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Climate Change and Impact on Agriculture Planning the Common Agricultural Policy in view of the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference



In the frame of the European program Leonardo da Vinci, Lifelong Learning Programme, Farm Forward, the **Biopolitics International Organisation** organized a Conference at the Hellenic American Union in Greece on Thursday, November 26th 2009, entitled “Climate Change and Impact on Agriculture, Planning the Common Agricultural Policy in view of the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference”. The program is in

cooperation with the **Environmental Studies University of Nicosia, Cyprus, the Militos Emerging Technologies and Services Greece, the AgroBioInstitute of Bulgaria and Romanian Foundation for Democracy and the Swedish TelePedagogic Knowledge Centre**. The aim of the Conference was to discuss and analyze the main issues of Climate Change and their impacts on agriculture as well as to plan the dynamic implications for all nations of the Copenhagen protocol.

This Conference targets were related to the formation of a **new strategy for the environment** in view of the Copenhagen Summit and the floating of new messages for building a **Green Society**. The new programs were analysed in a global level while the role of forests in combating climate changes was emphasised. The Common Agricultural Policy is based on the new environmental data and the sustainable development of agriculture will take place with the education of farmers, the enhancement of the rural economy and the application of new technologies which will support the decision making systems. The role of Youth and the reversal of unemployment were discussed through the development of **green economy**. Professor Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis emphasised that we must count the ticks of the clock for stopping the destruction and disperse positive energy in a dynamic effort to saving the precious gift of bios. Through this conference and independently, the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.) is asking for a definitive development that will lead to the application of dynamic measures in Copenhagen.

The Chairperson of the Symposium was Prof. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, President and Founder of the Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.). Mr **Kyriakos E. Georgiou**, Senior Administrative Officer, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs presented the program Farm Forward - Leonardo da Vinci. Distinguished personalities from the business and academic world as well as representatives of the young farmers composed the panel of speakers.



At the first section of the Conference with the title ‘Climate Change – planning the Common Agricultural Policy’, among the speakers were the Assistant Professor **Costas Cartalis**, Member of Parliament, President of the Standing Committee for the Environment in the Hellenic Parliament, the Ambassador of Norway **Sverre Stub**, **George Dimopoulos**, Deputy Mayor of Athens, Professor **Christos Avgoulas** from the Agricultural University of Athens, Professor **Fotios Gravanis**, Director of the Technological Research Centre of Thessalia, Member of the Governing Board of the Open University of Cyprus, Professor Emeritus, Technological Education Institute of Larissa.



At the second section titled ‘New technologies – sustainability – environment’, Professor **Evangelos Vergos**, Director of the Department of Lifelong Learning in American Farm School spoke about the introduction of new technologies for the sustainable rural development and Professor **Athanasios Gertsis** from the Perrotis College and the American Farm School analysed issues on Precision Agriculture and the

applications of modern technology for the sustainable management of the agricultural and environmental systems.

At the third section about ‘Environment, agriculture and youth’ a roundtable discussion took place with the dynamic participation of the youth while the chairman was Dr. **Christos Efthymiopoulos**, Researcher of the Academy of Athens and member of the Biopolitics International Organisation. At the panel of the speakers, Mr **Dimitrios Mihailidis**, Journalist and Contributor for AgrOrama and **Theodoros Vasilopoulos**, Special Secretary of the Hellenic Union of Young Farmers participated presenting interesting issues on local quality agreement, certified crops, biodiversity and new farmers.



The Symposium attracted strong public interest with the participation of numerous youth, while journalists from various papers and television channels were also present to cover the event.