

i2connect Summer School 2022 (Task 4.6)

Dear colleagues

We are delighted to announce that we are opening our call for applications to the i2connect summer schools' program from today. One of the key objectives of the i2connect project is to strengthen the skills, competencies, and attitudes of future advisors to support interactive innovation. This is a fantastic opportunity for university teachers and students within your country to familiarize with interactive innovation skills.

The first summer school event will take place on 25-29 July 2022 in MAICH¹, Chania, Crete, (Greece). We are looking for 20 applicants from universities this year to attend². We are asking you to disseminate this information through your networks especially to students (undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD candidates) in Agriculture and related Departments, Faculties and/or Universities in your countries in order to identify potential "i2connect summer school" participants.

Applicants to the i2connect Summer School should have some knowledge of innovation, agriculture, communication and/or facilitation and related topics. A good command of the English language is also considered necessary.

In the attached document, you will find an overview of the summer school programme. Please share this information with the departments, faculties and/or universities in your country. Part of the costs associated with participation in the summer school will be covered by the i2connect project.

Yours sincerely,

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Maria Gerster-Bentaya (University of Hohenheim, Germany),

Stefan Dubach (Bernier Fachhochschule, Switzerland),

Andras Ver (Széchenyi István University, Hungary), and

James Maher (Teagasc, Ireland)

¹ <https://confer.maich.gr/>; <https://confer.maich.gr/facilities/accommodation.html> and <https://www.iamc.ciheam.org/>

² Further summer schools will be held 2023 and 2024 in Germany and Ireland.



SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

AIM

The i2connect project is generating experiences, insights and tools that are useful for education as well. In the summer classes, participants will get the chance to become familiar with, share and contribute to the project achievements on interactive/multi-actor innovation support.

PROGRAMME

ONLINE

- June 2022 (date to be confirmed): on-line meeting (2 hours). Get to know each other and introduce concepts about innovation theory and communication

SUMMER SCHOOL ON-SITE

- 25th July 2022: Arrival. Afternoon meeting (introduction to the summer school) and Reception
- 26 to 28 July: Core part
- July the 29th (morning): course evaluation and departure

ONLINE

Winter 2022 date to be confirmed): Follow-up webinar (1.5 hour)

KEY TOPICS:

- Innovation approaches
- Systemic approaches – networks – bottom-up innovation
- Interactive innovation as applied to farming and forestry
- Communication in interactive innovation – participatory methods
- Roles of the advisor in the innovation process (the Spiral of Innovations and the Triangle of co-creation)
- Networking and facilitation

The participants will also benefit from the presence of experienced advisors with whom they will discuss real cases of interactive innovation and/or field visits (if appropriate).

SUMMER SCHOOL BUDGET

Participants will have to cover their travel costs and accommodation (35 Euros per night, including breakfast).

The summer school will cover the expenses of trainers, classrooms, and training materials, as well as all participants' coffee-breaks and lunches.

Participants

Selected candidates will be notified of their admission **by May 15, 2022.**



APPLICATION FORM

1. Applicant Details

Please provide your personal and communication data so that we will be able to get in contact with you.

First Name:

Last Name:

Department:

University:

Semester of studies (for students):

Level of studies (undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD)

Email Address:

Mobile tel. (country code & number):

Nationality:

2. Familiarity with topics

Please provide your familiarity with the topics in the table below (indicate it using a cross X).

Familiarity with	1	2	3	4	5
Agricultural extension/ advisory work					
Participatory approaches					
Innovation theories					
Farming systems/ AKIS					
Communication methods/techniques					
One to one consultation					
Working with groups/ facilitation					
Teaching/Lecturing/Presentations					
Project management					
Mediation/Conflict management					
Rural development					
Interactive innovation					

1 new – I have never been taught this topic

2 basics – I have had a lesson/session on the topic

3 moderate – I have had a module on this topic

4 confident – I have been taught the topic and I have practiced it within the session/module

5 standard – I have been taught the topic and I have quite some practical experiences as well

Please also provide a list of relevant course and experiences on the above-mentioned topics.

We kindly ask you to complete the short form and return it to us before the **30th of April 2022**. You may send your application to Dr (Mrs.) Eleni Zarokosta, email: eleniz72@yahoo.gr and/or Prof (Mr.) Alex Koutsouris (koutsouris@aua.gr).

