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General objective: Development of the potential of universities as an integral part of agro-industrial clusters. Creation of the innovative centers as pre-conditions for the development and successful functioning of agro-industrial clusters.

Main tasks:

- development of the chain: master - PhD - researcher as a primary part and researcher - projector - executor as a secondary part;
- sensibilisation of business, local authorities, science and education to the cooperation in the framework of clusters based on win- win principles;
- enhancing capacities of business, science and education to develop and to work within the cluster (through special trainings and special modules included into master and PhD curricula);
- implementation of special structural measures at the universities as a base for activities performed within clusters;
- enhancing of practical value of researches, theses and students' master works as well as students employability;
- creation of conditions for better integration of innovations into agro-industrial production on the sustainability principles.

Activities:

- to develop special modules for master and PhD students such as: statistics, project development, econometrics, modules aimed to up-to-date challenges: climate changes, COP 21 commitment, food security, fight against poverty.
- to study EU experience of universities activity within clusters and to disseminate this information among stakeholders;
- to organize special trainings, study visits for business, science and education representatives in order to show advantages and to create the capacity for the cooperation within the cluster;
- to develop the legal base defining rules, modalities for universities functioning within clusters in compliance with the national legislation;

- to create preconditions for the creation of four cluster (water management and aquaculture, new technologies (IT) in agriculture, agro-tourist cluster and milk production and processing with the focus on traditional local products, biotechnologies in poultry production);
- development of master works and PhD thesis in line with the pilot projects.

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