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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 Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Adopted new legal acts from June to October 2022:

At no administrative level in Bosnia and Herzegovina (state of Bosnia and Herzegovina, two entities, 10 cantons, Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina) in the period June - October 2022 was new regulation adopted for the wine sector

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

- **30 – 35 ha**, 20 ha one company (on Žitomislići microlocality)
- In the aforementioned period:
  - One (and only) **vine nursery in Bosnia and Herzegovina** sold about **95,000 seedlings** on the BiH market
  - **Imported**: around **65,000 vine seedlings**

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Climatic characteristics of the production year 2022:

- **Whole Bosnia and Herzegovina: rainy spring → extremely hot and dry summer → lofty rains in August →→→ excellent harvest in most Herzegovina wine districts**

  - **Some problems with rains and harvest in the northern BiH areas which are, however, very small part of the BiH grape and wine production**

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The amount of grapes produced in the 2022 harvest:

- Estimates from the field – About **10% smaller** grape production **than in average years**
- **The average year – cca 28,000 tons of grapes**
- Grapes produced in the 2022 harvest: **cca 25,000 tons of grapes**
  - **With or without imported grapes?**
    - **Imported grapes (estimates) ~ 3,000 – 3,500 tones**

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

- **Field data, rough estimates**
  - **Žilavka**: sugar **22 – 24%,** total acids ~ **6 g/L**
  - **Blatina**: sugar **20 – 21%,** total acids **5.0 ~ 5.5 g/L**
  - **Vranac**: sugar: 21 – 23%, total acids ~ **6.0 g/L**
  - **Cabernet Sauvignon (small production)**: sugar **22 – 24%,** total acids **6.0 – 6.5 g/L**
    - **Reds better than whites**
      - **Happy winemakers, even happier winegrowers**

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Quantity of certified organic grapes in 2022:

- **No such grapes in Bosnia and Herzegovina ... yet.**

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

- As usual ... (Bosnia and) **Herzegovina winemakers have 12 best vintages in 10 harvest years**

- However, it seems that **2022 grapes are a promising substrate for high quality wines**

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0602	0602201000	- cijepovi vinove loze, cijepljeni ili ukori	10.625	120.281	060220	
			10.625	120.281	060220	Total
0806	0806109000	- - ostalo	21.162	63.376	080610	
			21.162	63.376	080610	Total
2204	2204101100	- - - šampanjac	9.834	701.722	220410	
2204	2204101300	Cava	567	5.598	220410	
2204	2204101500	Prosecco	11.595	121.742	220410	
2204	2204109100	- - Asti spumante.	45	454	220410	
2204	2204109300	- - - ostala	3.849	39.221	220410	
2204	2204109400	- - sa zaštićenom geografskom oznakom	1.233	17.219	220410	
2204	2204109600	- - ostala sortna vina	464	9.605	220410	
2204	2204109800	- - ostala	17.192	101.804	220410	
			44.779	997.364	220410	Total
2204	2204210600	- - - - sa zaštićenom oznakom porijekla (PDO	45	319	220421	
2204	2204210700	- - - - sa zaštićenom oznakom porijekla (PDO	952	24.329	220421	
2204	2204210800	- - - - ostala sortna vina	924	10.620	220421	
2204	2204210900	- - - - ostala	5	58	220421	
2204	2204211100	- - - - - - - Alsace.	50	1.092	220421	
2204	2204211200	- - - - - - - Bordeaux	14	1.363	220421	
2204	2204211300	- - - - - - - Bourgogne (Burgundy)	261	12.193	220421	
2204	2204211700	- - - - - - - Val de Loire	95	1.552	220421	
2204	2204211800	- - - - - - - Mosel-Saar-Ruwer	23	376	220421	
2204	2204212600	- - - - - - - Toscana	50	1.470	220421	
2204	2204212700	- - - - - - - Trentino, "Alto Adige" i "Friu	99	1.681	220421	
2204	2204212800	- - - - - - - Veneto	819	5.945	220421	
2204	2204213100	Sicilia	86	739	220421	
2204	2204213200	- - - - - - - Vinho Verde	135	688	220421	
2204	2204213400	- - - - - - - Penedes	23	335	220421	
2204	2204213700	- - - - - - - Valencia	450	1.605	220421	

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

- **Import January – June 2022**

Item		Unit	Qtty
Vine seedlings		Seedling	66.500
Grapes		t	21
Wine	*220410*	*L*	*44.779*
	220421	*L*	*2.984.636*
	220422	*L*	*220.182*
	220429	*L*	*4.216*
Wine (total)		L	3.253.814

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

• Export January – June 2022

Item		Unit	Qtty
Vine seedlings		Seedling	-
Grapes		t	-
Wine	*220410*	*L*	*386*
	220421	*L*	*1,294,148*
	220422	*L*	*201,281*
	220429	*L*	*169,558*
Wine (total)		L	1,665,372

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

• Export/Import Balance January – June 2022

Item		Unit	Qtty
Vine seedlings		Seedling	-66,500
Grapes		t	-21
Wine	*220410*	*L*	*-44,393*
	220421	*L*	*-1,690,488*
	220422	*L*	*-18,964*
	220429	*L*	*+165,342*
Wine (total)		L	-1,588,442

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

- **Drafting? – One drafted and drafted and drafted...**
  - **In recent months, one has been creating exit strategies for BiH state and entities' institutions if they cannot agree on a single framework sectoral legislation at the state (BiH) level + supplementary legislation at entity levels**
- **Adoption? – Not so many activities on adoption (snail slow progress re. state (BiH) Wine Law – still in ministerial procedures)**

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Root stocks material and practical modalities

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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?
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1. Univeristy of Sarajevo (2) (Federal Agromediterranian Institute)	1. Prof. dr Rifat Škrijelj (rector), prof. dr Muhamed Brka (dean) (2) (Prof. dr Marko Ivanković, director)	1. Prof. dr Rifat Škrijelj (rector), prof. dr Muhamed Brka (dean) (2) (Prof. dr Marko Ivanković, director)	1. Univeristy of Sarajevo (most probably)	To be discussed and decided	1. Prof. dr Mersija Delic (Winegrowing cathedra) (2) (Marijo Leko, dipl. ing.)

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Priorities for cooperation in 2023

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- Comparative analysis – study – of current **sectoral legislations in 6 countries of the Western Balkans**; assessment of their **mutual compliance and assessment of their compliance with current sectoral legislation in the EU**
- Creation of instructions – a **practical guide** for producers (vintners and winemakers) **re. sustainable viticulture and winemaking**
- Specific BiH priority(ies) – to be **checked** with the **responsible state and entities' institutions**

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