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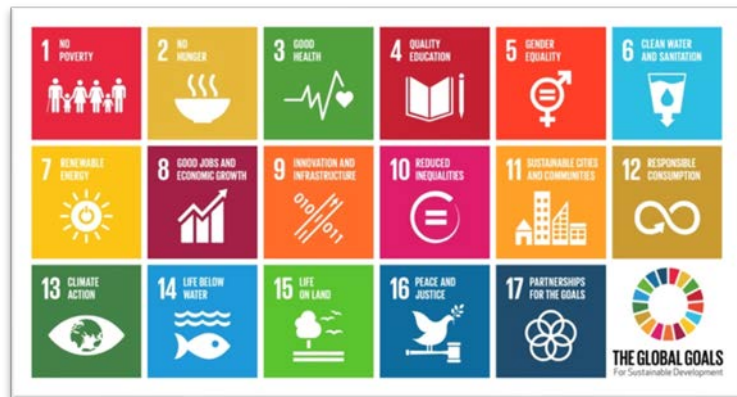
AGRIEU in Brief...

AGRIEU- "EU Sustainable Agri-Food Production Principles and Supply Chain Management: Innovative Approaches for Turkey's Integration" project is a Jean Monnet Module project supported under the Erasmus+ Programme. It adopts to examine the innovations in the field of food and agriculture on the basis of European Union practices and within the framework of harmonization principles, including supply chain management information, and to raise awareness on this issue at the same time.

Importance of Agriculture and Food

Food has a vital role in human life. The global food system includes many regional, national and local food systems. There are as many as 1.3 billion people whose lives depend on food and agricultural livelihoods. Today, the agri-food industry is in a strategic position in the "food system", which is an important environment. Therefore, the increasing food demand due to the increasing world population makes it necessary to change the forms of agricultural food production and consumption.

As associated with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, progress in agriculture-food production also affects developments in various fields such as environmental protection, circular economy, supply chain and waste management, which are important areas among EU policies. While sustainable food production and supply chain management in EU countries involve more comprehensive and efficient studies, Turkey and other non-EU countries can progress more slowly depending on the level of awareness and technological opportunities.



Due to the problems experienced in agricultural food production and supply chain management, the youth unemployment rate has increased, and the employment level of the female population, which is one of the labor policies to be considered, has not been reached. For this reason, it is necessary to create interaction, awareness and harmony in the agriculture-food sector and education life. Therefore, considering the current situation in the EU, it is necessary to map Turkey's level of sustainability for agri-food production and add empirical research that will affect Turkey's agri-food production strategies with the EU.

Main Purpose of the Project

In the light of all this information and up-to-date due diligence, the AGRIEU module project aimed to interpret the EU 2050 sustainability vision, "Living well, within the limits of our planet" (7th Environment Action Programme, EAP).



The main aim is to create a course titled "Sustainable Agri-Food Production and Supply Chain Management" to raise awareness of the participants about the concept of sustainability in agri-food production and supply chain management, and to develop a new course material that will be open to the general public. The second aim is to create a network of researchers between the public, students and professionals between Europe and Turkey to promote and research the European agri-food industry and EU food policies in a comprehensive manner.

For this reason, the academic gap will be filled by first designing the course curriculum and disseminating the outputs through Yaşar University's online education opportunities to open course materials to those who have no chance to attend the courses.

First Activities of AGRIEU...

- ***Preparation of Course Syllabus and Opening of a New Course***

The restrictions and unprecedented circumstances caused by the coronavirus pandemic have undoubtedly affected activities around the world. Although the project is inevitably affected by the consequences of the pandemic, the activities are structured to minimize the effects of this unforeseen situation on the project. In this direction, a course syllabus has been prepared in order to form the basis for AGRIEU's course proposal. In the syllabus, the topics to be covered, in-class activities and by which experts they will be carried out are designed and documented.



The proposal for the "Sustainable Agri-Food Production and Supply Chain Management" course with the code FAST0150, which was designed within the scope of AGRIEU and whose course content form was prepared, was discussed in the university council agenda of Yaşar University after the project's grant decision and the course was approved to be opened.

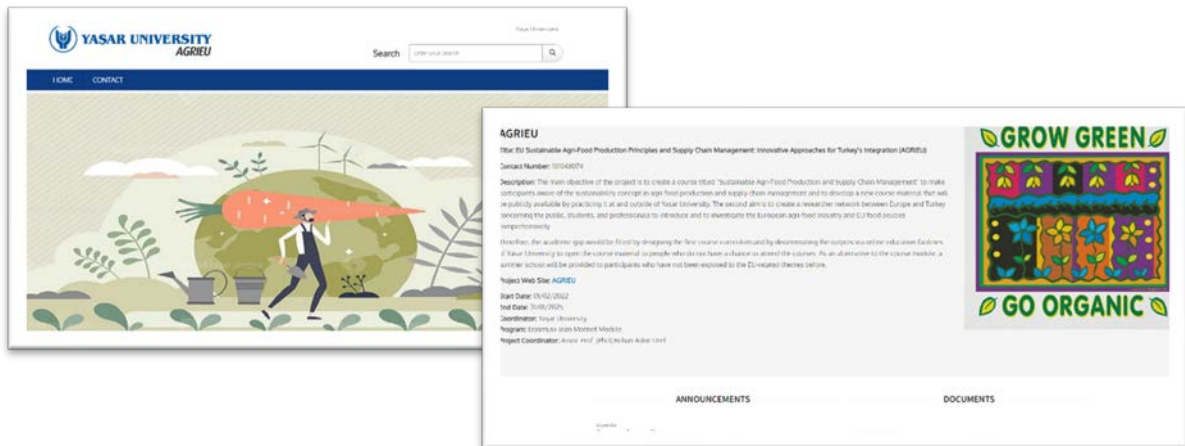


Due to the pandemic conditions at the time the course was opened, student admission could not be realized, and the course became active during the summer school period. In line with the aims of the project and the course, students from multidisciplinary fields were enrolled. The feedback received after this pilot application will also be evaluated and studies will continue on the course curriculum.

The course currently provides information and resource materials to students who take the course via the link “<https://sakai.yasar.edu.tr/>” by making use of the opportunities of Yaşar University Open and Distance Education Center. In the next phase of the project, this access link will be made available to general participation as a virtual learning platform.

- **Project Web Page and Project Logo Design**

With the establishment of a web page where basic information about AGRIEU, activities and other project collaborations will be conveyed and current announcements will be made, the project logo design studies have been started.



Next step in AGRIEU ...

In the next stage, the project web page development activities will continue. At the same time, the course opened within the scope of the project will be developed to the extent that it will provide social awareness in connection with the EU Sustainable Development Goals. It will be encouraged to increase the field-specific impact by conducting joint studies with projects operating on similar issues. In addition, work will continue on the development of the virtual learning platform.

The AGRIEU project started on 1 February 2022 and will continue until 31 January 2025.

For more information, you can access <https://agrieu.yasar.edu.tr/> or <https://euc.yasar.edu.tr/> web pages.

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