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Workshop on IPARD calls implementation

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Venue:
“Laki Hotel & Spa” Ohrid, Macedonia

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Aim of the meeting :

To exchange experiences on challenges encountered, how they were solved in the respective IPARD I countries and how the IPARD II countries can derive good practices from that for future calls, which they will soon launch.

Wednesday 7 February 2018

Time	Topic
10:15-10:30	Opening by Mr. Liam Breslin and Mr. Boban Ilic
10:30-12:30	<p style="color: red;">Moderator Mr. Dick van Dijk</p> <p style="color: red;">Topic: Before receiving the project applications - stage 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Statistics concerning calls</u> 2) <u>Informing potential recipients</u> 3) <u>Training of advisory services/consultants</u> 4) <u>The call for applications</u> 5) <u>Good practices/efficiency gains</u> <p>Speakers: Mr. Saša BUKOVAC, Assistant director of the Paying Agency (HR) Ms. Şerife KONTOĞLU, General coordinator in the IPARD Agency (TR)</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00	<p style="color: red;">Moderator Mr. Marius Lazdinis</p> <p>15 minute contributions/reflections/by country (joint IPARD Agency/MA input) on stage 1</p> <p>Albania (14:00-14:15) AL – Mr. Frida Krifca, Director General of the Agency for Agricultural and Rural Development and Mr. Grigor Gjeci, Head of Managing Authority</p> <p>Montenegro (14:15-14:30) ME – Mr. Blagota Radulovic, Director General of the Directorate for Payments and MR. Darko Konjevic, Director General/Head of Managing Authority</p> <p>Macedonia (14.30-14: 45) MK – Mr. Nikolce Babovski, Head of IPARD Agency and Ms. Biljana Kostovska, Head of Managing Authority</p> <p>Serbia (14.45-15:00) RS - Zarko Radat, Director at Directorate for agrarian payments and Mr. Zoran</p>

	<p>Janjatovic, Assistant Minister</p> <p>Covering at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the (multi-annual) plan for the calls? - For which aspects of stage 1 is the country well prepared? - Where are the main remaining challenges? - What is needed to tackle the challenges?
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:00	<p>Moderator Mr. Liam Breslin</p> <p>Topic: Avoidance of irregularities during the 'stages 1 and 2'</p> <p>By Mr. Peter Baader, DG AGRI</p>
17:00-17:30	<p>Joint reflection/collecting of feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the key lessons from today?
19:30	Joint Dinner

Thursday 8 February 2018

Time	Topic
09:15 -11:00	<p>Moderator Mr. Boban Ilic</p> <p>Topic: Assessment of project applications and contracting - stage 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Assessment and evaluation at the IPARD Agency</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. check business plan b. check reasonableness of project costs c. check "artificial conditions" d. ... 2) <u>Verification 'on-the-spot'</u> 3) <u>Contracting and contract amendment</u> 4) <u>Good practices/efficiency gains</u> <p>Speakers: Ms. Şerife KONTOĞLU, General coordinator in the IPARD Agency (TR) Mr. Saša BUKOVAC, Assistant director of the Paying Agency (HR)</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:15	<p>Moderator Ms. Bogdanka Gjorshoska</p> <p>20-minute contributions/reflections from Albania and Montenegro on stage 2 (IPARD Agency input)</p> <p>Albania (11:30-11:50) Ms. Frida Krifca, Director General of the Agency for Agricultural and Rural Development (AL)</p> <p>Montenegro (11:50-12:10) Mr. Blagota Radulovic, Director General of the Directorate for Payments (MNE)</p> <p>Covering at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For which aspects of stage 2 is the country well prepared? - Where are the main remaining challenges? - What is needed to tackle the challenges?
12:15-13:30	Lunch Break

13:30-14:10	<p>Moderator Mr. Peter Baader</p> <p>20-minute contributions/reflections from Macedonia and Serbia on stage 2 (IPARD Agency input)</p> <p>Macedonia (13:30-13:50) Mr. Nikolce Babovski, Head of IPARD Agency (MK)</p> <p>Serbia (13:50-14:10) Mr. Zarko Radat, Director at Directorate for agrarian payments (RS)</p> <p>Covering at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For which aspects of stage 2 is the country well prepared? - Where are the main remaining challenges? - What is needed to tackle the challenges?
14:10-16:15	<p>Moderator Mr. Peter Baader</p> <p>Joint reflection on the workshop and follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What lessons have we learnt on stage 2? - What are the lessons overall? - Workable ideas for good practices/efficiency gains? - ... <p>"Round table" with the heads of the IPARD agencies</p> <p>Moderator Mr. Peter Baader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the way forward? - How prepared are the national authorities now to launch calls? - What lessons have been learnt? - How do we keep the calls "clean"?
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 16:30	Address and closing statement by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of Macedonia, H.E. Ljupcho Nikolovski
19:30	Joint Dinner