

University of Agriculture in Krakow (PL)

has been an independent higher education and research institution for 55 years. Before that, for 63 years it existed as an integral part of the Jagiellonian University. The University has 7 Faculties, 18 major fields of study and 36 specialisations, where nearly 13 000 students are educated. The Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Land Surveying educates students in three fields of study: Environmental Engineering, Land Surveying and Cartography and Spatial Planning. The University of Agriculture in Krakow is experienced in international project management and boasts suitable organizational infrastructure (2 units specialized in coordinating international projects).

Dr Józef Hernik was the coordinator of the project entitled "Protecting Historical Cultural Landscapes to Strengthen Regional Identities and Local Economies" within the EU INTERREG IIIB CADSES. Programme was one of the more significant initiatives devoted to cultural landscapes, where the University (the Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Land Surveying) acted as the Lead Partner. This project received official support from the Council of Europe.

Prof. Artur Radecki-Pawlik has co-coordinated international projects funded by The Royal Society of London ("Gravel bed-forms of the Severn River estuary" in 2002-2003), and by the British Council („Sand-gravel bed forms in the Raba River outlet" in 2003-2004) with the School of Geography, University of Southampton. The co-coordinator from the British side was Prof. Paul A. Carling. The next grant was founded by the Ministry of Education of Spain ("Evaluation of the quality of Mediterranean soils affected by fire in medium and long term. Application of the index of environmental quality" in 2007-2009) with the Geography Department, University of Barcelona. The coordinator from the Spanish side was Prof. X. Ubeda.

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is a non-profit research organization, affiliated to the University of Bergen (UiB). The Norwegian research team at Uni Environment is a part of the Ecological and Environmental Change Research Group (EECRG), Department of Biology (BIO) at UiB.

Knut Krzywinski, Associate Professor at BIO, has been responsible for the several large EU funded projects on cultural landscapes: leading the Marie Curie Training Site CUTLAND working on the past and present aspects of cultural landscape research and management, initiating and coordinating the "PAN European Thematic Network on Cultural Landscapes and their Ecosystems". PAN printed the book "Cultural Landscapes of Europe" in English, German and Norwegian language. He also coordinated the CULTURE 2000 funded project "Our common European Cultural Landscape Heritage", which among others produced the internationally awarded film "Fields of Demeter".

Attached to BIO and EECRG are infrastructures and competence centres such as Bergen Museum, the UiB Botanical Garden, The Norwegian Arboretum and The Heathland Management Centre at Lygra - the first cultural landscape museum of Norway (awarded the UNESCO Melina Mercouri international prize for safeguarding and managements of cultural landscape 2001). Members of EECRG were also involved in the EU HEATHCULT project and initiated and coordinated the "Lindås Project" the first Norwegian interdisciplinary project concerning cultural landscapes.

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Cultural Landscape of mountain and highland river valleys



River valleys are important landscape features that shape the natural environment. Because of their rich supply of ecosystem services such as pure water and biodiversity, the river valleys are central environments for mankind who throughout history has reshaped them into diverse and valuable cultural landscapes.



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