

4th Interim Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group (REAWG) on LEADER

“Standing up for LEADER”

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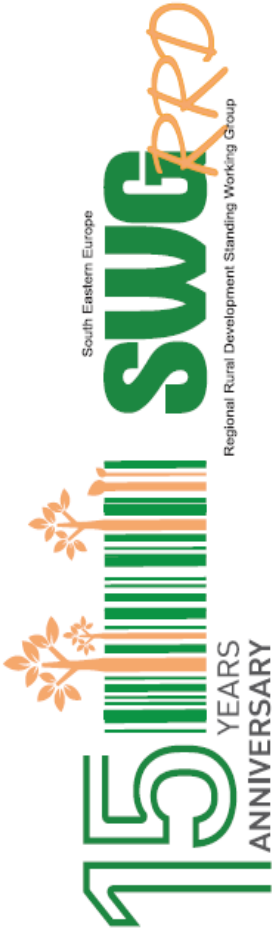
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Introduction remarks (1)



- As said in previous report, COVID-19 and the consequences of this pandemic significantly disrupted the planned activities, their dynamics as well as the method of work itself
- Main information and data collected are result of:
 - 4 face-to-face meetings were held (with representatives of the FMAWMF, NGOs and regional agencies)
- An online questionnaire, on the basis of which certain qualitative and quantitative information was obtained

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Introduction remarks (2)



- Compared with previous report (2017) **situation** regarding LEADER and LAG in Federation of BiH (FBiH) **got worse**
 - There are no new LAGs, existing LAGs have become inactive
 - Support for LEADER and LAGs is lacking from FMAWMF level without budget support measures
 - There is no indication of any progress in finding the legislative framework and place for LEADER
 - MoFTER stops writing annual reports on LAG works in BiH
- Report for 3rd interim meeting is updated taking into account comments and suggestions by international experts
 - SWOT analysis
 - Description of stakeholders (role of agencies)
 - Schema of steering structure
 - Some changes in road map (dates and actions)

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Core processes – Level FMAWMF



1.1. Drafting of the Strategy for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Development of the FBIH (2021-2027)

1.2. Drafting of a legislative framework at the FBIH level and positioning of the LEADER approach and the role of LAGs in rural development through two laws

1.3. Strengthening institutional capacity in the FBIH (MAWMF entities and cantons) to implement LEADER and support

1.4. Ensuring regular financing of LAGs through budget transfers at the FMAWMF level, and gradually from the cantonal level

1.5. Preparation and fulfilment of conditions for possible withdrawal of funds from the IPA III program / Preparation for the use of the EU4-Agri replacement program (UNDP)

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Core processes – Level Network



- 2.1. Capacity building of rural stakeholders
- 2.2. Networking at different levels within BiH (state, entity, canton) and outside BiH
- 2.3. Strengthening the rural development network as a state umbrella organization
- 2.4. Strengthening links between regional and local development agencies with existing and future LAGs

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Core processes – Level LAGs



- 3.1. Comprehensive analysis of the current state of the LEADER approach in FBiH and the position of current LAGs
- 3.2. Raising awareness of the importance of LEADER and the work of LAGs
- 3.3. Animating local actors and strengthening the capacity of LAGs
- 3.4. Drafting of local development strategies
- 3.5. Defining the scope of new LAGs

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Road Map (1)

Processes	Action	Responsible actor and other contributing actors	Output	Date	Comment
1.1. Drafting of the Strategy (2021-2027) with a defined position of LEADER and LAGs in FBiH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of the situation of existing LAGs as part of the overall analysis (SWOT analysis) Defining strategic objectives, including the position of LAGs Defining measures to promote the LEADER approach and support the work of LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF and participants in the drafting of the document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic document with defined measures that support the work of LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 	The implementation of measures to support this initiative and the work of the LAGs was lacking..
1.2. Drafting of the legislative framework at the level of FBiH and positioning of the LEADER approach and the role of LAGs in rural development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment to the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development (FBiH) where the LEADER approach and position of LAGs will be defined Amendments to the Rulebook on Incentives in accordance with the measure of support to the work of LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF and other participants outside the Ministry competent to draft legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law on Agriculture and Rural Development of FBiH with part that refers to LEADER and LAG Law on Financial Incentives of FBiH with part that refers to work of LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 	An important precondition for the future operation of LAGs

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Road Map (2)

