



SEMINAR EUROPEA-COPCHAVET: “Cooperation School-Enterprise-Community & Innovation- Entrepreneurship”



Presentation

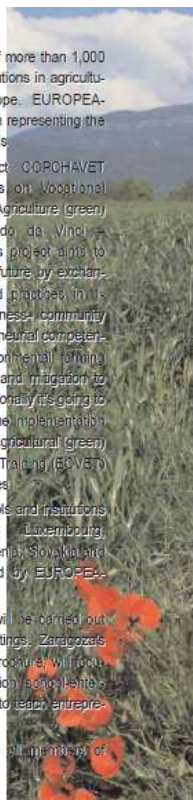
EUROPEA is a network of more than 1,000 schools and training institutions in agricultural/green sector in Europe. EUROPEA-España is the organization representing the Spanish agricultural schools.

In 2011 started the project COPCHAVET “Coping with Challenges on Vocational Education and Training in Agriculture (green) sector”, of the Leonardo da Vinci – Association program. This project aims to help schools to face the future by exchanging good examples and practices in 1- Cooperation school- business- community and how to teach entrepreneurial competences, and 2- Good environmental learning practices and adaptation and mitigation to the Climate Change. Additionally it's going to elaborate a report about the implementation of the European Credit in Agricultural (green) Vocational Education and Training (ECAVET) in some European countries.

The project involves schools and institutions of Austria, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland Slovenia, Slovakia and Spain, and is coordinated by EUROPEA-España.

Over the 2-year project will be carried out several international meetings. Zaragoza's seminar, presenting this brochure, will discuss the topic “Cooperation school-entrepreneurship-community and how to teach entrepreneurial competences”

This seminar is open to all members of EUROPEA.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR EUROPEA-COPCHAVET

“Cooperation School - Enterprise -Community & Innovation - Entrepreneurship”



Zaragoza
26, 27 and 28 september 2012

Tuesday 25 Sept 2012: Arrival of participants

Wednesday 26 Sept 2012

9.20 h Official opening

- Sra. Teresa Fernández. Directora de la Obra Social de Ibercaja
- Sr. Luis Miguel Albarrán. Director General de Alimentación y Fomento Agroalimentario. Gobierno de Aragón
- Sr. Henrik Detlefsen, Secretario Ejecutivo de EUROPEA-International
- Sr. Angel Siguero, Presidente de EUROPEA-España



Speakers



Participants

10.00h Conference: “Employment and Educational needs in the Food Industry of Aragón”. Sr. Luis Miguel Albisu Aguado (Agrarian Researcher)



Mr. Albisu presented some facts and figures of the Food Industry of Aragon, what were the needs in terms of education and training for their employees and managers and what kind of programs were offered in Aragon for them. According a recent survey his conclusions are that the most important challenge for the future will be the “marketing” and unfortunately very few courses of this discipline are offered today. Another conclusion was that these courses of “marketing” should be complemented by advisory service to help managers of the Food Industry to export.

See his presentation at:

www.europeaespasa.es/proyectos/copchavet

11.30 h Conferences: **Generational Renewal in Agriculture. The case of Aragon.** Sra. María José Poblet (*Jefe del Servicio de Modernización de Explotaciones*)



Sra. María José Poblet presented the changes that the agricultural sector is experimenting as for example the aging of the farmers (in Aragon only 2000 farmers are younger than 40 years old) with very few young farmers setting up every year (2191 from 2001 to 2011) and the concentration of farms that produces that the small ones are disappearing. She talked also about the subsidies that the regional government is awarding to these new farmers, the investments they are doing. According the statistics presented, young farmers are better skilled, have bigger farms and are more efficient.

See her presentation at:

www.europeaespasa.es/proyectos/copchavet

After her presentation, three examples of innovative entrepreneurial projects were presented:

- **Example 1: Livestock farm of Mr. César Palacio.** Pertusa (Huesca).
Young farmer recently set up with a project of animal production. He started another business which good economical results but he had always the dream to become a farmer as his father. He had studied a full vocational education program in agriculture so he had good skills and knowledge of farming. His farm has 150 ha of maize and grass production, all irrigated, to feed its cattle. He's happy with his decision even if the works harder than before for less money.
- **Example 2: Vegetable farm of Mrs. Ana Olmos.** Zaragoza.
Young woman that works in a family business of vegetable production of 5 ha (2,5 ha of greenhouses), near Zaragoza. The farm produces only specie: "Borraja" (*Borrigo Officinalis*) vegetable very appreciated in Aragon. Her installation project (set up) consisted in the process, packaging, cool storing and selling to only one big supermarket. She followed a short program in farm management, the minimum level asked to new young farmer when they ask for "installation" subsidy. She started working at the farm very young (19 years old) and she is happy with her decision. She finds good possibilities for the future.



César Palacio and Ana Olmos presenting their projects

- **Example 3: GAL Los Monegros.** Sr. José Antonio Angulo.
Mr. Angulo presented the activities his institution is carrying out in order to promote entrepreneurship in the small region of Monegros. Their activities involve children, teenagers and adults. For young the main activities are related to education/training and animation. For adults most of these activities include training and advisory services.



