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Steering committee #4 meeting of the European FoodSTEM project: “Training a new generation of entrepreneurs in sustainable agriculture and food processing”
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The 4th Steering committee meeting of the F-STEM project was held at Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) from January 17 to 21, 2022.

After 2 years of online meeting due to the travel and gathering restriction (Covid-19), all partners and project members are met in person and online to describe the progress of the project and plan for the next activities.

Even in the pandemic situation, all partners and project member have been made all their effort to implement the project. To date, under the framework of the F-STEM project, some of the activities were achieved as the following:

- Improve academic programs through e-learning courses development, which response to the current health sanitation crisis due to Covid-19
 - E-learning equipment and e-learning classrooms were set up at 4 Cambodian University partners: the Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ITC), the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA), the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE), and the National University of Battambang (NUBB).
 - 4 e-learning courses (i.e. Entrepreneurship, Food Market, Food Product Development, and Agri-Food supply chain) are at the finalization stage of the course content.
 - 18 of Cambodian lecturers from Cambodian university partners (ITC, RUA, RULE, and NUBB) have been building their capacity in e-learning course development for higher education (i.e engineer degree, and Master degree)
- Upgrade management skills and technical facilities for pre-incubation of student projects in ITC, RUA, and NUBB
 - 2 Innovation Challenge has been carried out at ITC, and RUA
 - 3 Agri-Food Processing laboratory has been set up at ITC, RUA, and NUBB to support the students in prototyping their food product, and the practical work in the Food product development course

- Provide capacity building on food safety management in ITC, RUA, and NUBB (Food Safety laboratory)
 - 3 Food safety laboratory was set up at the 3 Cambodian universities (ITC, RUA, and NUBB)

Next activity

- Another 4 courses will be developed in 2022
- Implementation of a new pathway of Master Program “Entrepreneurship in Agri-Food Industry” by the end of 2022
- Integration and experimentation of the e-learning course in the curriculum of ITC, RUA, and NUBB by the end of 2022
- Continue to support the pre-incubation program