Geoinformation Centre
for the Western Balkans

GeO-WB6

Agricultural University of Tirana

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in Transition Economies

Call for Participation in the Training Course:
"Managing your GIS project"
November 11-15, 2024, Agricultural University of Tirana

The Agricultural University of Tirana (UBT) and the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) are pleased to announce the upcoming course **"Managing your GIS project".** This course will guide you through all steps required for setting up a successful GIS project.

The course is organised by UBT and IAMO within the project *Establishing a Geoinformation Centre for the Western Balkans* (GEO-WB6, www.geo-wb6.net). The project's objective is to improve the EU accession process regarding negotiating Chapter 11 (Agriculture and Rural Development). Specifically, the project aims to strengthen technical capacities to manage and analyse geodata in agriculture and natural resource management and to strengthen the regional network of geoinformation experts in the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia).

Course Highlights:

- *Time:* November 11-15, 2024 (five days, in-person, full attendance required)
- *Place:* Agricultural University of Tirana, Kodër-Kamëz, Tirana
- *Eligibility:* The course is open to all students, lecturers, researchers, and professionals in agriculture and related fields who study or work in one of the six Western Balkan countries and who have an interest in GIS and spatial data analysis. Participants must be fluent in English and bring their laptops. Previous experience in GIS is an asset but is not required.

Course Contents:

- Collection of spatial data, file formats and data sources
- Data management and geo-databases
- Customized spatial data analysis, interpolation techniques
- Publishing GIS projects online

What we offer:

- A state-of-the-art training course free of charge, using the open-source software QGIS
- Facilitation by experienced lecturers and researchers
- An official course certificate issued by AUT and IAMO
- Travel scholarships of 250 € for course participants from institutions located outside Albania

How to register:

Please send your CV and a half-page motivation letter stating why you would like to attend this course to info@geo-wb6.net. All documents should be in English. The application deadline is **Oct. 25, 2024**. Applicants will be notified of acceptance in the week of **Oct. 28, 2024.** We are committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse learning environment and strongly encourage women and individuals with disabilities to apply.

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