



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 4: The role of youth in the rural development in the Western Balkans

Study on the situation and the needs of rural youth in the Western Balkan countries and territories

*Natasha Lazovska, Project Manager, SWG
Moderator*

18 - 20 October 2022
Tirana, Albania



INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

FAO tasked SWG to prepare a Study on the situation and the needs of rural youth based on a quantitative and qualitative research in the Western Balkan countries and territories (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) with the contribution of a team of researchers from:


- The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development (IAMO),
- The Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut (vTI) and
- The University of Göttingen (UGö), as well as
- WB expert researchers.

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

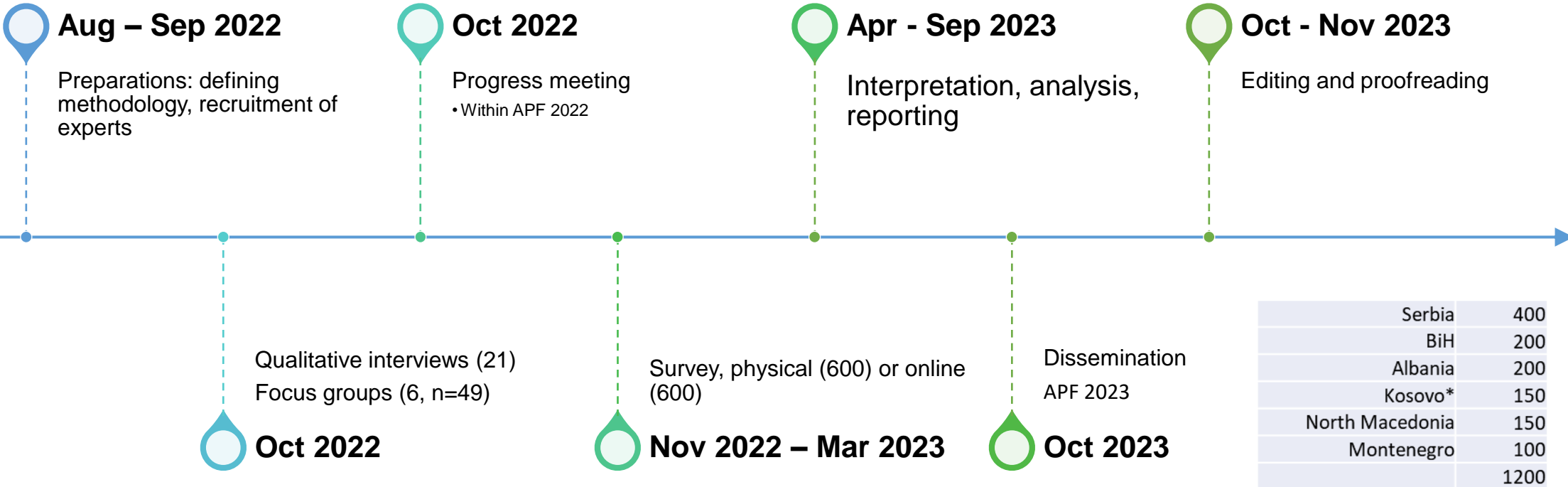
- Tour-de-table introduction of participants
- Appoint rapporteur for the group, who will report on the WG results and recommendations to be included in the Tirana 2022 Agenda.
- Minute-taker- proposing Ms. Andja Vukcevic Zoric- SWG Regional Coordinator



INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 
- **To understand the situation** of the rural youth in the WB in terms of their livelihood, personal development, business opportunities and social participation
 - **To assess the role and impact of the rural youth** in the economic, social and environmental context
 - **To discover the main drivers of rural youth outmigration** in the WB
 - **To provide policy recommendations** for enabling, encouraging, and enhancing rural youth's contribution to the rural development in the WB.

