



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS



Agricultural Policy Forum 2018

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

SWG  
RRD  
S  
V  
G  
M  
S

# Enhancing and diversifying economic activities in rural areas in the SEE in the light of the new orientation of EU pre-accession policy

17 – 18 October 2018

Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

[www.seerural.org](http://www.seerural.org)



**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH





BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS



Agricultural Policy Forum 2018

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Main Purpose of the WG

- To assess the implications of the current and future rural development policy on small farmers and rural businesses;
- To explore the possibilities for enhancing economic development in the light of the new orientation of EU pre-accession policy under IPA III;
- To identify and recommend policy measures aiming at improving the economic performance of small rural businesses and releasing for economic growth and improving the livelihood of rural areas.



**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH





BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS



Agricultural Policy Forum 2018

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Key concerns

- Small rural businesses has high potential for income generation and job creation and thus stemming rural depopulation.
- Nevertheless not targeted by current support measures, incl. IPARD
- There is a particular need for integrating these businesses in value chains and developing various forms of cooperation
- There is a need for consistent knowledge transfer



**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH





BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS



Agricultural Policy Forum 2018

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

SWG  
ERRD

# Key Drivers/Stakeholders

1. Partnerships / horizontal and vertical in value chains/supply chains (producer to market)
2. Local communities/territorial approach
3. CSO/identification of problems, organising information and knowledge transfer
4. Government





BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS



Agricultural Policy Forum 2018

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October,  
Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Ways Forward

- The new EU Strategy for a credible enlargement perspective provides interesting policy initiatives for supporting socio-economic development and reconciliation.
- Integrating rural businesses through support VC .
- Investments support coupled with purpose oriented knowledge transfer.
- A new measure encompassing these elements could be introduced under IPARD III.
- Inter-sectoral cooperation at governmental levels (SWG facilitated)
- Governments should work on regulating small scale productions in a way to fit to small farmers/producers/service providers possibilities and needs (but not exclude requirement for the food safety).



**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



SWG  
ERRD