

NOVABA Interactive Regional Learning Network in Agroecology. (A01-francis095912-Poster)

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Abstract:

Agroecology is emerging as the integrative study of farming and food systems, especially in the Nordic-Baltic Region. Key undergraduate courses in several countries now prepare students for numerous careers in agriculture. The new Agroecology MSc graduate program in Norway and PhD agricultural systems options in Sweden are part of the Nordic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural (NOVA) University. This regional educational consortium is extending programs to Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia. Distance education alternatives are essential in a region where transportation is expensive and there is need to exchange lessons and experiences as efficiently as possible among the universities. Programs are conducted in one common language, and English has been chosen as the medium for instruction. Planning meetings indicate that this new program will have priority with agricultural universities and provide an exciting new option for students interested in the sustainability of future agriculture and food systems. This international program is proceeding with support of the national governments, the FAO, and the regional NOVA educational working group in Ecological Agriculture.

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