



# Report

on the **PLANTSVITA** Exhibition event “**PLANTSVITA: a project for the environment-friendly agriculture**”

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**Selenča, Serbia**

Project **PLANTSVITA** HUSRB/1602/41/0031/ was presented in the frame of the 12th Forum on organic production that was organized on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. in Selenča, Serbia. Project leader Prof. Biljana Škrbić from the University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Technology Novi Sad, and project partner coordinators: Prof. Csaba Vágvölgyi from the University of Szeged, Department of Microbiology and Prof. Dejana Panković from Educons University in Sremska Kamenica, together with their team members participated at project exhibition. The exhibition was followed by the roundtable discussion entitled “Actual state and problems in organic production in Serbia”, moderated by Prof. Jovanović from the Faculty of organic production of Educons University.

Round table was visited by organic producers and small enterprises involved in organic production from the region, i.e. from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia.

Primary investment in the organic production itself, was underlined as one of the biggest difficulties for organic producers. Next to that, is insufficient education on new technologies that are developed for organic production. Therefore, education of farmers and agricultural advisors and as well as consumers, is still a must in this field.

Difficulties that organic producers are facing with are the following: complicated certification documentation, insufficient state subventions, non-compliant laws, insufficient number of field workers and certified organic seed. Loose contracts on the purchase price of organic products are also causing financial difficulties.

Despite many problems in the organic production in the region, excellent climatic and pedologic conditions, which are the main prerequisite for organic production, as well as high consumers demand for organic products, will hopefully be the driving power for the survival of organic production and its development in near future.





Team members of the **PLANTSVITA** project in Selenča, in front of the building where the 12th Forum on organic production, took place.



Round table discussion 12th Forum on organic production, entitled “*Actual state and problems in organic production in Serbia*”



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