



Agricultural Policy Forum 2022

Agriculture and Rural Development in the context of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans: Overcoming the Impact of the Global Challenges

Working Group 3: Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems (AKIS) in the Western Balkans

Introduction

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The REAWG on AKIS

- Established in 2019 - to assess and enhance research, innovation and technology transfer capacities in the agri-food sector in the WB (JRC, DG AGRI, WeCR)
- Consolidated in Sep 2021 – as part of the Agricultural Policy Dialogue Germany – Western Balkans to:
 - Represent an “AKIS” knowledge and innovation transfer network, which brings together governments, academia, research, private sector, advisory services.
 - Develop one regional and six national policy strategic plans aiming at fostering knowledge and innovation transfer in defined topic areas.
 - Develop at least five virtual further education and communication measures for scaling up technical innovations and innovative business models





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REAWG AKIS

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Country/territory	Ministry of Agriculture	Higher education	Advisory services	Research Institute	Private sector/ Chamber of Commerce	Ministry of science
Albania	Grigor Gjeci	Edvin Zhllima (key expert)	Festim Shytaj	Aulona Veizaj	Evelina Azizaj	Liri Hajdari
BiH, state level	Renata Gavric					
FBiH, BiH	Pejo Janjic	Sabahudin Bajramovic (key expert)	Pejo Janjic	Berina Basic	Mirsad Hubanic	Damir Ravlic
Republic of Srpska, BiH	Slavica Samardzic	Zeljko Vasko (key expert)	Goran Bursać	Zeljko Lakic	Dragan Sepa	Branka Savic
Kosovo*	Nysrete Doda	Iliriana Miftari (key expert)	Rinor Qehaja		Besim Mustafa	Bujar Gallopeni
Montenegro	Milos Kusovac/Mirsad Spahic	Milan Markovic (key expert)	Miodrag Dosljak	Sanja Radonjic	Ratko Batakovic	Ivan Tomović
North Macedonia	Goce Georgievski	Association of Agricultural Economists (key experts)	Zlatko Sireta	Lazo Dimitrov	Stevan Orozovic	Ardijana Paloshi
Serbia	Jasmina Miljkovic	Tamara Paunović	Veljko Djordjevic/Vladimir Sabados/Ana Bogunovic/Mirko Vlaco	Ankica Kondic Spika/Ana Marjanovic Jeromela (key experts)	Aleksandar Bogunovic	Jelena Miocinovic

With expert's support from professor Charalambos Kasimis



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence





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Objectives of the meeting

- Present proposed **national AKIS plans**
- Present proposed **regional AKIS priorities**
- Provide **policy recommendations** for integrated and functional AKIS systems in the WBs
- Plan **next steps** for the REAWG
- Present conclusions and recommendations for **endorsement by the Forum** on 20 Oct





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Program

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14:00 – 14:15	Introduction
14:15 – 16:00	Proposed national AKIS plans (15 min per country/territory) -- National Experts
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion and feedback on the presented AKIS national plans
17:00 – 17:15	Proposed Regional AKIS plan – Mr. Charalambos Kasimis, Senior Expert
17:15 – 17:50	State of the art of advisory system and education for advisors, certification and accreditation requirements (short input from each National Expert)
17:50 – 18:00	Cooperation between public authorities and commercial sector to support farmers with advisory services: the Swedish model – Mr. Sten-Rune Lundin, Senior Adviser, Administrative Board of Dalarna, Sweden
18:00 – 18:30	Discussion and concluding remarks

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Workplan

Deliverable	Who	Timeframe/Deadline
Updated and prioritized national SWOT matrix	National Experts	10-Dec-21
Development of draft national AKIS map	National Experts	10-Dec-21
Constructed draft roadmap (list of actions) for development of functional and integrated national AKIS systems	National Experts	31-Jan-22
Prioritized actions based on: 1. importance 2. feasibility	National Experts	31-Jan-22
Feedback to the national reports	Senior Expert	20-Feb-22
First interim meeting (physical) - present national roadmaps and discussion on the formulation of the National Action Plans	All	27 - 29 March
Guidelines for the National Action Plan designation	Senior Expert	15-Apr-22
Finalized AKIS roadmaps	National Experts	30-Apr-22
First draft national AKIS plans	National Experts	30-May-22
Second interim meeting - presentation of National Action Plans and discussion on the possible options for the implementation of sectoral or thematic actions (invite German expert)	All	6 - 8 June
Provide feedback on the draft National Action Plans	Senior Expert	15-Jun-22
Defined WB regional priorities	Senior Expert	15-Jun-22
Developed draft WB regional AKIS plan	Senior Expert	30-Jun-22
Final proposed national AKIS plans	National Experts	5 Sep 2022
Finalization of the WB Regional AKIS Plan	Senior Expert	19 Sep 2022
Third interim meeting (physical) - present final national action plans and regional WB plan (endorsement by relevant authorities) and the draft actions proposed for sectoral or thematic AKIS implementation. Update of the workplan. Provide state of art on advisory system and education for advisors in each country/territory, certification and accreditation requirements.	All	19 - 20 Oct 2022 (APF 2022)
Feedback on the sectoral or thematic AKIS plans	Senior Expert	15-Nov-22
Development of one education or communication measure per country/territory for scaling up technical innovations and innovative business models with special target group: young, dynamic farmers and agri-businesses	National Experts	Nov-22
Monitoring of the implementation of the national AKIS plans	National Experts	Oct - Nov 2022
Finalization of the sectoral or thematic AKIS plans	National Experts	30-Nov-22



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Next steps - 2023

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Country/territory	Proposed action/s in 2023 (national/regional)
Albania	
BiH, Federation of BiH	
BiH, Republic of Srpska	
Kosovo*	
Montenegro	
North Macedonia	
Serbia	



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