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Tirana, Republic of Albania

South Eastern Europe
SWG RRD
Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group

**Agricultural Policy Forum 2016:**

***Evidence – Based Agricultural Policy: Enabling Environment for Developing the Agricultural Sector in the South East Europe***

11 – 14 October 2016
Tirana, Albania

**PROGRAM**

| **Tuesday, October 11th, 2016** | |
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| 19:00 | Welcoming reception |

| **Wednesday, October 12th, 2016** | |
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| 09:00 – 09:10 | Official address – Dr. **Edmond Panariti**, Minister<br>Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration of the Republic of Albania |
| 09:10 – 09:20 | Official address – Ms. **Romana Vlahutin**, Head of Delegation<br>European Union Delegation to Albania |
| 09:20 – 9:30 | Official address – Mr. **Boban Ilic**, Secretary General<br>Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | Introduction to the APF 2016 objectives and the program |
| 09:40 – 10:10 | EU market and trade policy - impact on the SEE countries – Mr. **Pierluigi Londero**, Deputy Head of Unit, Agricultural Modelling and Outlook, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | Policy orientation in the SEE countries in their approximation toward the CAP – Dr. **Edvin Zhllima**, Agriculture University of Tirana, Albania |
| ***10:40 – 11:00*** | ***Coffee Break*** |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Characterization and mapping of areas with natural constraints (ANC) in the SEE countries, compatible with the EU methodology and standards – Dr. **Ordan Cukaliev,** Faculty of Agriculture and Food, Skopje, Macedonia |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | IPARD and rural development policy evaluation – Ms. **Iwona Lisztwan**, IPARD Programme Manager, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission |

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| 12:00 – 12:30 | The challenge of the evidence – based policy planning in light of the strategic planning process for the integrated economic development of cross-border rural areas. The Case of Western Balkans ABDA Regions - Dr. **Suzana Djorgjevic – Milosevic**, Rural Development Expert |
| 12:30 – 12:40 | Presentation of a short promo film on pilot measures implemented in the cross-border pilot regions; Facts and Figures from the Pilot Measures |
| 12:40 – 12:50 | Introduction to the working groups topics |
| 12:50 – 13:00 | Family Photo |
| ***13:00 – 14:00*** | ***Lunch*** |
| **14:00 – 18:00** | **Working Groups (Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)** |
| WG 1 | *Area - based development approach in the Western Balkans: a tool for rural development with upscaling potential* |
| WG 2 | *Natural resources management in the frame of environment protection policies and sustainable rural development in the Western Balkans* |
| WG 3 | *IPARD and rural development policy evaluation: main concepts, on-going evaluation, policy follow-up* |
| WG 4 | *Strengthening the civil society and promoting multi-national exchange in rural development on regional and EU level* |
| 20:00 | Dinner |

**Thursday, October 13th, 2016**

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| 09:00 – 10:00 | Finalization of the working group discussions |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Presentation of working group results WG 1 |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Presentation of working group results WG 2 |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Presentation of working group results WG 3 |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Presentation of working group results WG 4 |

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| 11:20 – 11:45 | Coffee Break |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | Formulation of the Tirana Agenda 2016 |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Official closing of the Forum |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 19:00 | Field trip |
| 19:00 | Dinner |

**Friday, October 14th, 2016**

Departure of participants