

Working group 4: Berlin Process: Political and Policy Dialogue

Concluding remarks

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Main Purpose of the WG



The Working Group focused on advancing regional dialogue on the European integration of the Western Balkans within the framework of the Berlin Process, while addressing emerging challenges related to food security, food sovereignty, and rural resilience. Particular attention was given to generational renewal in rural areas and the need to strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms that contribute to sustainable agricultural and rural development.

The discussions aimed to formulate recommendations for the forthcoming Berlin Process activities and contribute to the development of the Prishtina Agenda 2026.

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Key Assets/Opportunities



- Strong regional commitment to EU integration and Berlin Process objectives.
- Planned milestones: SWG Assembly (09–12 September, Ohrid) and Ministerial Meeting (30 September, Belgrade).
- Growing recognition of food security as a strategic regional priority.
- EFSCM provides a relevant model for preparedness, early warning, and crisis coordination.
- Opportunities to connect generational renewal with rural development, innovation, and local services.
- Potential involvement of municipalities, ministries, academia, youth organisations, and private sector actors.

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Key Barriers

- Continued depopulation and ageing of rural areas.
- Limited attractiveness of agriculture as a standalone career path for young people.
- Uneven availability of rural services and infrastructure.
- Lack of coordinated methodology for addressing generational renewal.
- Need for stronger cross-sectoral cooperation between agriculture, rural development, education, and local governance.
- Vulnerability of regional food systems to climate, market, and geopolitical shocks.



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Ways Forward

- Establish a dedicated Working Group on Generational Renewal and prepare a common methodology.
- Conduct a structured regional consultation before finalising the methodology.
- Ensure active participation of young people in policy design and implementation.
- Integrate rural services and local development measures into generational renewal policies.
- Explore WB cooperation with EFSCM-related mechanisms for food security preparedness.
- Strengthen regional monitoring, information exchange, and crisis-response coordination.
- Include recommendations in the Prishtina Agenda 2026 and prepare follow-up actions for the Berlin Process Summit.



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