

**“NATIONAL POLICY INSTRUMENTS AND  
EU APPROXIMATION PROCESS: EFFECTS  
ON FARM HOLDINGS IN THE WESTERN  
BALKAN COUNTRIES (EUEWB)”**

update Apr – Aug 2017

# Progress update

- ✓ Country reports on agriculture and rural development policy development – **task completed**
- ✓ Synthesis report on direct support schemes of the WB countries – **task completed**

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# Progress update

## Farm level analysis as alternative of FADN

### Countries which have FADN data

- **Serbia:** Productivity of arable farms in Serbia – **completed**
- **Macedonia:** Productivity of vegetables farms in Macedonia - **completed**

### Countries which do not have FADN data

- **Albania:** Plot analysis of determinants of productivity of Albanian farms - **completed**
- **Kosovo\*:** Effects of irregular migration flow (2014-2015) on agricultural productivity in Kosovo\* - **completed**
- **Republika Sprska, Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Farm productivity based on FADN type of data) – **completed**

\*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.



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# Progress update

- Final report published in English
- Presentation of research papers on farm productivity at JRC in Seville, June 2017.



# Way forward

- Responded to two JRC tender invitations:
  - Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkan Countries (APDAP-WB) – 16.08.2017
  - Land Market development and Small Farms' Access to Land in the Pre-Accession Countries (LMSF-AC) – 21.08.2017

# APDAP-WB

**Overall objective:** to strengthen cooperation among research community and policy experts in the WB in order to create an effective and scientifically sound **support to policy decision-making** in the area of agriculture and rural development.

**Specific objectives:**

- **Collect information** on most recent developments of agricultural policy in the WB countries;
- Provide a **comparative cross-country analysis** of the agricultural policy instruments and support levels for producers and processors;
- Provide an analysis on the state of **harmonization** of agriculture and rural development policies of the WB countries with the CAP.

**Duration:** 12 months

**Budget:** 100.000 EUR

**Organization:**

- One agro-economist from each country/territory
- Coordination by the Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana
- SWG delegates invited to the meetings

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# LMSF-AC

(approved 06.09.2017, final stage of contracting)

**Overall objective:** to strengthen the understanding of the **functioning of land markets** in the WBs and **small farm households' access** to land.

**Specific objectives:**

- Collect information and data about **rental and sale markets** in the WB countries
- Collect information about formal rental and sale market **regulations** in WB countries
- Conduct **focused group discussion** with relevant stakeholders to identify factors affecting the functioning of land market (including informal norms) with special focus on small farm households' access to land
- Analyse the implications of formal regulations and informal norms on **small farm households' access to land**.

**Duration:** 11 months

**Budget:** 50.000 EUR

**Organization:**

- One agro-economist from each country/territory
- Coordination by the Institute of Agriculture of Slovenia
- SWG delegates invited to the meetings