

Agricultural Policy Forum 2017:

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

10 – 13 October 2017
Podgorica, Montenegro

PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

19:00 Welcoming reception

Wednesday, October 11th, 2017

09:00 – 09:10 Official address, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro – **H.E. Milutin Simovic**, Minister

09:10 – 09:20 Official address, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG) – **Mr. Boban Ilic**, Secretary General

09:20 – 09:30 Introduction to the APF 2017 objectives and the program

09:30 – 09:50 Rural policy 3.0 paradigm in the SEE – **Mr. Peter Wostner, PhD**, Chair of the Working Party on Rural Policy of OECD

09:50 – 10:10 Rural development and migration – **Mr. Theo Rauch, PhD**, Associate Professor, Center for Development Studies (ZELF), Free University of Berlin, Germany

10:10 – 10:30 Management of forest, water and soil within the framework of environmental and rural development policies in Southeast Europe - **Mr. Genti Kromidha, PhD**, President of the board of the Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania (INCA)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:50

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

Improving competitiveness of the rural economy considering the farm structure in the Western Balkans – **Ms. Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska, PhD**, Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Skopje, Macedonia

Agricultural products trade barriers in the Western Balkans – **Mr. Umut Ergezer**, CEFTA Secretariat

IPARD as an instrument in sustainable rural development in the Western Balkans - **Mr. Liam Breslin**, Head of Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission

Rural development policy and the LEADER approach – the Hungarian experience - **Mr. Dávid Mezei, PhD**, 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 Gjorgievski**, President of the Rural Development Network of the Republic of Macedonia

12:50 – 13:00

Introduction to the working groups topics

13:00 – 13:15

Family photo

13:15 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 18:00

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

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| 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 13th, 2017

Departure of participants