

## The Croatian Experience in FP6

*(Success stories from Croatia)*

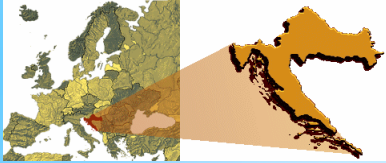
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## FP6-Food Quality and Safety

### Co-operation with European countries

#### Projects in which Croatian institutions took part:

##### 1. IP: PHIME (CRO)

Public health impact of long-term, low-level mixed element exposure in susceptible population strata

*Institution: OIKON Ltd., Institute for applied ecology (CRO)*

##### 2. IP: NewGeneris (CRO)

Development and application of biomarkers of dietary exposure to genotoxic and immunotoxic chemicals and of biomarkers of early effects, using mother-child birth cohorts and biobanks

*Institution: IMROH (Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health) (CRO)*

##### 3. STREP: EU-FRESH BAKE (CRO)

Freshly baked breads with improvement of nutritional quality and low energy demanding for the benefit of the consumer and of the environment

*Institution: University of Zagreb, Faculty of Food Technology & Biotechnology (CRO)*

##### 4. STREP: Prevent CD (CRO)

Influence of the dietary history in the prevention of coeliac disease: possibilities of induction of tolerance for gluten in genetic predisposed children

*- Children's Hospital Zagreb (CRO)*

##### 5. CA: HECTOR (CRO, CRO, CRO, AL)

Eating Out: Habits, Determinants and Recommendations for Consumers and the European Catering Sector

*Institutions:*

- Croatian National Institute of Public Health (CRO)
- Andrija Štampar School of Public Health (CRO)
- LTC Zagreb d.o.o. (CRO)
- MoH (AL)

##### 6. CA: EFCOVAL

European Food Consumption Validation

*Institution: Croatian Medical Academy (CRO)*

##### 7. SSA: SUSTAINAQ (CRO, CRO)

Sustainable aquaculture production through the use of recirculation systems

*Institutions:*

- Institute of Oceanography & Fisheries (CRO)
- Maring d.o.o. (CRO)

##### 8. SSA: NMSACC-PCVD (CRO)

PCVD: Towards improved food quality and safety within EU New Member States and Associated Candidate Countries

*Institution: Croatian Veterinary Institute (CRO)*

##### 9. SSA: FOOD-N-CO (CRO, CS)

Cooperation Network of National Contact Points with a special focus on Third Countries in the area of Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology

*Institutions:*

- Ministry of Science, Education and Sports (CRO)
- Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection (CS)

#### 10. SSA: EU-Balkan-FABNET (CRO, CS, BA, AL, MK)

EU-Western Balkans network for training and the promotion of cooperation in research activities within the FAB area of FP7

##### *Institutions:*

- *Ministry of Science, Education and Sports (CRO)*
- *Agency for International Scientific, Educational, Cultural and Technical Cooperation of Montenegro (CS)*
- *Faculty of Agriculture University of Belgrade (CS)*
- *University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Agriculture (BA)*
- *Sustainable Economic Development Agency (AL)*
- *University Ss Cyril and Methodius, Faculty for Agricultural Sciences and Food (MK)*

#### 11. SSA: EU-Agri Mapping (CRO)

Mapping and foresight activity of agricultural and food research capacity in all Europe

*Institution: Ministry of Science, Education and Sports (CRO)*

#### Projects which are not in FAB area but are related with food

##### 1. SME: RISKSCRA

Dairy products in Mediterranean sheep population: quantification of scrapie risk

*Institution: University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture (CRO)*

##### 2. SSA: DAFNE-WBC

The use of household budget survey data as a tool for nutrition interventions in the post-conflict Western Balkan Countries-the European data Food Networking

*Institution: Croatian National Institute of Public Health (CRO)*

#### *Experiences of Croatian participants in EU projects*

##### **Achievements:**

- ❑ Opportunities to bring scientists together to co-operate (international co-operation development),
- ❑ Bringing together scientists, experts from industry and private sector and other stakeholders to explore scientific results, experience and to share knowledge,
- ❑ Long term co-operation between scientists, and between scientists and SMSs (potential co-operation),
- ❑ Number of possibilities for young scientists (students) to participate in projects and to learn,
- ❑ Sharing of results between partners which brings indirect financial benefits,

- ❑ Results from research in the specific programmes can be useful for further research, especially for universities (as partners) through results implementation in learning process,
- ❑ Dissemination and introduction of the results into the practice,
- ❑ Sharing of uniform methodology (in research and in practice),
- ❑ Good experience with coordinators (institution, person),
- ❑ Great help in administrative, professional and other activities concerning projects realization,

- ❑ Very fast respond from partners,
- ❑ Original and open approach of all partners to theme,
- ❑ Project duration is long enough to finish activities which are planned,
- ❑ Great and positive communication and experience with partners,
- ❑ Possible further co-operation.

**Difficulties:**

- Lot of work in project application process (complicated and time consuming process),
- Financial support not, always, enough for all planned activities (especially for travelling expenses),
- Identifiable indirect tax that appear on the invoice (e.g. VAT) is not charged to the project budget,
- Tax refund and other specific financial regulations very complicated and time consuming process and not always compatible with national regulatory system (to be solved at national level),
- National administration does not have enough knowledge about EU legislative (regulations),
- Other financial sources needed to cover tax expenses that may occur while working on FP.

**Recommendations:**

- ✓ To read carefully the EU programme application instructions,
- ✓ To learn as much as possible about European legislative regulations concerning specific scientific and technological development programmes,
- ✓ To be ready for a lot of work.

***Above all, all Croatian participants expressed their wish to participate in the future Framework Programmes/Projects***

***Thank you for your attention!***