

Impacting the Young Generation

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Unfortunately, over time, the young generation finds it difficult to comprehend that proper management of natural wealth is an important concern for all mankind. Several times, believing or not, this problem is caused by the wrong information of young people. The problem of the economic crisis is not long for them to be besieged, at such a level that they now only care about how they can make a living and not how they can offer life with new prospects through the Agricultural sector. However, it is worth to note that workshops are organized at regular intervals in order to motivate young people towards the Agricultural Sciences.

One of them was the workshop titled, The Influence of Agricultural Sciences in the New Generation that took place on Tuesday, March 19 at 9:00 at the Central Amphitheatre of Agricultural Sciences in the University of Thessaly. The workshop was organized in the framework of the meeting of the collaborators project European Network For The Cohesion And Solidarity In Rural Areas which participates the Laboratory of Agricultural Constructions and Environmental Control with the responsibility of Dr. Nikolaos Katsoulas, in collaboration with the Municipality of Volos. The Workshop was attended by experts and academics who were able to share their knowledge on the available ways that could motivate the young generation to contribute to rural development.

The Aim of the workshop was the development of issues for innovative systems that will feed the young Agriculturalists with knowledge, in order to create competitive advantages in the labour market. Young farmers were also benefited as they developed issues for innovative financial and development instruments that they could use. More specifically, Mr. Thanos Theodorou, Deputy Mayor of planning, started with the keynote address for the scientific conference on the region of Volos. Then continued the speech of Honorary Professor Constantinos Kittas, on the subject of the use of greenhouses as tools of rural development and Professor Georgiou Nanos, on the innovative systems of Horticulture. Then followed the speech of Prof. Nikolaos Katoulas, on green growth through capitalisation in innovative Greenhouses. Finally, the workshop was closed with two speeches by Assistant Professor Georgios Vlotzos, on the subject of the development of competitive advantages in the labour market and Mr. George Demokas, Director of AFC, on financial and development tools in Young farmers.

Somewhere here it should be noted that participants from 13 international countries such as Italy, Spain, Croatia, Slovenia and others attended the event. In the end the participants had time to share and discuss their opinions on rural development (Figure 1).

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Figure 1: Workshop organized at the Central Amphitheatre of Agricultural Sciences in the University of Thessaly to motivate young people towards the Agricultural Sciences.