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Agricultural Policy: Determinant of the Regional Rural Development and EU Perspectives of SEE

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Welcome to the Agricultural Policy Forum 2018!

Agricultural Policy Forum (APF) is a two-day event on regional agricultural policy in SEE organized by SWG, involving relevant regional and international stakeholders, resulting in regional policy recommendations. It has been organized on an annual basis since 2001 to serve as a wide platform for discussions and recommendations on regional policy issues in agriculture and rural development in SEE.

APF 2018, "Agricultural Policy: Determinant of the Regional Rural Development and EU Perspectives of the SEE", will be held in Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 16 - 18 October 2018. It is organized by the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Agricultural Policy Forum will once more serve as a platform for international dialogue on policy settings and perspectives of common interest to agricultural policy makers and stakeholders. It will address the reform of the EU Common Agricultural Policy and the trends in the EU agri-food trade policies and their impact on the SEE. Diversification of economic activities in rural areas will be elaborated as a factor for rural development. APF 2018 will also stress the challenges of the rural depopulation and migration. Further on, it will present for discussion and wider endorsement policy recommendations coming out of respective policy assessments in SEE conducted by the SWG regional expert advisory working groups, more concretely: agricultural policy developments, land market and small farms' access to land, application of the agri-environment policy and conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in agriculture.

SWG and the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina have the immense pleasure to welcome you at the Agricultural Policy Forum 2018!

Topics

- Agricultural policy developments in SEE
- EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform
- The trends of the agri-food trade policies in the EU
- Electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto)
- Diversification of economic activities and digitalization in the rural areas
- Land market and small farms' access to land
- Application of the Agri-Environment Policy in SEE
- Conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in agriculture
- Rural depopulation, migration and development
- Good practices in the meat processing sector in Western Balkans

Program

	Tuesday, 16 October 2018
17:00	On-site registration begins
20:00	Welcoming reception and mini fair of traditional regional meat products
	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
09:00 – 09:10	Official address, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations – **H.E. Mirko Šarović,** 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 2018 objectives and the program
09:30 – 09:50	EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform – **Mr. Liam Breslin**, Head of Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI
09:50 – 10:10	The trends of the agri-food trade policies in the EU – **Mr. Mark Cropper**, Senior Expert, European Commission, DG AGRI
10:10 – 10:30	Electronic phytosanitary certificates (ePhyto) – a new option in trade of plants and plant products – **Mr. Piotr Wlodarczyk**, Agricultural Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
10:30 – 10:50	Diversification of economic activities and digitalization in the rural areas - **Mr. Jerry Engström,** Marketer, The Outdoor Village, Docksta, Sweden
10:50 – 11:15	***Coffee break***

11:15 – 13:05		**Panel session – *Agricultural Policy: Determinant of the Regional Rural Development and EU Perspectives of the SEE***
		Agricultural policy developments in SEE – **Mr. Željko Vaško, PhD,** University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Agriculture
		Land market and small farms' access to land – **Mr. Matej Bedrač, MSc,** Agricultural Institute of Slovenia
		Application of the Agri-Environment Policy – **Mr. Endrit Kullaj, PhD,** Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania
		Conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in agriculture – **Mr. Sreten Andonov, PhD,** Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala
		Rural depopulation, migration and development – **Ms. Judith Möllers, PhD,** Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Development in Transition Economies, Halle, Germany
13:05 – 13:15		Introduction to the working groups topics
13:15 – 13:30		Family photo
13:30 – 14:30		***Lunch***
14:30 – 18:30		Working groups (Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)
	WG 1	*Enhancing and diversifying economic activities in rural areas in the SEE in the light of the new orientation of EU pre-accession policy*
	WG 2	*Land market and small farms' access to land in SEE*
	WG 3	*Agri-Environment Policies for enhanced regional rural development in SEE*
	WG 4	*Exchange of good practices in the meat processing sector in Western Balkans (EXQUISITE)*
19:00		***Dinner***

	Thursday, 18 October 2018
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	Presentation of working group results WG 4
11:00 – 11:30	***Coffee Break***
11:30 – 12:30	Formulation of the Jahorina Agenda 2018
12:30 – 13:00	Official closing of the Forum
13:00 – 14:30	***Lunch***
14:30 – 19:00	Field trip
19:00	***Dinner***