José Antonio Angulo

See their presentations and/or pictures of the projects at:
www.europeaespana.es/proyectos/Copchavet.html

15.30 h Visit: OVIARAGON (<http://www.grupopastores.coop/es/oviaragon>)

Oviaragón is a cooperative group formed by more than 1,200 farmers with 500,000 sheep together. They produce and process a very high quality lamb. They promote the consumption of this kind of meat and afford other services to farmers. They try to maintain the sheep / shepherds way of life with their training and advice programs.



18.30 h Visit of Zaragoza city (Seo, Pilar, ..):



21.00 h Official Dinner (Teatro Principal)



Thursday 27 Sept 2012

9.00 h Conference: VET in Spain. Skills recognition. M. José M^a Marco Pérez (*Jefe de Servicio de FP*)
He talked about the Spanish system of recognition of competences and the relationship between the Vocational Education programs (Ministry of Education) and the Training programs (Ministry of Labor).
For more information, consult: www.europeaespana.es/proyectos/Copchavet.html



M. José M^a Marco

10-13h Technical visits:

Group 1: ECOMONEGROS project (<http://www.ecomonegros.com/inicio.html>) . Leciñena.

Family business that combines the production of the old local variety of wheat “Aragon 03” the process into flour and a bakery where they elaborate bread and cakes that will be sold at two shops, one Leciñena town where the family lives and another in the city of Zaragoza. They started six years ago and have created 8 jobs since. They have received financial support of Rural Development Program of Aragón. The success factors of this projects are: the involvement of the children preferring developing their “life” project in this rural area than going away looking for a job, reintroduction of an old variety and the added value that the process and direct marketing offer, and of course the new skills family members had to acquire.



See video of the project: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLnewNR13GI> (in Spanish)

Group 2: Livestock farm

13.30 h Visit of “Green” VET School of Movera

This school was created in 1968 and many farmers and workers of the agricultural trade have been educated there. Is located near the city of Zaragoza and in a protected area near Ebro river. They offer basic level (assistant) in forestry and animal breeding, medium level (skilled workers) in food process (baking) and farming, and high level (technician) in forestry, farm management and food industry. They have a farm and residence and boarding facilities. They collaborate with the community and other schools organizing visits and practical workshops to their didactical farm.

For more information see the presentation: www.europeaespana.es/proyectos/Copchavet.html



16.00 h Visit of la “Alfranca” (natural area close to Zaragoza with a Center of Interpretation of water and irrigation systems): <http://www.ciaralfranca.com/>

At the same time National Coordinators met in Movera

16.00 h National coordinators EUROPEA meeting. The objective of this meeting is to plan the future meetings and to present new projects and initiatives.



Friday 28 Sept 2012

9.00 h COPCHAVET. Implementation/Evaluation.Presentation of the 1st Repertoire.By José Luis Lavilla

- 1- Example 1 “Regionaleren” The Netherlands
- 2- Example 2 “Thanksgiving” Austria
- 3- Example 3 “New income farm” Poland



M. Wim Cossen (NL)



Mrs. Elisabeth Honigsberger(AT)



Mrs. Wieslawa Gasiorowska (PL)

The repertoire and the presentations can be consulted at:

www.europeaspana.es/proyectos/Copchavet.html

9.45 h Open School (NL): conclusions. By Ton Stok and Mercedes Alonso

10.15 h Student Meeting (LU): conclusions. By Nicolas Negretti



Presentation of Open School's results



Presentation of Student Meeting's results

11.15 h Workshops: (2)

A: "cooperation school& business: elements for a good cooperation?" Coordinated by Charlie Askew and Wiesia Gasiorowska

B: "How to teach-learn Entrepreneurial skills?" Coordinated by Torbjorn Litlere and Mercedes Alonso



Grup A



Grup B

Presentation of results:



M. Litlere and Mrs Alonso



M. Askew

The conclusions can be read at: www.europeaespana.es/proyectos/Copchavet.html

M. Lavilla presented the next seminars and activities of COPCHAVET project and introduced Mr. Roman Bruckner, director of the Agricultural VET School of Kirchberg, who presented his school and the program of the next Open School to be done at this school from 16 to 19 October.



M. Roman Bruckner

M. Ton Stok presented the program of the next EUROPEA seminar they are preparing for May 2013, assuming the EUROPEA presidency for the next semester. Netherlands been a partner of COPCHAVET and the topic of the seminar will be related to this project he proposes to include the seminar in COPCHAVET plan of activities. All COPCHAVET partners agree and the project coordinator (M. Lavilla) will ask the Spanish LLL Agency to accept.

End of COPCHAVET activities and picture of the group:



18.30h Cultural visit: the “Aljafería”



21.00 h Dinner at hotel / transfer of the presidency of EUROPEA to The Netherlands



M. Lavilla / M. Stok

Saturday 29 Sept 2012: Departure of participants

Reus, 9 October 2012

José Luis Lavilla Heras

National coordinator EUROPEA-E

And coordinator of COPCHAVET Project