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# Agri-environmental policies for enhanced regional rural development in SEE

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# Main Purpose of the WG

- To discuss the current status and identify challenges in the implementation of agri-environment measures in the SEE countries;
- To discuss the potentials for valorisation of genetic resources for economic development of rural areas;
- To identify and provide recommendations for improvement of the definition and implementation of agri-environment policies in the SEE countries.



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# Key Barriers

- Data availability (Agri-environmental indicators)
- Institutional set-up and capacities
- Legal framework
- Awareness
- Participation and cooperation
- Threats of loss of agrobiodiversity



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# Ways Forward agri-environmental policies

- Clarify the legal framework and responsibilities of different institutions and levels
- Develop an innovative, integrated information system for agri-environmental indicators
- Establish functional and operational institutional set-up and strengthen vertical and horizontal cooperation among stakeholders
- Improve the institutional capacities on design, monitoring and evaluation of agri-environmental measures



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# Ways Forward agri-environmental policies

- Ensure mutual transparency of information including development of integrated database for all issues related to agri-environmental policies in order to ensure evidence based policy design, monitoring and evaluation
- Increase the awareness on all levels on need and benefits from the agri environmental measures
- Design and implement capacity building measures for beneficiaries
- Strengthen the regional cooperation



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# Ways Forward Agrobiodiversity

- Define policy and legislation related to agrobiodiversity in compliance with EU and other international regulations
- Improve the institutional capacities with clear definition of roles and responsibilities, as well as investments in human capital
- Improve agrobiodiversity conservation through establishment of a monitoring system to assess and report status and trends, improvement of in-situ and ex-situ conservation measures



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# Ways Forward Agrobiodiversity

- Improve scientific and public awareness through strengthening the research and educational sector and raising public awareness on the importance of agrobiodiversity
- Exploring of economic value of agrobiodiversity and its products, increasing competitiveness and marketing of local varieties and breeds and their products
- Strengthen the cooperation through knowledge transfer, market opportunities and effective larger scale conservation action
- Strengthen regional cooperation



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