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WELCOME

On behalf of the project coordinators of

"Extracting Green-COVID effects for generating clean technologies and successful youth transition awareness for the climate change and sustainable development of the Western Balkan countries"

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The project involves networking of students and scientific researchers from Western Balkan countries for creating dataset base of the latest chemi-metric approaches for environmental pollution/protection and ecological effects as well. Even the environmental pollution is a global problem, the latest research indicate that the Western Balkan countries are significantly affect with the environmental pollution. Furthermore, the Western Balkan countries still deals with the problem of poor population awareness for environmental protection. Therefore, this project idea is to unite knowledge from Western Balkan countries and share with youth from this region, increasing the environmental protection awareness within students. Therefore, the students will have the main role in lunching the environmentally friendly aspects for creating novel chemimetric models in environmental sciences. The beneficiary effect for the Western Balkan students will be creating long-term valuable and sustainable correlations.

The project has regional focus, networking six universities from the Western Balkan countries (students and scientific experts and professors). Furthermore, this project has a national focus for the students from three state universities from North Macedonia (students from Goce Delčev University in Štip, Ss. Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and University in Tetovo and St. Kliment Ohridski University - Bitola). Even the environmental pollution is a global problem, the latest research indicate that the Western Balkan countries are significantly affected with the pollution, pointing strongly on heavy metal industry, uncontrolled xenobiotic introduction in the different parts of the environment, electronic waste disposal etc. Furthermore, the Western Balkan countries still deals with the problem of poor population awareness for environmental protection. Therefore, this project will involve regional and national students and scientific researches in order to provide novel chemi-metric methodology and beneficial environmental protection methods.

The project intends to involve three national and five regional universities (WBAA members). Each regional university will participate with one scientific expert (university professor) and two students (WBAA member). Three national universities (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, State University in Tetovo and St. Kliment Ohridski University - Bitola) will participate with one scientific expert and three students. Goce Delčev University will participate with scientific experts, young researchers and students. Participants from North Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Montenegro shall collaborate for the benefit of the whole region for several critical environmental issues.

Overall objective: Use of universities' expertise in creation new valuable, suitable and accurate chemimetric models for predicting and measuring the contamination level in different parts of the environment (air, soil, water, plant food). Creating a regional scale of experience for determining the anomalous parts of the environment. Proposing new ideas for national and regional strategies for environmental protection. Promoting new ideas for Inter-university cooperation. Creating sustainable University network for continuous cooperation in the field of environmental monitoring, pollution and protection (both, for students and researchers).

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The Western Balkans Alumni Association (WBAA) is a regional network of students and alumni from the Western Balkan region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia) who have spent part of their studies in one of Erasmus+ programmed countries. These exchanges were mostly funded by the European Commission. WBAA is neutral, unbiased and nonpartisan in the existing political discourse.

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WBAA Mission:

- Advocating modernization and improvement of higher education quality in the region;
- Empowering young people of the Western Balkans on their academic and career development towards successful employment;
- Strengthening regional exchange, collaboration and integration;
- Supporting region's efforts towards European integration;

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DEVELOPMENT OF BOTRYTIS CINEREA UNDER REDUCTION OF PESTICIDES TREATMENTS IN MACEDONIAN VITICULTURE PRODUCTION

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Abstract

The amount of pesticide residues in food items found in fresh fruit, such as grapes throughout the World is a highly documented problem. The necrotrophic fungi as it is gray mold or *Botryotinia fuckeliana* (de Bary) Whetzel (syn. *Sclerotinia fuckeliana* (de Bary) Fuckel) (anamorph B. cinerea Pers.), according to taxonomic characteristics, belongs to the genus Botryotinia (family Sclerotiniaceae) feed on dead host cells and cause necrosis by secreting toxins and cell wall-degrading enzymes (CWDEs), on the grapes (*V.vinifera subsp.* sativa) and other fresh products. B.cinerea causes an increase in the number of chemical treatments just before harvest and calls into question the environmental and health value of the product. Therefore, an attempt was made to create a forecasting model for Botrytis which is based on the relationship between relative humidity and the temperature in the vine canopy, and the aim was to create a graph where the curve will represent the tendency of B. cinerea to develop. The forecasting model for Botrytis was applied at the white varieties Smederevka and Zilavka and based on the data obtained was made ANOVA statistical test which proves the reliability of the model. On the localities, Smilica and Sopot, Kayadarci, Republic of Macedonia, are the experimental fields that were observed for three consecutive years (2017 till 2019). The aim of this research was to predict the development of B. cinerea and accordingly to reduce using of pesticides just before grape harvest.

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