participants can choose one of the **Accommodation Packages:**

- **1) 7 nights of shared accommodation in DOUBLE rooms** within the USAMV campus- **490 RON (or 107 €).**
- **2) 7 nights of accommodation, SINGLE occupancy**, within the USAMV campus- **770 RON (or 167 €).**

### 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 from 1 to 31 July 2018 - Free of charge
- For cancellations from 1 August to 20 August 2018 - 50% of the hospitality package charged
- For cancellations after 21 August 2018 - Full hospitality package charged.





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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.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

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