



1st SUSPLUS Project, Innovative Education Towards Sustainable Food Systems

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SUSPLUS project is a cooperation between eight European universities, Warsaw University of Life Sciences (Coordinator), University of Kassel, University of Copenhagen, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Münster University of Applied Sciences, ISARA-Lyon, University of Gastronomic Sciences, Bra and Universidad Politecnica de Madrid. The project was launched in 2016 and will continue until December 2018.

The project aims at developing and implementing innovative educational methods that support the concept of sustainable food systems, including innovative E-learning, intensive summer school, small research projects and lectures of students at schools. The project's aims are based on the important connection between today's unsustainable food systems and the current global challenges, both of which are threatening our natural resources, the environment, and overall human health.

SUSPLUS project had its 1st International Conference during BIOFACH – the world's leading trade fair for organic food on February 2018 in Nuremberg (Germany). Various actors attended the conference, including food industry stakeholders, students, and representatives of higher education institutions. The conference focused on the definitions of Sustainable food systems, how students understand the concept of sustainability, and discussed future expectations towards the current educational system regarding this subject area.

In addition, the speakers discussed innovative approaches in education for sustainable development with an emphasis on organic systems and presented the results of a multi-country survey on student understanding of sustainable food systems, as well as reports on e-learning and summer school. Moreover, some of the students who participated in SUSPLUS educational activities, such as E-learning and summer school, were invited to participate in the conference and share their experience with international experts. At the end of the conference, the partners signified the guide/booklet on sustainable food system concepts as one of the key project outcomes, and an open discussion was held to share experiences, answer questions about the project, and exchange knowledge.