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Ministry of Agriculture and Food



## Eighth Annual Working Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture 2014

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria

### PROGRAMME

#### Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

20:00 Arrival of participants  
Accommodation in the **Hotel Boyana Residence Sofia**  
Welcoming reception at **Hotel Boyana Residence Sofia** hosted by the **SWG**

#### Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

09:00 - 09:40 Opening Ceremony and Introduction

**H.E. Desislava Taneva, Minister**  
Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Republic of Bulgaria

**Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General**  
Head Office/ Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG)

09:40 - 09:50 Handover of the Presidency of the SWG from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental protection of the Republic of Serbia to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Bulgaria

09:50 - 10:20 Key note speech  
"EU pre-accession assistance in the field of agriculture and rural development (IPARD) under IPA 2014-2020"  
**Mr. Gerard Kiely, Head of Unit**  
Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

10:20 – 10:50 Conclusions from the Agricultural Policy Forum for South East European Countries 2014 and Streamlining of agriculture and rural development policies of SEE countries for EU accession  
**Mr. Kaj Mortensen, International Consultant**



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- 10:50 – 11:20 Strategic outlines of the future regional cooperation in the South Eastern Europe in the agro and food sector within the SWG framework  
**Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General**  
Head Office/ Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG)
- 11:20 – 12:00 Group photo  
Statements for the press  
**Coffee Break**
- 12:00 – 14:30 Addresses of the Ministers and Head of Delegations from the Ministries of Agriculture from South Eastern Europe by alphabetical order and Addresses of the International Organizations (FAO, GIZ, RCC)
- 14:30– 16:00 **Lunch break**
- 16:00 – 16:20 Presentation of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Balkan countries in the field of sustainable forest management and protection  
**Mr. Lubcho Trichkov, Director**  
“Projects and International Activities” Directorate
- 16:20 – 16:40 Supporting the European agri-food chain and the rural economy”  
**Dr. Harald Jahn, Head of Division**  
Natural Resources & Agro-industry, Projects Directorate  
European Investment Bank
- 16:40 – 17:00 Final Discussions and Conclusions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Working Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture from South Eastern Europe
- 17:00 – 19:30 Bilateral Meetings between the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE  
  
Refreshment: **Coffee**
- 20:00 Official Dinner hosted by **H.E. Desislava Taneva, Minister**  
Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Republic of Bulgaria



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**Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

10:00 – 12:30	Presentation of the Local Action Group Yablanitsa – Pravetz under LEADER Approach
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 17:00	Presentation of good practices, implemented projects under Rural Development Programme 2007-2013

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Departure of participants