Speakers

Mr. Liam Breslin,

Head of Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI

Liam Breslin is from Co-Westmeath in Ireland and studied Agricultural Sciences at University College Dublin. He has worked in the Irish Department of Agriculture and Food and the National Farm Advisory Service. He joined the European Commission in 1984 and from 1984-1990 he worked in FEOGA Guidance Fund – dealing with Structural Funds and support for Marketing and Processing of Agricultural and Fishery products. He was responsible for grant aid to the Irish Food Industry. In 1990 he joined DG Research and worked as a scientific officer on food and agricultural research programmes in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Framework Programmes. In 1999 he became Head of Unit with responsibility for key actions "Food, Nutrition and Health" and "Environment and Health" in the 5th Framework Programme; and for "Food Quality" in the 6th Framework Programme. In 2004 he moved to the Transport Directorate of DG Research – responsible for Aeronautics Research. During 2008-2009 he was interim Director – responsible for the interim phase and launch of the "Clean Sky" Joint Technology Initiative. Since 2011 he has been responsible for "Surface Transport" in FP7 and Horizon 2020, within DG Research and Innovation- responsible to the research programmes on automotive, waterborne and rail transport. In January 2017- he moved to DG Agriculture and Rural Development—where he is Head of Unit for Pre-Accession assistance.

Mr. Mark Cropper,

Senior Expert, European Commission, DG AGRI

Mark Cropper studied Agricultural and Forest Sciences at Oxford University and, after a year working in the UK extension service, obtained his PhD in the "Growth and development of Sheep" at Edinburgh University in 1988. He spent seven years in post-doctorate research, working on animal production systems in Scotland, New Zealand and Galicia, Spain before joining the European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture (DG AGRI) in December 1994. He worked first on the EU sheep premium regime, co-ordination of agricultural research, electronic identification of animals and, in 2000, the introduction of the compulsory EU beef labelling scheme. From 2002 to 2010 he worked on the major dossiers relating to the CAP reform process and then, for three years, was in charge of agricultural research issues. Since January 2011 he has been responsible for OECD matters in DG AGRI, covering all agricultural and rural development issues of relevance to the CAP. He is a Vice-chair of the OECD's Working Party on Rural Policy. In 2016 he was nominated Senior Expert in the unit for "Global Issues and relations with ACP", where he also follows work related to the G20, FAO and other international organisations.

Mr. Piotr Wlodarczyk,

Agricultural Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Piotr Włodarczyk has received a PhD in agricultural sciences, specializing in fruit growing, at the Life Sciences University in Lublin, Poland. His professional experience includes working as an assistant at the Life Sciences University in Lublin, as sales representative in two trade companies (plant protection products and medical materials), as head of the region in the Polish Plant Health and Seed Inspection Service, and as an international consultant in the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). During his work in the Inspection Service Piotr Włodarczyk was involved in the development of international phytosanitary procedures at the European Union, the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) and the PPC level. Since February 2018 he works as an agricultural officer in the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia.

Mr. Jerry Engström,

Marketer, The Outdoor Village,
Docksta, Sweden

Jerry Engström is regarded as one of Sweden´s best marketers and is Sweden's most popular key-note speaker within tourism and place branding. After a successful career at the British-Dutch consumer goods company Unilever and later as Global Marketing Director of the Swedish Outdoor company Fjällräven Mr Engström decided to change careers and follow his passion – to create a meeting place for outdoor people in the World Heritage High Coast of Sweden. Today FriluftsByn – The Outdoor Village – has been awarded Sweden's most innovative tourism company.

Mr. Željko Vaško,

PhD, University of Banja Luka,
Faculty of Agriculture

Željko Vaško is an associate professor at the University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Agriculture in Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Head of the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development at the Faculty of Agriculture; Lecturer on several subjects of agro-economic orientation (Planning and Economy Development, Cost and Calculations in Agriculture Production, Investment and Investments Evaluation, Rural Finance, Project Management); Author or co-author 7 books and 85 scientific and professional papers. He participated in the design and implementation of over thirty scientific-research, development or professional projects; Member of the European Association of Agricultural Economists and the Balkan Scientific Society of Agricultural Economists; Former Director of the Agricultural Project Coordination Unit at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska (2001-2008) and Director of the Main Bank of the Republic of Srpska of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2011-2015).

Mr. Matej Bedrač,

MSc, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia

Matej Bedrač is a researcher at the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia, Agricultural Economics Department, in Ljubljana, Slovenia. His research interests and work experiences are in the area of agricultural policy and rural development. He has participated in a number of national and international research projects. Most of his work experiences are related to monitoring and evaluation of rural development policy, farm structure surveys and evaluation of sustainability of agriculture. His recent projects are following:

- Evaluation Assessment of the achievements and impacts of the Rural Development Programme of the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2014-2020 (ongoing)
- Preparation of guidelines for the implementation of Axis 4 (LEADER) in the programming period 2007-2013
- Recommendations for preparation of local development strategies in the context of Community Led Local Development (CLLD) in the programming period 2014-2020
- EU 6th Framework Programme Agro economic policy analysis of the New member states, the Candidate states and the countries of the Western Balkan (CEEC Agri-Policy)

He is a member of Slovenian Association of Agricultural Economists (SAAE), European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and The Slovenian Rural Development Network.

