



TAIEX/Local Administration Facility Seminar on Rural Development

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**Regional Rural Development
Standing Working Group (SWG)**

and

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Venue : Committee of the Regions

Day 1 and 3: room JDE 53

Bâtiment Jacques Delors, rue Belliard 99-101

Day 2: room VM1, rue van Maerlant 2

Brussels,

17 - 19 September 2014

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Enlargement

Aim of the meeting :

The aim of this seminar is to present to local and regional authorities from the Western Balkans and Turkey the EU policy on rural development.

In those countries rural areas face numerous structural and socio-economic problems, to which solutions can be found in the framework of EU rural development policy and the CAP. To increase the productivity and the employability of people in regions, and in particular in rural areas, the close participation of local actors has been identified as a key factor. A territorial approach to rural development requires among others the empowerment of regional and local authorities. They also play an important role in meeting the requirements for EU accession in the field of rural development.

Next to general information about the functioning and decision-making of the EU, this study tour will also cover the EU policy on rural development, in particular: Council Decision 2009/61/EC of 19 January 2009 amending Decision 2006/144/EC on the Community strategic guidelines for rural development; Commission Decision 2008/168/EC of 20 February 2008 setting up the organisational structure for the European Network for Rural Development; Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005; Council Regulation (EC) No. 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy, Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

This seminar will be organized in cooperation with the Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG). Participants will be introduced to umbrella organizations working in the field of rural development to exchange views and best practices with their counter parts in Member States.

The target audience of 35-45 participants will consist of elected representatives and senior administrative staff from municipalities (5 to 7 participants per beneficiary). The participants will be selected by the EU Delegations / European Union Office in Pristina.

Beneficiary :

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo², Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia³

²KS=Kosovo*; this designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

³the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Provisional code that does not prejudice in any way the definitive nomenclature for this country, which will be agreed following the conclusion of negotiations currently taking place under the auspices of the United Nations.

Day 1 : Wednesday 17 September 2014

Chair: Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

09:15	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>
09:30	Round of table: brief verbal presentation and country presentations (5-7 minutes for each country)
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	The EU institutions and decision-making process Mr Daniel HACHEZ , Head of Institution Building Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	A renewed instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPARD II) Mr Marius LAZDINIS , Pre-accession assistance for agriculture, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
14:30	Questions & Answers
14:45	Preparation and Implementation of Local Development Strategies - LEADER Approach Ms Christine FALTER , Consistency of rural development Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
15:15	Questions & Answers
15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00	Empowering rural stakeholders – the results of the Traveling Workshops Mr Dieter GOERTZ , DG Enlargement, European Commission Mr Hans Martin LORENZEN , European Parliament (<i>tbc</i>) Mr Boban ILIC , SWG Secretary General
17:15	Closing of Day 1

Day 2 : Thursday 18 September 2014

Chair: Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

09:00	Key challenges for the implementation of European rural development policy in Western Balkan countries Dr Luka JUVANČIČ , University of Ljubljana
09:45	Questions & Answers
10:00	IPARD in Croatia: focus on LEADER experience Ms Višnja JELIĆ MÜCK , Croatian Rural Development Network - HMRR
10:45	Questions & Answers
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	Facilitating rural economy development - a role of local administration (and other stakeholders) Ms Suzana ĐORĐEVIĆ MILOŠEVIĆ , Standing Working Group (SWG)
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	LEADER and Civil Society Potential as a Third Sector Source for Sustainable Development Mr Ryan HOWARD , South & East Cork Area Development (SECAD), Ireland
14:45	Questions & Answers
15:00	The potential of European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) for rural development Mr Alfonso Alcolea MARTINEZ , Subsidiary and Networks, Committee of the Regions, Committee of the Regions
15:45	Questions & Answers
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30	Work and functioning of the Committee of the Regions Mr Klaus HULLMANN , Directorate Communication, Press and Protocol, Committee of the Regions
17:15	Closing of Day 2

Day 3 : Friday 19 September 2014

Chair: Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

09:00	Local Activity Groups (LAGs) for complex development of rural areas – best practice from MS Mr Grzegorz ORAWIEC , Regional Development Department, Marshall Office of Swietokrzyskie Region, Poland
09:45	Questions & Answers
10:00	Application of Area Based Development (ABD) Approach in the rural border areas in the WB countries Ms Irena DJIMREVSKA , Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group
10:45	Questions & Answers
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30	EU Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: building ‘rural resilience’ in times of rapid change Mr Mark REDMAN , Highclere Consulting SRL, Romania
12:15	Questions & Answers
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	The role of Rural Networks as effective tools to promote rural development Mr Matthias LANGEMEYER , Unit "European Network and Monitoring of Rural Development Policy", DG for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
14:45	Questions & Answers
15.00	LAF and TAIEX: visibility aspects Ms Marisa Sánchez BELLERÍN , Institution Building Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission
15:15	Feedback and closing session of the event
16:00	End of seminar

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