

Agronomists and university students gain new skills on agriculture in controlled environment in Kalamata, Greece

Between November 2024 and January 2025, the planned meetings for the training of agronomists and students in the framework of the European Relief project took place. The trainees had the opportunity to participate in the training activities of the Teaching Module “Agriculture in Controlled Environment” designed within the project.



Aiming to deepen the knowledge and understanding of the indoor and controlled environment farming process, the training activity started with the face-to-face training on **Bioeconomy, circular economy and plant growth in a fully controlled environment**, covering the techniques commonly used for controlled environment agriculture and innovations in both technologies and business models. The training was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Anastasios Darras, Professor of the Department of Agriculture, University of Peloponnese**.

A presentation and exchange of views were held, followed by a group discussion where questions were posed and problems were addressed in the context of case studies.



Upon completion of the training, the trainees gained knowledge about the key environmental factors and how they can affect plant growth, the basic elements of a controlled environment farm, the advantages and disadvantages of controlled environment agriculture, the technologies used for controlled environment agriculture and the market for controlled environment agriculture.

At the same time, the trainees developed the ability to evaluate the cost of farming for environmental control and to design and operate a controlled environment farm,

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