
International Scientific Conference on

**"THE ROLE OF SMALL FARMS IN THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOD SECTOR
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE"**

Poznań, September 10, 2021





Conference schedule:

- 10.00-11.00: Registration of guests, refreshments
- 11.00-11.30: Official opening of the conference
- **11.30-13.00: Plenary session part I. *Sustainability of agricultural holdings in Central and Eastern Europe***
 - Sebastian Stępień, *Basic information about NAWA scientific project “The role of small farms in the sustainable development of agri-food sector in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe”*
 - Vlada Vitunskienė, Jolanta Drozd, Lina Novickytė, *Empirical Evidence on Sustainability of Small Farms in Lithuania*
 - Alexandru Stratan, Eugenia Lucasenco, Alexandru Ceban, *The future of small farms in the Republic of Moldova: challenges and opportunities*
 - Silvia Maican, Andreea Munteaan, Carmen Paștiu, *Small farms in Romania: motivational factors, job satisfaction, distribution channels and business performance*
 - Dragan Calovic, Goran Lalic, Vladimir Ristanovic, Alexandra Tosovic-Stevanovic, *Current position of small farms in Serbia - dilemmas and challenges*
 - Jan Polcyn, *Eco-efficiency and Human Capital Efficiency on the example of small-scale family farms in the selected European Countries*



Conference schedule:

- **14.00-15.30: Plenary session part II. *Economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainability of family farms***
 - Andrzej Czyżewski, *About the theoretical aspect of microeconomic research on sustainability of farms: the practice of applying the principle of „Nothing is without reason”*
 - Wawrzyniec Czubak, Krzysztof Pawłowski, *The level of investments and the structure of assets on farms benefiting from the EU CAP funds in the selected Central and Eastern European countries*
 - Aleksander Grzelak, Michał Borychowski, Jakub Staniszewski, *Trade-off or synergy between economic, environmental, and social dimensions of farming?*
 - Agnieszka Sapa, *Food insecurity among small scale farmers - case of Poland*
 - Katarzyna Smędzik-Ambroży, Marta Guth, *The role of small scale family farming in the sustainable development of rural areas in the opinion of agricultural producers. Case study from Poland, Romania and Lithuania*
- 15.00-15.30: Coffee break
- **15.30-17.00: Workshop on *Smallholder family farms in the face of the SARS-COV-2 pandemic - experiences from European countries***



About the project

- Funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange - Academic International Partnerships programme.
- Applicant of the Project: Stanislaw Staszic State University of Applied Sciences in Piła, Poland
- Integrates scientists from five countries of Central and Eastern Europe: Poland, Romania, Serbia, Lithuania and Moldova.
- Period of implementation - January 2019-November 2021.
- Project budget: PLN 1,489,000.00 (c.a. EUR 325,000)



About the project

- The main objective of the project was to assess the level of economic, social and environmental sustainability of small-scale family farms in countries with a fragmented agrarian structure, as well as to determine the impact of the activities of this group of actors on the sustainable development of rural areas and the agribusiness sector.
- The following activities, among others, were carried out under the grant:
 - conducting international research and development work,
 - including surveys and in-depth interviews,
 - preparing monographs and publications in high-score journals,
 - organizing international conferences and research workshops,
 - participation in internships at foreign universities.



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Calendar of events:

- February 2019: 1st workshop with Project Partners and invited experts, Piła, Poland (link to programme)
- April 2019: 2nd workshop with Project Partners and invited experts, Poznań, Poland (link to programme and presentations)
- March-June 2019: Development of a report on "Diagnosis of the state of functioning of the agricultural sector, with a special focus on small farms in Poland, Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Lithuania, in the context of sustainable development"
- May 2019-December 2019: Questionnaire survey among smallholder family farms in Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Lithuania
- September 2019: NAWA International Scientific Conference 'SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SMALL FARMS', Kaunas, Lithuania (link to programme and presentations)



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Calendar of events:

- June 2020-October 2020: in-depth interviews of the 'Top 20' farms in Poland, Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Lithuania
- August 2020: 3rd workshop with Project Partners and invited experts, Alba Iulia, Romania
- September 2020: 4th workshop with Project Partners and invited experts, Belgrade, Serbia
- January 2021: NAWA Project scientific workshop on "Food productivity of smallholder family farms in Central and Eastern European countries" (online, ZOOM platform)
- May 2021: 5th workshop with Project Partners and invited experts, Belgrade, Serbia
- September 2021: NAWA International Scientific Conference summarizing a research project on " The Role of Small Farms in the Sustainable Development of Agri-food Sector in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe ", Poznań, Poland (link to programme and presentations)



Project publishing results

- Monography titled '*Small farms in the paradigm of sustainable development. Case studies of selected Central and Eastern European countries*' (eds. Sebastian Stępień, Silvia Maican)
- 17 articles in the scientific journals and books of proceedings, + 5 after review or in a reviewing process



Dataset

- More than 3,500 small-scale farms involved in the questionnaire survey
 - 1000 in Lithuania
 - 900 in Romania
 - 550 in Serbia
 - 550 in Moldova
 - 710 in Poland
- 100 small-scale farms involved in the in-depth reviewing research



We would like to invite to all of you
to further cooperation

Thank you very much