

Agricultural Policy Forum 2018

Agricultural Policy:
Determinant of the Regional
Rural Development and
EU Perspectives of SEE

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Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

PARTICIPANTS

- ✓ 170 attendees
- ✓ 15 countries/territories
- ✓ Public institutions, universities and research institutes, private sector, international organizations, farmers, civil society organizations, chambers.

HIGHLIGHTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- Agricultural policies must have a long-term orientation and should apply the principles of evidence-based policymaking, in line with EU principles.
- To improve the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies there is a need for a coherent legal framework, enhanced institutional capacities and active cooperation among all stakeholders.
- Measures should be introduced to help improve the competitiveness of small farms and rural businesses.
- Diversifying economic activities in rural areas would increase economic performance, especially emphasizing the agri-food production and rural tourism.
- Agrobiodiversity is an issue of great importance, which needs special attention also in the agri-environment policies.
- With the aim of improving the agricultural land market and to increase the small farms' access to land, a well-defined land policy is needed.
- The SEE countries should further strengthen regional cooperation in the area of agriculture and rural economy using the existing regional platforms such as SWG, with the aim of improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of the rural areas and smoother EU accession.
- All of the above would contribute to reducing depopulation of the rural areas.

MAIN TOPICS

- Agricultural policy developments in SEE
- EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform
- The trends of the agri-food trade policies in the EU
- Diversification of economic activities and digitalization in the rural areas
- Land market and small farms' access to land
- Application of the Agri-Environment Policy in SEE
- Rural depopulation, migration and development
- Good practices in the meat processing sector in Western Balkans



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