

South Eastern Europe



Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group

Kick off Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group on LEADER on the

“Assessment of the application on LEADER approach in the Western Balkan countries”

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SWG Working Groups (Expert Advisory Groups)

ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT

- Temporary character - mobilized/disbanded upon a specific need expressed by SWG Member institutions and/or other stakeholders – sectoral approach;
- Included in the SWG and the SWG annual work program;
- Facilitated, managed or sometimes chaired by SWG staff;
- Financing – on a project basis or through funds from the SWG membership fees.

SWG Working Groups (Expert Advisory Groups)

STRUCTURE

- Comprised of experts assigned by the Member institutions (and) representatives of other partners/ stakeholders' institution;
- Organized on voluntary basis;
- Participation is not a professional occupation.

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ROLE, TASKS

- Support the SWG in development /implementation of specific activities;
- Provide discussion platform for EU related issues;
- Provide networking possibilities for Ministry representatives and other stakeholders in different agriculture sectors and rural development;
- Prepare progress reports submitted to the SWG Secretariat and integrated into the SWG Annual Report;
- Conduct their tasks in accordance with the SWG rules expressed in the Code of Conduct.

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STRUCTURE

- 1 (one) Ministry Representative – representative from the Managing Authority in the respective countries/territories expert dealing on issue on LEADER Approach;
- 1 (one) LEADER Expert – representative from Academia or Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) or National Rural Networks in the respective countries/territories;
- Balkan Rural Development Network – representatives from the National Rural Networks as a resource network (consultative, advise and source of information)

Objective

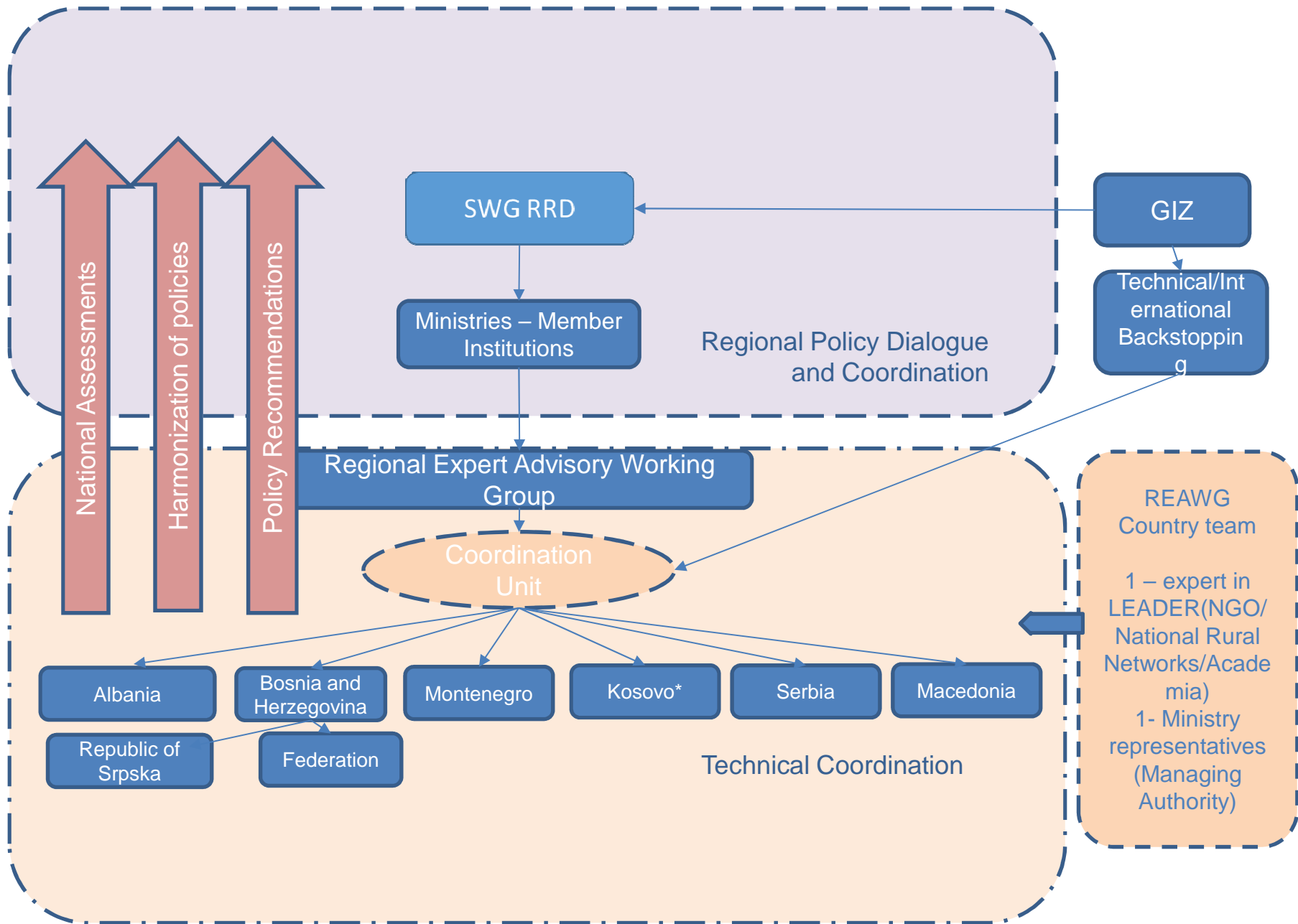
OBJECTIVE:

- to improve the understanding of the importance for application of LEADER approach in the Western Balkan countries;
- to develop regional approach for socioeconomic development of the rural areas;
- to improve mainstreaming of the LEADER approach and introduction of LEADER monitoring and implementation;

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EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- To assess the relevant policy frameworks;
- To assess the recent history of LEADER-like community-led initiatives and the conclusions to be drawn regarding the social, cultural and economic preconditions for such actions;
- To provide policy recommendations to the Western Balkan countries for improved mainstreaming of the LEADER approach and introduction of LEADER implementation and monitoring;
- Conducting a study/regional report on the importance of the application of LEADER approach for the Western Balkan countries





Thank You!!!

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