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APF 2019: Contribution of Diversification of Economic Activities in Rural Areas to Sustainable Development in SEE

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Working Group 1 - *Diversification of economic activities in rural areas in SEE*

- To elaborate on the (preliminary) **findings of the assessments** conducted by the **REAWGs**;
- To determine the **implications** of the current and future economic diversification policy **on small farmers** and rural businesses;
- To explore the **possibilities for enhancing economic diversification** in the light of the new orientation of the EU pre-accession policy under **IPA III**;
- To formulate **regional recommendations** for evidence-based and EU compliant policy.



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Working group 2 - Harmonization of wine regulation in SEE for enhanced competitiveness of the wine sector

- To elaborate on the **competitiveness** of the Western Balkan wine market and development of wine tourism
- To propose approach/es towards **more coherent regulations** and alignment with EU standards
- To recommend solutions for establishment of a regular and visible **exchange mechanism** on wine regulations, and their implementation.



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Working Group 3 - *Research capacities - factor of sustainable development in rural areas in SEE*

- To discuss the current status and identify challenges in the **research capacities** development;
- To elaborate the **link between research and agri-food sector**;
- To assess the **capacity of small agri-food firms** and the role of **cooperation** in prompting technological and knowledge transfer and adoption
- To provide respective **policy recommendations** for research capacity building for sustainable rural development