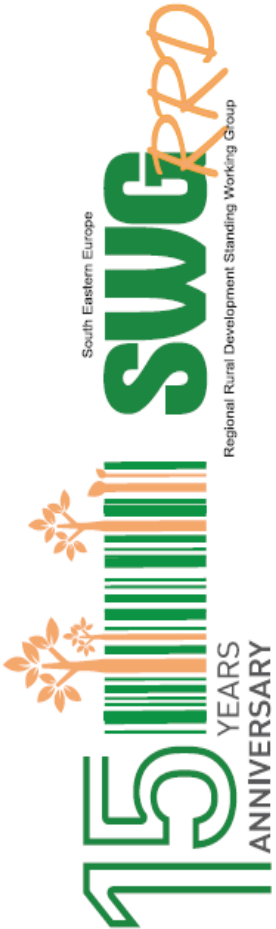
Processes	Action	Responsible actor and other contributing actors	Output	Date	Comment
1.3. Strengthening institutional capacities in the FBIH through various forms of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization of workshops, seminars and other forms of education that raises knowledge and built capacities regarding the LEADER concept and the work of LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF Other Ministries of FBIH International organizations NGO (Non Government Organizations and regional development agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educated staff with the necessary management skills in the field of LEADER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	The insufficient knowledge of key institutions (decision makers) on which the promotion of LEADER and the work of LAGs depend
1.4. Regular funding of LAGs through FMAWMF budget transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projecting budget transfers for the work of LAGs in FBIH through regular annual incentive programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF Cantonal MA Local communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget transfer for the work of LAGs in FBIH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	Regular funding of the LAG is one of the most important factors in its functioning.
1.5. Preparation and fulfillment of conditions for possible withdrawal of EU funds (IPA III or EU4Agri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on providing preconditions for withdrawal of IPARD funds (fulfilment of set political and institutional conditions required by the EU) Activities related to the use of the EU4Agri program (public call, user selection, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoFTER FMAWMF UNDP and other international organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positioning the financing of LEADER measures and the work of LAGs in FBIH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	Due to the lack of political will in BiH, there is still no withdrawal of IPARD funds.

Road Map (3)

Processes	Action	Responsible actor and other contributing actors	Output	Date	Comment
2.1. Capacity building of rural stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops, seminars and other forms of education Organization of study visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF Local communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educated LAGs staff for administration and implementation of projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	LAGs and LAG initiatives are limited with capacities and need support to build them
2.2. Networking at different levels within BiH and outside BiH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different activities on networking (workshops, visits, participation at symposiums and conference, work on projects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network for rural development of BiH LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local, regional, national and international connections created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	New networks open opportunities for common work and future collaborations
2.3. Strengthening the rural development network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involving more stakeholders in the rural development network Organization of a number of events under the auspices of the BiH RD Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RD Network in BiH FMAWMF Local communities Actual and new LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More efficient work of LAGs More projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	RD Network in BiH needs support for more active participation in various activities
2.4. Strengthening links between regional and local development agencies with existing and future LAGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a number of meetings between agency representatives and LAGs Participation of agencies in the creation of new LAGs Joint project activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional development agencies Local development agencies LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More efficient work of LAGs More activities and projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	Regional and local development agencies have shown very good results in the field of RD

Road Map (4)

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3.1. Comprehensive analysis of the current state of the LEADER approach in FBiH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporation of Analysis in Annual Programme of implementation of agricultural policy of BiH Analysis of state with recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF Academia LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on the state of LEADER and LAGs in FBiH with recommendations for their improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 	It is necessary comprehensive analysis which will provide an overview of the current situation and make recommendations for their future work of LAGs.
3.2. Promotion of a new concept of rural development and the principle of public-private partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and education of different actors and stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Development Network LAGs Academy Local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater interest of rural stakeholders in LEADER and the work of LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 	Insufficient knowledge of the new concept of rural development and the principle of public-private partnerships
3.3. Animating local actors and strengthening the capacity of LAGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animation of local actors through various types of events and activities Education of local actors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Development Network LAGs Academy Local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animated local rural actors and the establishment of new successful LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2025 	LAGs should animate population from their rural area to integrate their opinions in LDS and activities
3.4. Drafting of local development strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting of local development strategies (LDS) that includes analysis of the situation, definition of priorities and measures of action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF LAGs Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2025 	A large number of municipalities do not have local development strategies
3.5. Defining the scope of new LAGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive analysis and definition of the area of activities of new LAGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMAWMF Network of rural development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined new areas of activity for the establishment of 4 new LAGs in FBiH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2027 	In FBiH, objectively, there are conditions for the operation of a larger number of LAGs.



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