Ms. Judith Möllers,

PhD, Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Development in Transition Economies, Halle, Germany

Dr. Judith Möllers is an agricultural economist and has been a senior scientist at the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) in Halle (Saale), Germany, since 2006. She works on issues of rural development with a focus on Southeast Europe. Her areas of expertise and professional interest span smallholder farming and rural livelihoods, structural change in agriculture, migration, cooperation, rural poverty, and rural non-farm employment. Dr Möllers was involved in a wide variety of international research and consultancy projects funded for instance by the European Union or the World Bank. Dr Möllers has written internationally recognised conference papers, book chapters, and journal articles.

Mr. Endrit Kullaj

PhD, Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania

Endrit Kullaj is Associated Professor and Head of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Agricultural University of Tirana (AUT). He has received from AUT a BSc in Agronomy (2000), BSc in Agrarian Economics (2007), a MSc in Horticulture (2003) and a Doctorate of Science (2006). Ha has also received a PhD by the University of Bologna in International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Policies with a thesis on *Organic Farming Policies for the Sustainable Development of Rural Albania*. Prof. Kullaj has carried out several research stages, especially in Italy, France, Great Britain and USA. His research aims a sustainable horticultural production in areas of abiotic and biotic stress tolerance and biocontrol with more than 120 publications, many of them related to agricultural policy and agri-environment. He has coordinated and participated in more than 30 international projects and has also been serving as a consultant to GTZ, UNDP, ADA, WB, ERM, EON, EU Consultants in developing projects. He has been working for several years as international inspector for organic certification for renowned certification bodies like BCS and CERES. Since July 2008, Endrit Kullaj is also managing partner of a limited company (Sonnentor l.t.d.) which is exporting organic herbs, ensuring quality control and providing services to organic businesses in SEE.

Mr. Sreten Andonov

PhD, Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala

Sreten Andonov is former professor at University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food – Skopje, Institute of animal biotechnology. His research interests are in the area of animal genetic resources, climate change – livestock mitigation and adaptation, animal breeding and genetic. In the last decade he has been actively involved in 10 scientific and over 15 other projects. He was regional coordinator of the GIZ project Mainstreaming biodiversity in agriculture and land management policy, plans and programs of the SEE countries (2017/18), but also member of the team in National legislation development for AnGR. In 2006/08 he was project leader of FAO project: Development of a common methodology to evaluate and monitor the population-genetic status of farm animal breeds in Europe and derive a common interpretation of the status of endangerment of breeds. Since March 2018 he is senior researcher at the Department in Animal Breeding and Genetics, at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala.

Working Groups

Working Group 1 - *Enhancing and diversifying economic activities in rural areas in the SEE in the light of the new orientation of EU pre-accession policy*

- 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 the potential for economic growth and improving the livelihood in rural areas.

Working group 2 - *Land market and small farms' access to land in SEE*

- To elaborate the findings of the study "Land market and small farms' access to land in the pre-accession countries"
- To determine the key barriers that prevent small farms from access to land
- To provide respective policy recommendations by the relevant stakeholders.

Working Group 3 - *Agri-Environment Policies for enhanced regional rural development in SEE*

- 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.

Working Group 4 - *Exchange of good practices in the meat processing sector in Western Balkans (EXQUISITE)*

- To present experiences of the meat processing sector from each WB country from the perspective of producers and policy level experts;
- To elaborate potentials for improving competitiveness of dried meat products from the Western Balkans in the EU market;
- To create a platform for the meat processing sector of the region with the purpose of enhancing the dialogue, promoting new ideas and exchanging experiences.

WORKING GROUP 1:

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

Moderator: Mr. Kaj Mortensen

WG1 PROGRAM

	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
14:30 – 14:50	Introduction of the objectives of the working group, presentation of participants (tour-de-table), appointing minute taker and rapporteur for the group – **Moderator**
14:50 – 15:20	New orientation of EU pre-accession policy under IPA III: regional and territorial development and IPARD III – **Mr. Liam Breslin,** DG AGRI
15:20 – 16:00	Assessment of potentials for diversification of economic activities in the target rural cross-border regions in the Western Balkans – **Ms. Suzana Djordjevic – Milosevic,** Faculty of Applied Ecology, Belgrade
16:00 – 16:30	***Coffee break***
16:30 – 18:30	Discussion: identifying key barriers/drivers for enhancing and diversifying economic activities in rural areas in the SEE and identification of appropriate policy measures to address the needs of small rural businesses
19:00	***Dinner***

