

Agro-Biodiversity in South-East Europe

Project Overview

The regional project: Rural Development through Integrated Forest and Water Resources Management in Southeast Europe (LEIWW) includes the countries/territories Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. LEIWW is a joint project of the Standing Working Group for Regional Rural Development in South Eastern Europe (SWG RRD) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Objective

The overall aim of the project is to strengthen regional capacities for rural development and natural resources management in Southeast Europe.

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| Project name | Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management in Southeast Europe (LEIWW) |
| Commissioned by | Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (BMZ) |
| Project region | Southeast Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia |
| Lead executing agency | Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South-East Europe (SWG) |
| Duration | 01.01.2015 - 31.12.2017 |

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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One of the main objectives of the LEIWW project is to contribute to the development of evidence-based policies relevant for rural development. Conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources

in agriculture (agro-biodiversity) are essential for sustainable development of agricultural production, adaptation to climate change and the socioeconomic development of rural areas.

National and regional policy assessments and gap analysis are carried out in order to provide policy recommendations for EU compliant policy development processes.

Expected results:

- Methodology and regional approach for the assessment of the status of genetic resources in agriculture, trends of agro-biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in Southeast Europe;
- Assessment and evaluation of the relevant policy and institutional frameworks and provision of policy recommendations;
- Identification of gaps and necessary reform priorities for the harmonization of policies with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), NATURA 2000, EU Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity action plan for Agriculture, Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources, Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources and Convention for Biodiversity (CBD);
- Identification of key challenges requiring policy interventions;
- Development of policy recommendations to assist the EU accession process;
- Presentation of examples, lessons learned and practices from conservation and sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources.

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