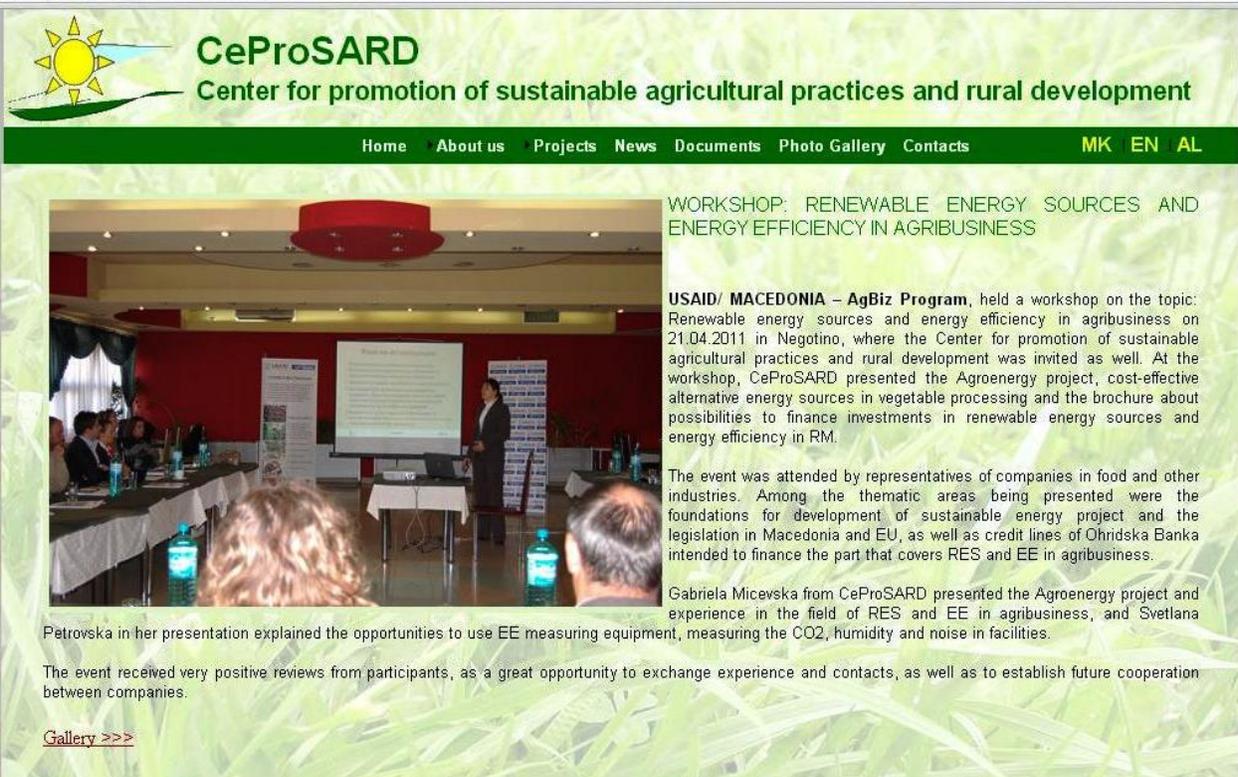




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Title: Workshop on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Sources of Energy	
<p>www.ceprosard.org.mk/EN/A91_e.aspx</p>  <p>WORKSHOP: RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN AGRIBUSINESS</p> <p>USAID/ MACEDONIA – AgBiz Program, held a workshop on the topic: Renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in agribusiness on 21.04.2011 in Negotino, where the Center for promotion of sustainable agricultural practices and rural development was invited as well. At the workshop, CeProSARD presented the Agroenergy project, cost-effective alternative energy sources in vegetable processing and the brochure about possibilities to finance investments in renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in RM.</p> <p>The event was attended by representatives of companies in food and other industries. Among the thematic areas being presented were the foundations for development of sustainable energy project and the legislation in Macedonia and EU, as well as credit lines of Ohridska Banka intended to finance the part that covers RES and EE in agribusiness.</p> <p>Gabriela Micevska from CeProSARD presented the Agroenergy project and experience in the field of RES and EE in agribusiness, and Svetlana Petrovska in her presentation explained the opportunities to use EE measuring equipment, measuring the CO₂, humidity and noise in facilities.</p> <p>The event received very positive reviews from participants, as a great opportunity to exchange experience and contacts, as well as to establish future cooperation between companies.</p> <p>Gallery >>></p>	
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**RCI In Brief
PEST CONTROL
TRAINING**

On April 7-8, RCI organized an Integrated Pest Management training with the USAID Macedonia AgBiz project. Dr. Slobodan Bandzo, from the Macedonian Institute of Agriculture, presented technical and practical advice to selected professional groups from the region. The participants were recommended and sponsored by each bilateral-USAID project working with agriculture. 15 participants attended from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Montenegro. Additionally, in an organized field trip, trainees visited a green house in Southern Macedonia.



ABOVE Trainees view the actual techniques of Integrated Pest Management at work and familiarize themselves with modern greenhouse operations.

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AGBIZ HELPS STREAMLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS

MACEDONIA

Macedonian agribusinesses make extensive use of seasonal labor due to the highly seasonal nature of their businesses. In accordance with the Law on Labor relations, the companies are legally obligated to register or terminate labor relations for their employees.

The registration has been a paper based process, creating a burden on employers particularly in the case of seasonal employees. Each employer had to complete several application forms, collect different types of documents, and submit these at the Employment Service Agency (ESA), which was a time investment and an additional cost for the employers.

Often agribusinesses pay high penalties as result of not fulfilling these procedures on time. Recognizing this long-standing issue, the AgBiz Program proposed a



ABOVE Biljana Masteva uses the system to register an employee.

solution to its customers. The solution included software that was developed by USAID's eGov project, which helps employers meet their legal obligations electronically. In order to introduce the system and familiarize Macedonian agribusinesses with this tool, AgBiz, in cooperation with eGov and Local Economic Development Units from four municipalities, organized workshops in Strumica, Kavadarci, Shtip, and Skopje to help Macedonian agribusiness exporters use the efficient, easy, and time-effective way to register and terminate their seasonal

employment contracts.

Seventy participants from 64 companies participated in the workshops in a two month period. The participants included mostly agribusinesses but also representatives of municipalities, NGOs, and Producer Organizations.

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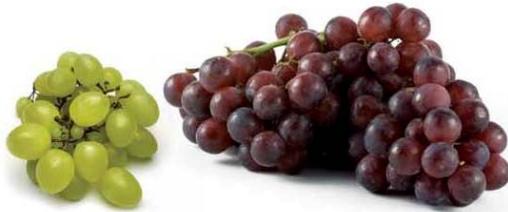
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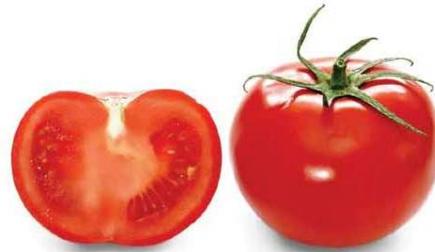
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