

Project Name	Empowering Digital Agriculture: Modernization, Education, and Sustainable Development in North Macedonia
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Recipient Country/ Donation Recipient	North Macedonia/Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
Project Contractor	Di@logco
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Project Description	<p>In North Macedonia, the agricultural sector faces major challenges that hinder its development and reduce its attractiveness for younger generations. Most farmers rely on outdated production methods, digital literacy in rural areas is low, and access to modern knowledge and technologies is limited. The lack of innovation and modern practices leads to inefficient use of natural resources, soil degradation, and loss of biodiversity, which in the long run threatens the sustainability of food production. Young people often perceive agriculture as a sector with low added value and limited employment opportunities, further diminishing their interest in working in rural areas. Insufficient training of farmers and future professionals also makes it difficult to comply with European standards of food quality and safety.</p> <p>The project represents a comprehensive response to the challenges facing the agricultural sector in North Macedonia. Its goal is to modernize agricultural education by introducing digital technologies and strengthening the practical skills of students and local farmers. Within the project, a digital laboratory will be established, training will be organized for students and rural women, a support center for the adoption of EU standards will be developed, and the creation of agricultural startups will be supported. In addition, experimental fields will be equipped with modern technologies, enabling increased yields and more sustainable use of natural resources. In this way, the project will contribute to greater productivity, youth employability, women’s empowerment, and the long-term sustainable development of agriculture in North Macedonia.</p>
Project Phase	The project is being implemented.