



## Agricultural Policy Forum 2021:

### *Green Agenda for the Western Balkans: Commitments and Reality Check*

20 - 21 October 2021  
Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia

#### DRAFT PROGRAM

##### Tuesday, 19 October 2021

- 17:00 On-site registration begins
- 20:00 Welcoming reception

##### Wednesday, 20 October 2021

- 09:00 – 09:10 Official address – **Mr. Branislav Nedimovic**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Serbia (TBC)
- 09:10 – 09:40 Official address and introduction to the APF 2021 objectives and the program – **Mr. Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
- Sofia Declaration commitments and challenges – **Mr. Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
- 09:40 – 10:10 Green Agenda for the WB and IPARD III implementation – **Mr. Krzysztof Sulima**, Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI
- 10:10 – 10:30 Impact of COVID-19 on agriculture, food and rural areas in the Western Balkans – **Mr. Zeljko Vasko, PhD**, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Banja Luka, BIH
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break and family photo**
- 11:00 – 11:30 Research, innovation and technology transfer in the Western Balkans – **Mr. Charalambos Kasimis, PhD**, Professor, Agricultural University, Athens, Greece
- 11:30 – 12:00 Agri-Environmental aspects of sustainable grape and wine production in the WB – **Mr. Lutz van Elk**, Expert for Wine, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany
- 12:00 – 12:30 Recent developments of LEADER approach under IPARD III – **Mr. Mariusz Legowski**, Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI



12:30 – 12:40 Introduction to the working groups topics

**12:40 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 18:00 Working groups (Coffee break 15:30 – 16:00)**

*WG1: Diversification of economic activities in rural areas through tourism (groupwork will be conducted on 18 – 19 Oct)*

*WG2: Wine and gastronomy*

*WG3: The LEADER approach in the Western Balkans*

*WG4: Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems in the Western Balkans*

**19:00 Dinner**

#### Thursday, 21 October 2021

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 Discussion and formulation of the Vrnjacka Banja Agenda 2021

12:30 – 13:00 Official closing of the Forum

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**

14:30 – 19:00 Field trip

**19:00 Dinner**

#### Friday, 15 October 2021

**Departure after breakfast**

