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Main Purpose of the WG

- To identify the main agricultural product trade barriers in the Western Balkans
- To propose ways for overcoming the barriers
- To provide policy recommendations for an enhanced agricultural products trade in the Western Balkans





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Key Barriers

1. Absence of mutual recognition of trade documents
2. Differences in regulations and methods for conformity assessment
3. Excessive sampling by border authorities



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Key Drivers

1. Ministries of Agriculture
2. Ministries for Trade
3. Border authorities/Food safety authorities



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Ways Forward

1. Acceleration of harmonization with EU legislation
2. Bilateral/Regional agreement about recognition of certificates
3. Using risk assessment analyses for inspections
4. Capacity building