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Research capacities - factor of sustainable development in rural areas in SEE

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Main Purpose of the WG

- 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 – Ohrid Agenda 2019



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Key Barriers

1. Research not a governmental priority
2. Limited financial resources
(funding, access to research resources and infrastructure)
3. Lack of capacity building and brain-drain
4. Lack of possibilities for cooperation and networking)
5. Lack of data
(quality/availability of data)



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Key Drivers/Stakeholders

1. Willingness to change
2. IPARD investments
3. Knowledge, innovation and digitalization
4. Competitive advantage
(climatic advantages, regional specialities)



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5. Stakeholders...



*chart with from Mr. Kasimis presentation



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Ways Forward

1. Cooperation/networking/partnerships
2. Instigate demand for research
3. Increase national resources for research
4. Better support to access available funds (ex: HORIZON 2020, WBF, ERASMUS, MARIE CURIE)
5. Establish dialogue platform among/ research council
6. Capacity building; training - technology transfer in agriculture and food
7. SWG to take this forward