



Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe

Towards a stronger European research area and knowledge excellence for sustainability transitions

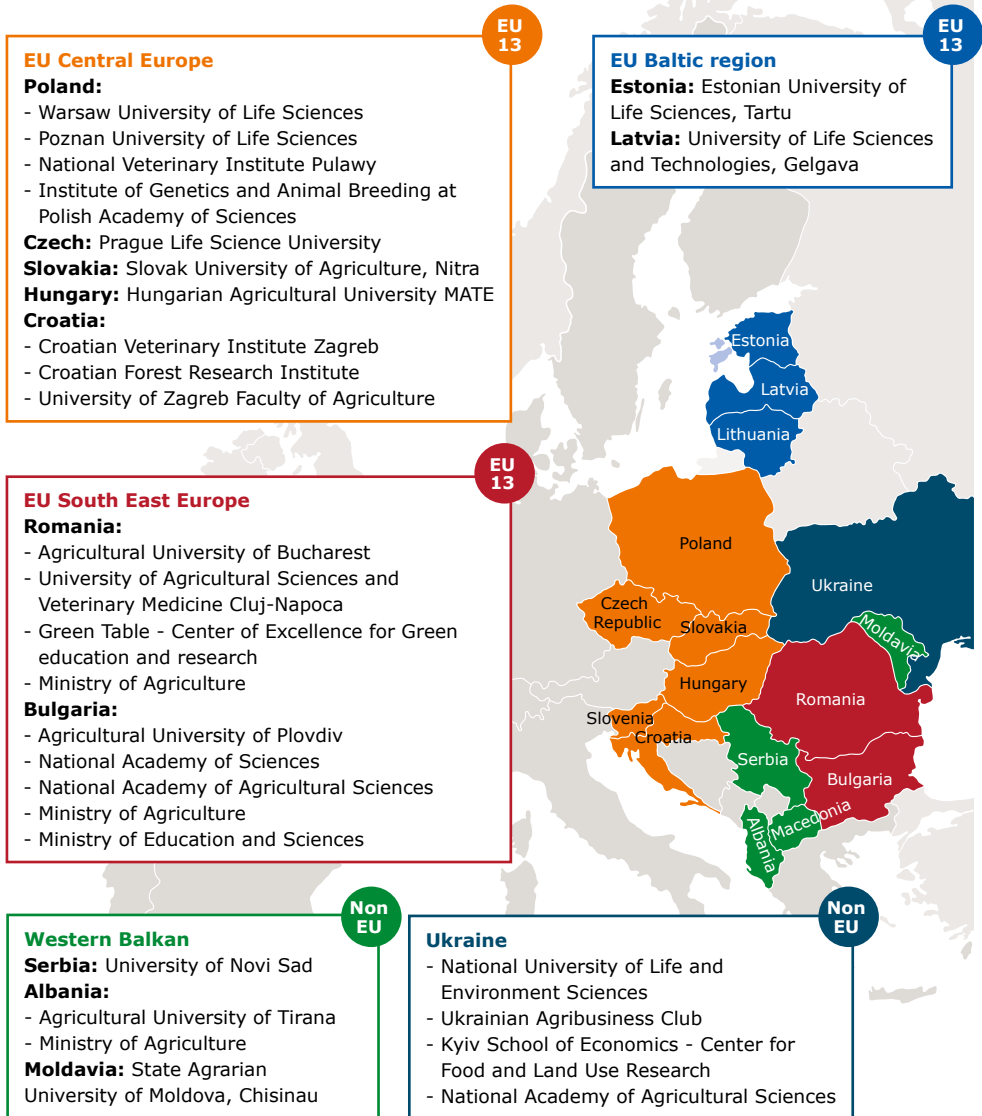


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Strengthening partnerships and networks of WUR

Cooperation in progress



Partnerships with regional impact



Rural development
and regional
innovation



Urban sustainability,
metropolitan
areas



Food security
(incl. veterinary)

Circular
agriculture &
Bio-economy, food
waste and loss



Resilience and
Climate change
(water & soil)



Nature and
biodiversity



Horticulture,
organic
agriculture

Sustainable
animal breeding



Agro-economics,
markets and
value chains



Precision-farming

The CEE region has a fruitful ground for manifold cooperation initiatives in research and education. The eastwards enlargement of the EU and the need for bridging the innovation divide between west and east Europe (EU13 and neighboring non-EU countries) have featured some challenges, but also created many collaboration opportunities. The cooperation with CEE partners has an important role in the implementation of the Green deal EU policy within the multi-annual financial framework – 2021-2027, as well as in enhancing the regional cohesion and the European networks. The European Commission is investing in research and innovation initiatives in the CEE countries (Horizon Europe-Widening participation) in order to strengthen the effective use of the EU funds across Europe and improve scientific excellence, knowledge use, education, human capacity and innovation. As a leading academic organization in Europe in the field of life sciences, the partnerships of WUR with the CEE countries aim to boost the societal impact of science and education as drivers for the sustainable food systems transition, clean environment, bio-economy, nature-positive future, land-water-soil nexus and climate change solutions.



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