RURAL YOUTH STUDY



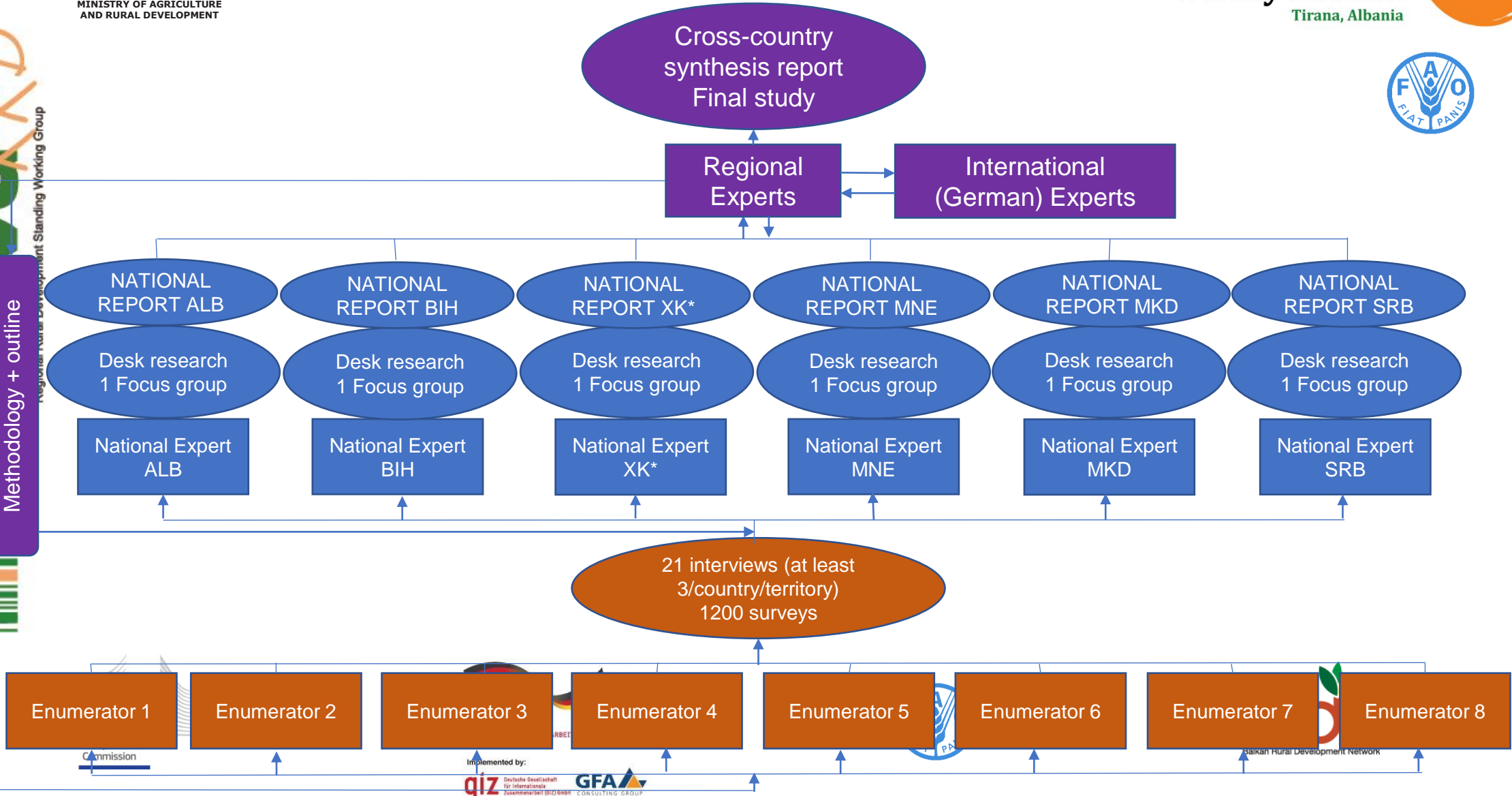
Serbia	400
BiH	200
Albania	200
Kosovo*	150
North Macedonia	150
Montenegro	100
	1200



Experts' Organization



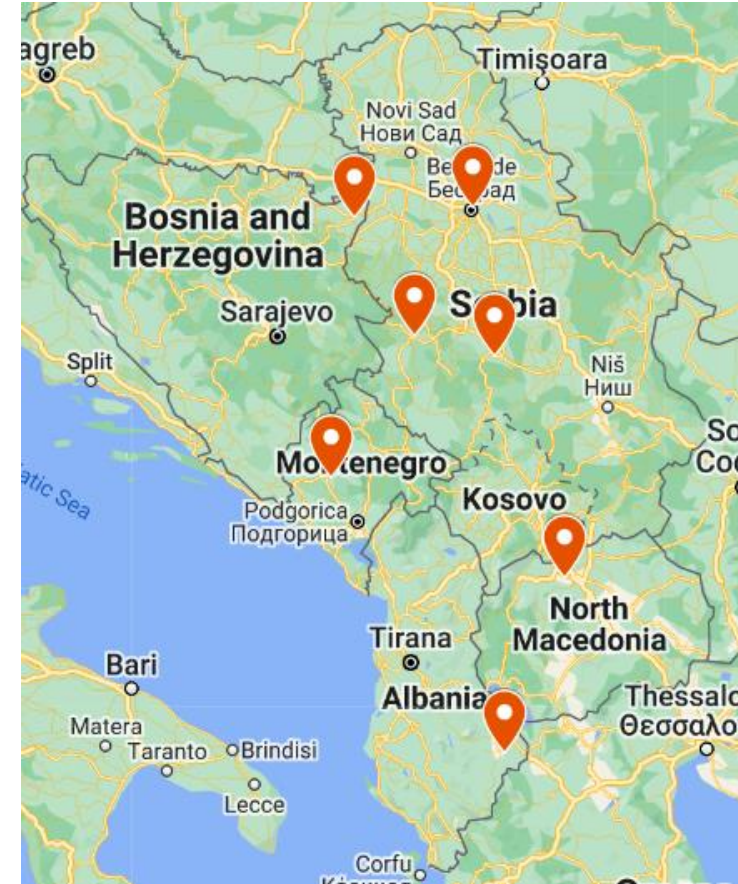
South Eastern Europe
SUEG
Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group
Methodology + outline
Methodology + software