WORKING GROUP 2:

Land market and small farms' access to land in SEE

Moderator: Mr. Morten Hartvigsen

WG2 PROGRAM

	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
14:30 – 14:50	Introduction of the objectives of the working group, presentation of participants (tour-de-table), appointing minute taker and rapporteur for the group – **Moderator**
14:50 – 15:10	Elaboration on the findings of the study "Land Market and Small Farms' Access to Land in SEE" – **Mr. Matej Bedrač,** Agricultural Institute of Slovenia
15:10 – 15:30	Inclusion of small farms from SEE in the current national and EU agricultural policies and its consequences on access to land and land consolidation – **Mr. Zeljko Vaško**, University of Banja Luka
15:30 – 16:00	Small farms' access to land as a factor for land consolidation – **Mr. Morten Hartvigsen**, FAO
16:00 – 16:30	***Coffee break***
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:30	Identifying key barriers that prevent small farms' access to land in SEE – group discussion
17:30 – 18:00	Identifying key drivers/stakeholders in enabling access to land for small farms – group discussion
18:00 – 18:30	Formulating policy recommendations to be presented to the wide forum – group discussion
19:00	***Dinner***

WORKING GROUP 3:

Agri-Environment Policies for enhanced regional rural development in SEE

Moderator: Ms. Irena Djimrevska

WG3 PROGRAM

	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
14:30 – 15:00	Introduction of the objectives of the working group, presentation of participants (tour-de-table), appointing minute taker and rapporteur for the group – **Ms. Irena Djimrevska**
15:00 – 15:30	Agri-environment measures in the SEE countries- current status and challenges – **professor Ordan Cukaliev**, University St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, Faculty of Agriculture
15:30 – 16:00	Genetic resources in agriculture – conservation, valorisation and potentials for economic development of rural areas in SEE countries – **professor Sonja Ivanovska**, University St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, Faculty of Agriculture
16:00 – 16:30	***Coffee break***
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:30	Identification of the key barriers in the implementation of agri-environment measures in the SEE countries
17:30 – 18:00	Identification of the key challenges in the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in agriculture in SEE countries
18:00 – 18:30	Definition of key recommendations to address the challenges in the implementation of agri-environment policies in SEE countries
19:00	***Dinner***

WORKING GROUP 4:

Exchange of good practices in the meat processing sector in Western Balkans (EXQUISITE)

Moderator: Mr. Aleksandar Damnjanovic

WG4 PROGRAM

	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
14:30 – 14:50	Introduction of the objectives of the working group and presentation of participants (tour-de-table) – **Moderator**
14:50 – 15:10	Practices in the meat processing sector in Italy – San Daniele Prosciutto production chain - **Mr. Furio Tommaso Pivotti**, Istituto Nord Est Qualità, Udine
15:10 – 15:30	Practices in the meat processing sector in Albania – **Ms. Raimonda Allmeta Ajdini**, Agriculture University of Tirana, Tirana
15:30 – 15:50	Practices in the meat processing sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina – **Mr. Mithat Jasic,** University of Tuzla, Faculty of Technology, Tuzla
15:50 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	***Coffee break***
16:30 – 16:50	Practices in the meat processing sector in Kosovo* - **Mr. Sehad Bajrami,** Food and Veterinary Agency FVA – Office of Prime Minister, Prishtina
16:50 – 17:10	Practices in the meat processing sector in Macedonia – **Mr. Zlatko Pejkovski**, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Skopje
17:10 – 17:30	Practices in the meat processing sector in Montenegro – **Mr. Gojko Babovic**, Ministry of agriculture and rural development, department of animal husbandry advisory services, Podgorica
17:30 – 17:50	Practices in the meat processing sector in Serbia - **Mr. Vladimir Bojovic**, Business Society Zlatiborski Eko agrar doo, Cajetina
17:50 – 18:30	Discussion, conclusions and creation of a WB platform on meat processing
19:00	***Dinner***

Field Trip - Agritouristic and Equestrian Club "Children of the Wind"

In close proximity of Sarajevo, only 5 kilometers from Baščarsija, in the village of Donje Biosko, is the agritouristic and equestrian club "Djeca Vjetra" (Children of the Wind). It provides its guests with a rich gastronomic offer of traditional Bosnian dishes from carefully selected eco-friendly products from predominantly native brands or domestic origin, along with a variety of home-made drinks. An invaluable part or its agricultural tour offer are its noble pets – horses, with whom the guests may freely socialize, take a riding lesson, or go on a trail ride. Staying in its apartments designed in a traditional rustic style, reminiscent of a long time ago, gives the guests a true rural atmosphere at 890m above sea level.