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SUSAGRI Project
Development of guidelines for implementation of the principles of sustainable agriculture according to EU Directive 2009/128
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The **project SUSAGRI** arises from the collaboration among Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA, Italy), Research Institute for Horticulture in Skierniewice (RIH, Poland), the Faculty of Forestry of University in Sarajevo (SUFASA) which collaborate with the Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Plant Health Protection (PHPA), which is the central authority, within Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations.

The European Union has set a strategic objective to achieve “sustainable agriculture”, which aims to capture an effective balance between commercial agriculture and environmental conservation then promoting sustainable agricultural practices, such as Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (Directive 2009/128/EC “Establishing a framework for community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides” and Regulation 1107/2009/EC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market).
Bosnia-Herzego's 's currently developing new legal provisions in the field of sustainable agriculture to improve and harmonize the agricultural production according to the rules and guidelines deriving from the EU, particularly the Directive 2009/128/EC.

The project SUSAGRI aims contributing to build up guidelines for sustainable and integrated agricultural development in Bosnia-Herzego's, according to the above EU documents, thus enforcing the low-input of pesticides and alternative practices for the management of soil fertility and control of pathogens and pests of horticultural crops.

The project is drawn up and progresses through the three major activities shown in the scheme:

- Development of informative materials
- Development of IPM guidelines for horticultural crops
- Workshops, trainings and study visit on IPM

The planned results are consistent with the Bosnia-Herzego's priorities on harmonization and alignment with EU and international standards. The project SUSAGRI also strengthens the scientific, technical and social cooperation among the involved Institutions.
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