*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

SWG Enumerators - Data collection (interviews + survey)

- Aleksandar Damnjanovic (SWG office Belgrade, Serbia)
- Andja Vukcevic – Zoric (SWG office Niksic, Montenegro)
- Danica Nesevic (SWG office Uzice, Serbia)
- Darko Konjevic (SWG office Belgrade, Serbia)
- Dusan Neskovic (SWG office Bijeljina, BiH)
- Etleva Thimo (SWG office Korca, Albania)
- Ivan Tasev (SWG office Skopje, North Macedonia)
- Predrag Markovic (SWG representative, Kraljevo, Serbia)



WB National/Regional Experts

Country/	Expert
Albania	Evelina Azizaj
BiH	Alen Mujcinovic
Kosovo*	Vlerë Krasniqi
Montenegro	Ana Velimirovic
North Macedonia	Macedonian Association of Agricultural Economists (AAEM)
Serbia	Isidora Ljumovic
Regional	AAEM



German Experts

Institution	Expert
IAMO	Judith Möllers
IAMO	Arjola Arapi-Gjini
IAMO	Thomas Dufhues
UGö	Janna Luisa Pieper
UGö	Claudia Neu
vTI	Zazie von Davier
vTI	Susanne Padel





Associated Partner



BRDN – Balkan Rural Development Network
-Associated Partner to assist with providing rural on-field contacts.



Workplan

	What	Who	When
1	Preparation of the outline for the study (Legal Guide on Land Consolidation recommended)	Regional Experts (RE), supported by International Experts (IE)	31-Aug-22
2	Define the methodology for the selection of participants for the interviews, for the focus group discussions and for the youth surveys	RE, supported by IE	31-Aug-22
3	Preparation of the guiding questions for the focus group discussions and the qualitative interviews	RE, supported by IE	2-Sep-22
4	Template for Ppt for Agricultural Policy Forum (APF) 2022 to be provided	SWG	20-Sep-22
5	Template for interview and focus group summary report to be provided	RE, supported by IE	7-Oct-22
6	Participate in a progress meeting and present the preliminary results of the study at the Agricultural Policy Forum in 2022.	All	19-Oct-22
7	Conduct 42 qualitative interviews (with at least 7 stakeholders in each country/territory)	SWG Regional Offices (RO), supported by (IE)	25-Oct-22
8	Conduct 24 focus group discussions with at least total of 168 participants in the WB (one focus group in each country/territory)	National Experts (NE)	25-Oct-22
9	Preparation of interview and focus group summary report	SWG RO, NE	30-Oct-22
10	Preparation of the questionnaires for the online and the field level youth survey	RE, supported by IE	10-Nov-22
12	Translation of the surveys in the local languages	SWG RO	15-Nov-22
13	Conduct a desk research analyzing relevant statistical data and recent publications related to youth issues as well as taking stock of all relevant policies and policy trends (e.g. IPARD policies)	National Experts (NE)	15-Nov-22
14	Prepare translated versions of online questionnaires	IE (IAMO)	20-Nov-22
15	Train the enumerators for data collection	RE, supported by IE	20-Nov-22
16	Conduct a youth survey, 600 online and 600 field	SWG RO	10-Mar-23
17	Cleaning of data	IE (IAMO)	15-Mar-23
18	First draft national reports	NE	15-Apr-23
19	Feedback to the first draft national reports	RE, supported by IE	1-May-23
20	Final draft national reports	NE	15-May-23
21	Submit the first draft of the study (in English language) - based on the national reports	RE, supported by IE	20-Jun-23
22	Final report	RE, supported by IE	31-Aug-23
23	Delivery of the final draft of the study for FAO technical clearance.	SWG	15-Sep-23
24	Disseminate the results of the study at the Agricultural Policy Forum in 2023 in the form of a high-level regional results workshop	RE	31-Oct-23
25	If needed, present the study in collaboration with IAMO, vTI and UGö at an online consultation organized by FAO.	RE	30-Nov-23
26	Editing, proofreading and design of the study based on the FAO style (Matthew Anderson recommended), and delivery of the final electronic version of the study through the FAO Publication Workflow System.	SWG	8-Dec-23



Thank you!

Natasha Lazovska, Project Manager, SWG Moderator

18 - 20 October 2022
Tirana, Albania

