

SDI4APPS PROJECT MEETING SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN JELGAVA

Organizations participating in the SDI4Apps project gathered in Jelgava, Latvia from 17th till 18th September to review the progress of the project and further coordinate their future steps. The meeting was hosted by the project partner Zemgale Planning Region at the Latvia University of Agriculture.



Latvia University of Agriculture, photo by Irena Košková

Discussions focused on the Community Building activities intended to provide social validation to the six pilot applications that are being developed as part of the project:

- i. easy access to data,
- ii. tourism,
- iii. sensor networks,
- iv. land use mapping,
- v. education,
- vi. ecosystem services evaluation.

Engagement with specific stakeholder groups will be a crucial step towards the efficiency of SDI4Apps.

Technical issues connected with the architecture and functionality of the six pilots and the platform have been addressed in detail by technical partners. Partners reaffirmed their intention to align the platform with the Open Data policy and committed to develop an effective business plan which will address the specifics of each pilot.

SDI4Apps participants had the opportunity to attend the international Conference on Information Systems for Agriculture and Forestry (ISAF) which took place at the same location. In the frame of ISAF, SDI4Apps co-organised the Open Data Hackathon. The report from this event can be accessed at <http://www.slideshare.net/CzechCentre/open-data-hackathon-jelgava-report>.

SDI4Apps is an EU-funded project managed by the University of West Bohemia from the Czech Republic. The project is being implemented with the concerted effort of 18 organizations across Europe. SDI4Apps seeks to build a cloud-based framework with open API for data integration focusing on the development of six pilot applications. The project draws along the lines of INSPIRE, Copernicus and GEOSS and aspires to build a WIN-WIN strategy for building a successful business for hundreds of SMEs on the basis of European spatial data infrastructures.

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