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Experiences and lessons-learned from the EACEA Project coordinator AgriSCALE & FOREST21

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AgriSCALE

Scaling agro-entrepreneurship through problem-based learning

Coordinator

Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK), Finland

Duration

Jan 2020– March 2023

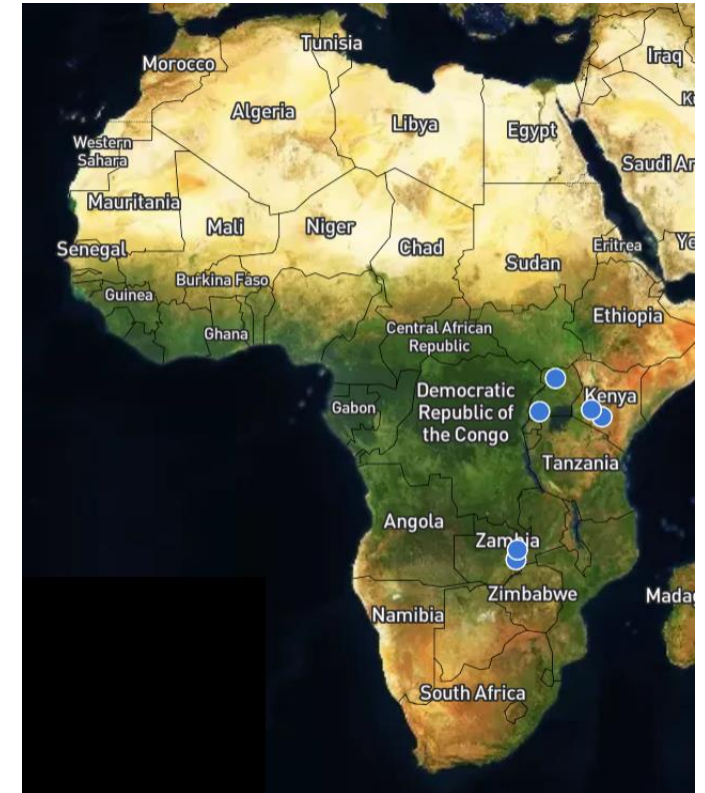
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To create a new entrepreneurship learning ecosystem, which is based on Problem Based Learning principles of student-centred and competence-based education, collaboration and networking with industry and societal partners and sharing knowledge through a community of practice.

1. **Inclusive change:** modernise the education
2. **Educational reformation:** curricula reform, problem-based learning
3. **Guidance of the teachers:** teachers' and staff's educational and pedagogical competences
4. **Learning by doing:** student pilots/ challenges, real-life cases.



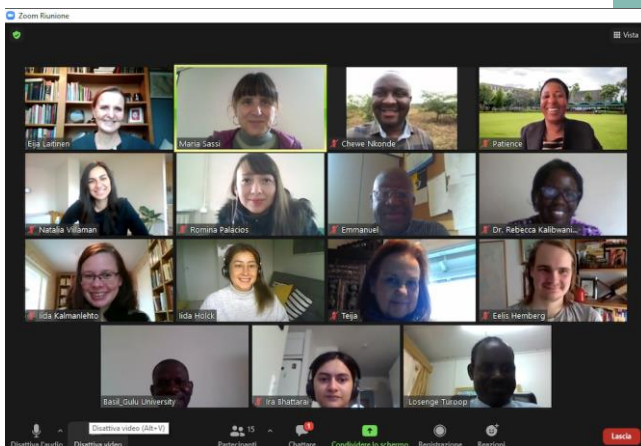


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FOREST21

21st Century Climate-Smart Forestry Education for Livelihood and Sustainability in South Africa

Coordinator

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Duration

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Fund

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Strengthening South African forestry HEIs' capacity to provide work-life relevant and inclusive higher education for societal and environmental development.

1. Climate-smart forestry curricula with entrepreneurial skills and metacognitive competences;
2. Student-centred teaching and learning methods through PBL
3. Network-based learning ecosystem with academia and societal/industry partners;
4. Capacity to curricula development through partnerships





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FOR the new EACEA project coordinators – lessons learned

Critical: *If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.*

- **find active ways to involve/inform/collaborate with people** – information does not flow easily (AgriSCALE logo competition; focus group discussions; open meetings)
- **African communication channels:** WhatsApp, Google Drive, Zoom

Must do: *Finance management*

- **Partners want to do right** but systems are not ready: find the right people (accountant; local coordinator), provide ready templates, finance management guideline, individual meetings, be prepared to repeat.....

Untapped opportunities: *Dissemination*

- organisational structures for dissemination non-existing – institutional dissemination plans, ready templates, be prepared to support
- **Facebook**

Sustainability: *Gender*

- Be sure you have your **gender-lenses on and never take them off!**

