





# Agricultural Policy Forum 2017:

Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development for Accelerated EU Integration of the Western Balkans

11 – 12 October 2017

Podgorica, Montenegro











## Objectives



- Sharing relevant findings, experiences, assessments, trends and news related to policies on sustainable agricultural and rural development of the SEE
- Producing Podgorica Agenda regional policy recommendations that will be presented to the annual Ministerial Meeting, attended by ministers of agriculture from SEE, organized by SWG
- Endorsing Podgorica Agenda by the wide audience of the Forum











### Program



#### Wednesday, October 11th, 2017

09:30 - 10:30

#### Plenary session

Rural policy 3.0 paradigm in the SEE – **Mr. Peter Wostner,** PhD, Chair of the Working Party on Rural Policy of OECD

Rural development and migration - **Mr. Theo Rauch**, PhD, Associate Professor, Center for Development Studies (ZELF), Free University of Berlin, Germany

Management of forest, water and soil within the framework of environmental and rural development policies in Southeast Europe - **Mr. Genti Kromidha**, Executive Director of the Institute for Natural Conservation in Albania











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#### Wednesday, October 11th, 2017

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break		
	11:00 – 12:50	Panel
		Improving competitiveness of the rural economy considering the farm structure in the Western Balkans – <b>Ms. Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska, PhD,</b> Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Skopje, Macedonia
		Agricultural products trade barriers in the Western Balkans – <b>Mr. Umut Ergezer</b> , CEFTA Secretariat
		Rural development policy and the LEADER approach – the Hungarian experience - <b>Mr. Dávid Mezei, PhD,</b> Deputy State Secretary for Agricultural and Rural Development Strategic Affairs of Hungary
		Sustainable rural development through the LEADER approach in the Western Balkans - Mr. Petar Gjorgjievski, President of the Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia
		IPARD as an instrument in sustainable rural development in the Western Balkans - Mr. Liam Breslin, Head of Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission
	12:50 - 13:00	Introduction to the working groups topics
	13:00 – 13:15	Family photo
	13:15 – 14:30	Lunch















#### Wednesday, October 11th, 2017

<u>14:30 – 18:00</u>	Working groups (Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)
WG 1	Improving competitiveness of the rural economy considering the farm structure in the Western Balkans
WG 2	Agricultural products trade barriers in the Western Balkans
WG 3	Sustainable rural development through the LEADER approach in the Western Balkans
19:00	Dinner















#### Thursday, October 12th, 2017

09:00 - 09:30	Presentation of working group results WG 1
09:30 - 10:00	Presentation of working group results WG 2
10:00 - 10:30	Presentation of working group results WG 3
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	Formulation of the Podgorica Agenda 2017
12:00 – 12:30	Official closing of the Forum
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 19:00	Field trip
19:00	Dinner

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Departure of participants



















