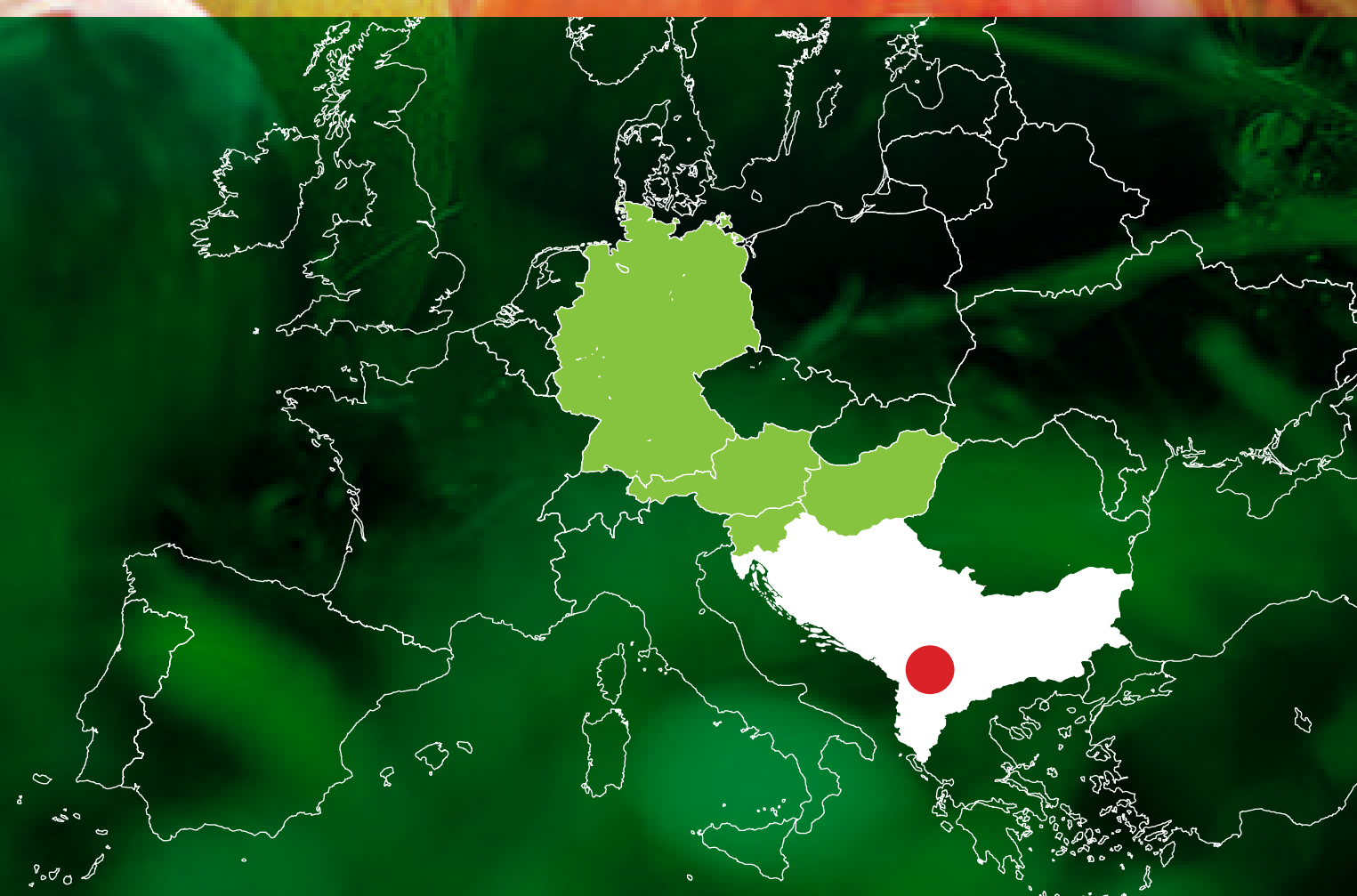


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MAIN ISSUES

- Discussion for the Area Based Development in the cross-border rural areas of the Western Balkans within the framework of territorial and regional cooperation
- Discussions on the Balkan Rural Development Network in South Eastern Europe and way ahead
- Debate on Rural development by sustainable water resource and forest management in South Eastern Europe



HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation on the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform outlined the process and focused on the main changes in the policy.

Focusing on the Agriculture and rural development assistance under IPA 2014-2020 (IPARD), the Forum was informed about the main forthcoming changes compared to the current IPA, including the legal architecture of IPA II and the main principles of IPARD.

While preparing for IPA II and adopting to the new CAP 2014-2020, SWG members should intensify their efforts in streamlining their agricultural and rural development policies with the requirements of the aquis.

Given the strategic priorities regarding the "Greening" of EU Policies and Programmes, the Forum directed its discussions towards the Green Economy in the context of sustainable development as the main outcome from the Rio + 20 process.

