

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 harmonization and market development in the wine sector

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

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Adopted new legal acts from June to October 2022:

- By this reporting period, we have made progress on the legislative agenda planned for this year.
- The Law on Spirit Drinks was approved (by National Assembly) and entered into force from July.
- Law on Spirits prepared according to Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European parliament and of the Council

In this period, the A.I.06/2022- for verification of agricultural products and foodstuffs was also approved.

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

- From last fall to spring, 25.66 ha of vineyards were planted.
- While "Grubbing up" of vineyards in this period was recorded 24.62 ha.
- The high cost of annual expenses and the low price of grapes will affect the future of the Sector.

Climatic characteristics of the production year 2022:

- Climatic conditions for the 2022 wine production have been relatively good.
- Sufficient sunny days, with little presence of diseases and pests.
- The early varieties are well ripened and have rich organoleptic properties.
- The middle of September and the beginning of October were followed by heavy rains.
- This situation affected the rotting of part of the grapes.

The amount of grapes produced in the 2022 harvest:

- Declaration is still on proces until 10 December.
- After the September rains, a yield drop of 15% is expected.
- The projected grape for 2022 is expected to be 19,125,000 kg.

Quantity of certified organic grapes in 2022:

- We do not yet have certified organic grapes;
- Currently, 37 ha are in the conversion phase;
- Since these vineyards are young, two and three years old, the yield will be 35 - 40% of the planned yield, but declaration is still on process until 10 December.

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

- The processing of early varieties such as Chardonnay, Riesling Rhine, Italian Riesling and Pino Noir is done in very favorable conditions that also present a high potential for quality wines and high quality wines.
- The rain during September and the beginning of October affected the late varieties with high humidity, which also resulted in premature harvest for the Prokupe, Vranç and Smederevka cultivars.

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

Import		Export	
January - October 2022			
seedlings	-	seedlings	-
grapes	1,195,875 kg	grapes	284,575 kg
wine	547,587 liter	wine	5,639, 873 liter

source: Kosova Customs

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

- In line with the specific schemes under the CMO, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development started to draft new Law on Wine.
- The Draft Law on wine will take into account the basic Regulations (1308/2013; 2117/2021 and the Delegated Regulations 934/2019; 33/2019; 273/2018; and 251/2014 on aromatized wines.
- The Draft Law will approximate and harmonize the procedures in accordance with the above regulations.

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?
Kosova	MAFRD Kosova	MAFRD D.V&W	General Secretary MAFRD	MAFRD &Custom D.V&W	MAFRD Phytosanitary Inspection	MAFRD D.V&W

Priorities for cooperation in 2023

- ✓ We will cooperate with all the countries of the Western Balkans to affirm and promote the role for common issues related to Viticulture and Winemaking
- ✓ The work on the approximation and harmonization of the legislation will continue;
- ✓ To continue the work in the Ministry with the procedures for the approval of the Law on Wine and aromatized wines;
- We will request from METI to evaluation of the applications for Designations of Protected Origin and Protected Geographical Indicators
 - "Suhareka Wines«
 - "Prizreni Wines»
 - "Gjakova Wines«
 - "Malisheva Wines"





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