



**The consortium of FP7 SOLID “Sustainable and low-input dairying”  
&  
The National Research-Development Institute for Animal Biology and Nutrition, Romania**

invite you to attend the workshop

**“DAIRY LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN EASTERN EUROPE”  
October 15-16, 2015 – Balotesti, Romania**

**Workshop venue:** headquarters of the National Research-Development Institute for Animal Biology and Nutrition, Calea Bucuresti 1, Balotesti, Romania, (near Otopeni/Henri Coanda airport – map: <https://goo.gl/HoNN3W>)

**Date:** October 15 (14.00) – October 16 (13.00), 2015

**Expected participants:** scientists, academia, farmers / processors / feed producers, associations & companies representatives, agricultural advisors, NGO’s, authorities, etc. especially from Eastern European countries

**Topics:** The workshop will address the advances and challenges in the dairy sector (sheep, goats, cattle) in a multidisciplinary & multi actor approach to define strategies to improve profitability in low input and organic dairy systems. The workshop will present the outputs from the FP7 project SOLID particularly as they relate to Eastern Europe.

Presentations will include

- Outputs from the FP7 SOLID project ([www.solidairy.eu](http://www.solidairy.eu));
- Outputs from other national and international projects on ruminants;
- Specifics of the dairy systems in Eastern Europe  
**and**
- Discussion sessions (on sector specific problems, efficiency of the technological transfer, etc.)

Emphasis will be made on the valorisation of the research results into practice and maximization of their impact (economic, environmental, societal, etc.). Special attention will be given to production and product quality as well as socioeconomics.

## **Provisional programme**

October 15

09.00 – 14.00 Delegate registration

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 Welcoming words (from the FP7 SOLID project / host institute / national authorities)

14.30 – 15.00 Romanian participation in FP7 SOLID and project impact at national level

15.00 – 18.00 First session of communications – nutrition and feeds

18.30 – Reception and Dinner

October 16

09.00 – 10.30 Second session of communications – breeding, environment, socio-economics

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Third session of communications – Eastern European specifics

12.30 – 13.00 Concluding session: practical recommendations and future research priorities

13.00 Lunch

There is **no registration fee** but there are a limited number of places so early registration is advised. The deadline for registration is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015. You can register here: <http://goo.gl/forms/wzn3WcJ9VY>

## **Financial support opportunities**

Funds are available from the project to support delegates from disadvantaged areas / groups to attend the workshop.

The EU FP7 project SOLID has funds (up to €500/person) to support the attendance of a limited number of early career scientists from the Eastern Europe Region to attend the 2-day workshop in Romania.

Criteria for selection – You must be:

- From Eastern Europe Region
- Actively involved in research, extension, industry, or policy in subjects related to the aims of SOLID project
- Within 10 years of degree or post graduate qualification
- Registered with a scientific communication (either oral or poster) to the workshop

Deadline for all financial support applications is 16th September 2015, 18.00h (GMT).

We will carefully select the candidates using the above criteria and to ensure a good regional and gender representation. If you are chosen to receive support, we will inform you by 18th September 2015 and you will need to reply, accepting the conditions by 21th September 2015.

Please ensure that you can access your email during this period. **Our decisions on successful applicants will be final.**

Funds up to €500 will be given (upon travel tickets, invoices & bills, etc.) but we will consider requests of up to €1000 if there are exceptional circumstances. You will need to inform us about these in the application form.

To apply for financial support, go here: <http://goo.gl/forms/C97VoB9jff>

For more & updated information, please go to <http://www.solidairy.eu> or [www.ibna.ro](http://www.ibna.ro) (news& events sections).