

Traveling Workshop: Empowering Rural Stakeholders

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organized in co-operation with
Standing Working Group for Rural Development in the Western
Balkans and the PREPARE Partnership for Rural Europe

Venue:

Hotel Podgorica ****
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Aim of the meeting :

The governments of the Western Balkan Region and Turkey are engaged in an intensive and demanding work in preparation for accession to the European Union. The Common Agriculture Policy, including rural development, plays an important role in this process. Pre-accession support programmes are being implemented in this field and have a major impact on rural economies and societies.

Besides the specific support for farmers, the development of the wider rural economies plays a significant role in preparing rural populations for opportunities to shape their own future. Especially the empowerment of rural people to participate in designing their rural development projects in local action groups is vital for innovation and integration of the various sectors and stakeholders.

The LEADER method has proven to be a major success story in mobilizing rural stakeholders for cooperation on a local and sub-regional level and in building good relations between administrations and the key actors in rural development. National and European rural networks, including LEADER, PREPARE and others have shared their experiences since many years and are increasingly present and active in the region. They have always emphasized, and sought, to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between governments and stakeholders, and partnerships between public, private and civil sectors at sub-regional level. They have also stressed, and demonstrated through their own programmes, the value of international exchange and face-to-face contacts among all involved and the reality check which can be provided by exchange of experiences and networking.

This event is jointly initiated by the Standing Working Group for Rural Development in the Western Balkans and the PREPARE Partnership for Rural Europe, with the support of TAIEX.

It has a dual objective:

First, it seeks to raise awareness among all rural development stakeholders, in particular local action groups, of the opportunities and means for involvement and cooperation in relevant policy and decision making at a national level.

Second, it will draw the attention of national administrations and decision-makers to the importance of having structured means for involving stakeholders, and in particular the local actors in rural areas, in designing and implementing agricultural and rural development policies.

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Travel day: Sunday 30 March 2014

Arrival of the participants to Montenegro / Podgorica (Airport Podgorica)

Day 1 : Monday 31 March 2014

Time	Group I	Time	Group II
09:00	Briefing of the group in Hotel Podgorica		
09:30	Departure of the groups		
10:15 -11:00	Visiting the cheese production. "Čevo – Katunjanka" (Mr. Vlado Vukotić)- Danilovgrad	10:15-11:00	Visit to the honey producer Lidija Martinović-Cetinje
12:00-13:00	Visit to Household Dragice Mirjačić (production cornel - Cornus mas), Bršno/Nikšić	11:00-12:00	Visit (tour) Old Royal Capital Cetinje
13:15-14:30	Lunch Break – Joint lunch in hotel Maršal-Nikšić with the president of municipality and presentation of LEADER approach	12:45-13:30	Visiting mushroom producer Emica Bogdanović-Podgorica
15.00-16:00	Visits to organic farms and apple brandy production (Mr. Rajko Pavličević) Rastovac/Nikšić	14:00-15:30	Lunch break, Presentation of agriculture in the municipality of Podgorica with the representatives of Municipality
16:30-17:30	Visit to a dairy farm (a good example of using MIDAS funds to support rural development). The hosts are young farmers (Family Pantović)	16:00-17:00	Visit to vinery Rajković (Kuči) Podgorica
19:30	Dinner and overnight in Nikšić	19:30	Dinner and overnight in Kolašin

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Day 2 : Tuesday 1 April 2014

Time	Group I	Time	Group II
08:30	Departure from Nikšić	08:30	Departure from Kolašin
09:15-10:00	Visit of the nursery Mr. Veselin Jovović, Danilovgrad	10:00-11:00	Visit to producer Vučko Pešić - Tomaševo
10:30-12:00	Visiting Plantaže (vine cellar, orchard)	11:30-12:30	Visit to farm Taurus (beef fattening) - Pavino Polje
12:30-13:30	Visit to greenhouse/open field vegetables production Gjon Dedvukaj (Tuzi)	12:30-13:30	Visit to dairy Milka - Pavino Polje and Ivan Medojević - Tomaševo
14:00-15:00	Lunch Break in Virpazar	14:00-15:30	Lunch break in Etno Village Vuković- Tomaševo
15:30-16:30	Visit to the organic honey producer Marjan Plantak-Virpazar	15:30	Going back to Podgorica
17:30	Arriving to Podgorica	17:30	Arriving to Podgorica

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Day 3: Tuesday 2 April 2014

Venue: Hotel Podgorica, Podgorica

09:00-10:30	Summarising of the findings during the travelling workshops and preparation of PPP (the 2 groups work separately)
10:30-11:00	Registration of participants
11:00-11:15	Opening of event: welcome by the Chair, TAIEX, SWG, PREPARE
11.15-11:25	Welcome by the Minister of Agriculture (TBC)
11:25-12:00	Presentation of report by the first traveling workshop - General discussion
12:00-12:20	Coffee break
12:20-13:00	Presentation of report by the second traveling workshop - General discussion
13:00-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:20	Sharing of experiences in public/civil partnership in EU Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three case studies presented by experts, 10 minutes each.• Questions and discussion
15:20-16:00	Panel discussion
16:00-16:20	Coffee break
16:20-17:00	Concluding discussion, focused on implications for policy and action within the country and on issues to be raised at the multinational conference to be held on April in Brussels.
17:00	Closing of the event

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