Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

24th – 26th OCTOBER Agricultural 2023 Policy Forum Podgorica, Montenegro

South Eastern Europe SWG RRD Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group

Agricultural Policy Forum 2023

Towards Climate Adaptation Partnership in Southeast Europe

24 - 26 October 2023
Podgorica, Montenegro

PROGRAM

Tuesday, 24 October 2023	
17:00	On-site registration begins
20:00	Welcoming reception

Wednesday, 25 October 2023	
09:00 – 09:10	Official address – **Mr. Vladimir Jokovic**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Montenegro
09:10 – 09:20	Official address and introduction to the APF 2023 objectives and the program – **Mr. Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
09:20 – 09:40	EU Green Deal, sustainability food system and IPARD opportunities - **Mr. Krzysztof Sulima,** Neighborhood, Enlargement and Pre-accession assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI – online address
09:40 – 09:55	Towards Preparation of a Climate Adaptation Partnership – **Ms. Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska, PhD**, Professor, Head of Institute of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food – Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje
09:55 – 10:15	Policy Accelerating Organic Production and Market Breakthroughs: Lessons from Denmark and EU – **Mr. Paul Holmbeck**, World Board Member, IFOAM – Organics International, Director Organic Denmark (1995-2020)
10:15 – 10:30	Regional Soil Partnership – **Mr. Mirko Knezevic, PhD**, Professor, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Montenegro
10:30 – 11:00	***Coffee break and family photo***
11:00 – 11:20	Sustainable Forest Management in the Western Balkans – **Mr. Nenad Petrovic**, **PhD**, Professor, Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, Serbia

11:20 – 11:40	State of the Art of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Standards in SEE Region - **Ms. Ivana Dulic Markovic, PhD**, SEEDEV – Agricultural Consultancy, Director, Republic of Serbia
11:40 – 12:00	Situation and Needs of Rural Youth in the Western Balkans - **Ms. Emelj Tuna, PhD**, Professor, Association of Agricultural Economists of North Macedonia
12:00 – 12:20	LEADER Approach in the Western Balkans – **Ms. Evelina Azizaj**, National Coordinator, Albanian Network for Rural Development
12:20 – 12:30	Introduction to the working groups topics
12:30 – 14:00	***Lunch***
14:00 – 18:00	**Working groups (Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30)** *WG1: Regional Soil Partnership* *WG2: Agricultural Policy Developments* *WG3: Organic agricultural production*
19:00	***Dinner***

Thursday, 26 October 2023

09:00 – 09:20	Presentation of working group results WG 1
09:20 – 09:40	Presentation of working group results WG 2
09:40 – 10:00	Presentation of working group results WG 3
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	***Coffee Break***
11:00 – 12:30	Formulation of the Podgorica Agenda 2023
12:30 – 12:45	Official closing of the Forum
12:45 – 14:30	***Lunch***
15:30 – 19:00	Field trip
19:00	***Dinner***

Friday, 27 October 2023

Departure after breakfast