

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 1: Regional cooperation on legal harmonisation and market development in the wine sector

Grape quality (and wine quality prediction) from the 2022 vintage in the specific climatic conditions in Albania

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Adopted new legal acts from June to October 2022:

- No new legal acts have been adopted on wine legislation.
- The new law is being discussed in the Committee on Production Activities, Trade and Environment. After that it can go for voting in the parliament.
- In parallel, ministerial orders on vineyard register, compulsory declaration and wine register have been prepared.

Areas of newly planted vineyards (autumn 2021/spring 2022):

- Area of newly planted vineyards for autumn 2021:

8.93 ha

- Areas of newly planted vineyards spring 2022:

84.7 ha

Climatic characteristics of the production year 2022:

- The year has been characterized by high temperatures during grape maturation and extended periods without rain.
- Occasional localized hail events have been recorded in some wine growing areas.

The amount of grapes produced in the 2022 harvest:

Around 225 000 ton

Quality of grapes of white and black wine varieties from the vintage 2022:

- Quality of grapes has shown remarkable variation between different locations and especially between vineyards with possibility of irrigation or not.
- In general the quality is good:
 - Very satisfying results in irrigated vineyards; problems in vineyards without irrigation due to high temperatures and extended drought.
 - Considerable damage in vineyards subject to hail during flowering and fruit formation.

Quantity of certified organic grapes in 2022:

- Certified organic production 6.3 ton;
- in conversion process 112.3 ton;

Prediction of the future quality of wine from the vintage 2022:

- High quality red wines are expected.
- Know-how is better found, embedded and shared between a new generation of winemakers that brings improvements in quality each year. Thus, better quality is expected.
- Knowledge is being built on autochthonous varieties with the same repercussions as above.

Presentation of import and export of vine seedlings, grapes and wine in the period January-June 2022:

Product	Export (ton)	Import (ton)
Seedlings	0.65	3.22
Grapes	21.26	62.87
Wine & vermuth	7.85	2,741.40

Overview of the progress in the drafting and adoption of regulations for wine supported by the project activities:

- Wine law pending for approval by the parliament.
- Regulation on vineyard register pending entry into force after Wine Law approval.

Root stocks material and practical modalities



Country	Who is the receiving institution?	Who is responsible head of the institution?	Who will sign the experimental growers contract?	Who takes care about custom clearance?	Who organises the phytosanitary import declarations?	Who selects and organises the proper preparation of the land?

Priorities for cooperation in 2023

- Drafting of supplementary Ministerial Orders on the framework of the Wine Law.



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