

Regional Expert Advisory Working Group (REAWG) Agri-Environment Policy (AEP)

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Tirana, Albania

Intro to SWG

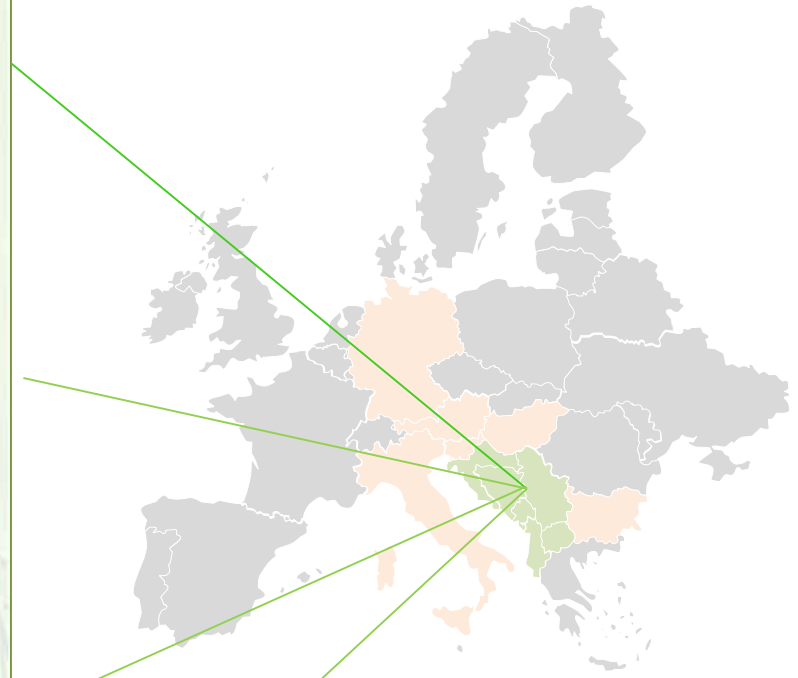
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“SWG” = Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe.

International Intergovernmental Organization, consisted of governmental institutions responsible for agriculture and rural development in respective countries and territories of Southeastern Europe.

Managing and coordinative body - the SWG Head Office/Secretariat, in Skopje, Macedonia.

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Member Institutions

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection, **Albania**
- Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the **Republic of Srpska**, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, **Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, **Macedonia**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, **Montenegro**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management, **Serbia**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, **Kosovo***

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Observer Institutions

- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, **Austria**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food, **Bulgaria**
- Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, **Germany**
- Ministry of Rural Development, **Hungary**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies, **Italy**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, **Slovenia**
- Ministry of Agriculture, **Croatia**
- Provincial Secretariat of Agriculture Water Management and Forestry, Autonomous Province of **Vojvodina**, Serbia

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Background

- Project “Rural development through integrated forest and water resource management in Southeast-Europe: Rural perspectives: qualification, reintegration and (self) employment”, commissioned by BMZ, implemented by SWG and GIZ
- Targets Western Balkans countries/territories
- Focus on institutional and individual capacities development for regional and inter- sectoral coordination processes and finding EU compliant solutions (policy, development and implementation).

Specific situation

- Objective of the assignment: to develop a regional approach for the assessment of the agri-environment policies in the countries/territories of the SEE, and to propose policy framework for implementation of sustainable agricultural practices in line with EU policies.
- Major outcomes:
 - Regional methodology and approach for the assessment of agri-environment policies in the countries/territories of the SEE;
 - Evaluation of the relevant policy frameworks in place and provision of recommendations for their improvement and alignment with EU policies;
 - Regional report on the status, gaps and constraints regarding the agri-environment policies and the provision of recommendations for an alignment of regional / national priorities with EU policies.

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Deliverables

Methodology for assessment of the agri-environment policies and relevant frameworks

Participation at the Kick-off Meeting

Country assessment outline (provided to national experts)

Processed, reviewed and elaborated national data/information on agri-environment policies, in line with the agreed reporting outline

Draft country assessment and recommendations for next steps

Feedback on the first draft country reports

Interim Meeting

Reviewed country agri-environment policy assessment taking into consideration the comments provided by the Regional Expert

Regional synthesis report

Final Meeting

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Place and timeframe

- Western Balkans
- March – June 2018

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Experts

- Regional Expert – Mr. Ordan Cukaliev, PhD
- International Expert - UBA

National Experts

- BiH
 - Ms. Biljana Rogic, PhD
 - Mr. Mihajlo Markovic, PhD
 - Mr. Tihomir Predic, PhD
- Montenegro
 - Ms. Bozidarka Markovic, PhD
 - Mr. Mirko Knezevic, PhD
 - Mr. Radisav Dubljevic, PhD

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National Experts

- Macedonia
 - Mr. Ordan Cukaliev
 - Mr. Dusko Mukaetov, PhD
 - Mr. Sreten Andonov, PhD
- Albania
 - Mr. Kristaq Kume, PhD
 - Mr. Fatbardh Sallaku, PhD

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National Experts

- Serbia
 - Ms. Dragana Vidojevic, PhD
 - Mr. Jovica Vasin, PhD
- Kosovo*
 - Mr. Afrim Sharku
 - Mr. Fatgzim Latifi, PhD

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