



Summary of the Summer School: "Geospatial Foundations for the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)"

September 15-21, 2024, Vorë, Albania



In the frame of the project *GEO-WB6* - *Establishing a Geoinformation Centre for the Western Balkans,* the Agricultural University of Tirana (AUT) and the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) carried out the project's first Summer School on the *"Geospatial Foundations for the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS)"* from September 15 to 21, 2024 in Vorë, Albania.

IACS are an important basis for the disbursement of subsidy payments to farmers in the European Union. The development of IACS is therefore an important pillar for the Western Balkans countries in their accession process to the European Union. In the summer school, 19 participants from five countries (Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) came together to learn about the principles and main challenges of setting up IACS and LPIS (Land Parcel Identification Systems). They learnt about the key aspects and technical requirements of such systems and collected own GPS data in the field that they analyzed in a Geographic Information System to map field boundaries and agricultural parcels. The summer school was kindly facilitated by Nataša Luketić and Guido Lemoine, two leading international experts in IACS and LPIS, and the GIS experts Clemens Jänicke and Florian Wolf.



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