

We would be thankful for any suggestions to improve the RRC running. We welcome any information which you would like to share with other countries from Central and Eastern European Regional Group.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Vlcek if you have any question or if you want to share any information (documents, texts, maps etc.) with other countries.



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About us



Brno

Since its accession to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification on April 24, 2000, the Czech Republic has actively

participated in activities concerning the implementation of the Convention and it also continuously contributes to activities of the bodies of the Convention. The Czech Republic provides assistance to the affected developing countries through projects concerning such areas as soil degradation, hydrogeology, hydrology and forestry, particularly within its scope of the Official Development Assistance (ODA). Research and scientific institutions, the academic sector, non-profit organizations and the private sector also contribute to the assistance to the affected countries. The Czech Republic, as an active Party of the Central and Eastern European Regional Group (CEE), on 15th December 2006 established a Regional Reference Centre within the Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry Brno (MUAF), which will serve to 22 country partners of that region.

Objectives of Regional Reference Centre

(RRC) The RRC should serve as an information „node“. A database will be established that would provide information on available sources of information on status of soil in the region and in the field of its protection. The RRC will provide linkages with other CEE information directories and databases: national libraries, depository libraries, scientific and research institutes, University libraries, Digital libraries and full-text databases to optimize the exchange of information, hard and electronic copies of publications, reports, dissertations, specialized documentation etc. The RRC will distribute information upon request where possible in a respective format: hard or electronic. The RRC does not duplicate existing centers or institutions but is built and developed on existing competencies and activities. It will not physically centralize all available documentation in the RRC but it will centralize them in a database. The database will collect all information and enable easy access to it.

About Brno and MUAF (in short)



Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno

Brno, the historical capital of Moravia and the second largest city in the

Czech Republic, is home to nearly half a million people. Brno is a cultural centre of Southern Moravia, a region with more than 2 million people.

Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry Brno was founded in 1919. Its constitution completed the longterm effort to institute an agricultural university in Moravia, which has been an important place among the countries with the most developed agriculture in central Europe ever since. University provided top quality education to agricultural, forestry and economics specialists. Concerning the foreign relations, both university employees and students frequently visit universities in France, Poland, Austria, Germany, USA, Great Britain and many other countries for the purposes of study, attending conferences, scholarship programs or consultation. MUAF Brno is a member of prominent European organizations (CRE, ICA) and cooperative networks of analogically technically oriented schools. The university also participates in a large number of international programs such as SOCRATES, LEONARDO DA VINCI, CEEPUS, AKTION and further international projects.

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