

42nd Meeting of the Assembly of Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South Eastern Europe,

**September 11th – 14th 2018
Trieste, Italy**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

September 11th, 2018 (Tuesday)

- Arrival of the participants

20:00h Dinner

September 12th, 2018 (Wednesday)

42nd SWG Assembly Session – (Open Meeting)

Chair: Mr. Dusan Neskovic, President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chair: Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

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| 09:10 - 09:10 | Introduction of the topics of the program for the 42 nd SWG Session |
| 09:10 - 09:20 | Official address on behalf of the CEI Secretariat |
| 09:20 - 10:00 | Support of sustainable rural development in the Western Balkans and opportunities for further cooperation
<i>CEI Secretariat</i> |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Overview of the activities of AREA Science Park, Trieste and possibility for collaboration with SWG
<i>AREA Science Park</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Elaboration and update on the cooperation with European Commission
<i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>SWG – EC “Regional cooperation and networking in the field of agriculture, rural and economic development of cross-border areas”</i> |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Elaboration and update on the cooperation with JRC, DG Agri
<i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>SWG – JRC “Land Market development and Small Farms’ Access to Land in the Pre-Accession Countries (LMSF-AC)”</i>• <i>SWG – JRC “Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkan Countries (APDAP-WB)”</i>
<i>Data delivery and contribution by the Ministries</i> |

12:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:00	Wrap up and outcomes related to the accomplished project with GIZ <i>SWG- GIZ: "Strengthening regional capacities for rural development through integrated forest and water resources management in Southeast Europe"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update and summary on the assessment/study on mainstreaming biodiversity in the agricultural and land management policies, plans and programmes of the SEE countries</i> • <i>Update on the assessment on Agri-environmental policies in the Western Balkan countries</i> • <i>Update and report related to the implemented activities under LEIWW project</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Discussions and planning of the Project proposal "Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA)" - (09.2018 – 08.2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion on the policy issues related to the proposal "SEDRA"</i> • <i>Update on the assessment of the potentials for diversification of the economic activities through short value chains in rural cross-border regions in SEE</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:20	Discussions and final preparations for the Agricultural Policy Forum 2018 <i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>
16:20 - 16:40	Discussions and final preparations for the 12th Annual Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE <i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>
16:40 - 17:00	Discussions related to the Project proposal "Facilitation of exchange and advice on Wine Regulations in Western Balkan Countries" with GFA Consulting Group, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) <i>GFA Consulting Group</i>
17:00 - 17:30	Final Discussions and Conclusions
20:00	Dinner outside the Hotel

September 13th, 2018 (Thursday)

42nd SWG Assembly Session (Closed Meeting - for SWG Delegates and Observers)

Chair: Mr. Dusan Neskovic, President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chair: Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

09:00 - 09:10	Opening of the 42 nd SWG Assembly Session
09:10 - 09:40	Discussions related to the future proposals and initiatives in the upcoming period

09:40 - 10:30	Discussions on the SWG ongoing and upcoming major activities for the year 2018
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:00	Discussions and decisions regarding the future functioning of the SWG Operational structures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Status of the SWG and its operations in the SWG member countries;</i>• <i>Discussion related to the SWG Financial Planning;</i>• <i>Discussion about the operational functioning of the SWG Head Office/Secretariat;</i>• <i>Discussion on internal topics and future proposals;</i>
12:00 - 12:30	Official Closing of the Session
12:30 - 14:30	Lunch

Field trip: Applied ICT solution for the agriculture in the region

14:30	Departure from Trieste
15:00 - 16:00	Visit to Vina Koper vineyards and production plants
16:00 - 17:00	The 'Susgrape' project and ICT solutions for the agriculture (vineyards, olive growing, cheese production, beer and wine production, etc.) from Primo Principio (Area Science Park tenant company)
17:00 - 17:30	Wine tasting
17:30 - 18:00	End of field trip and return to Trieste
20:00	Dinner outside the Hotel

September 14th, 2018 (Friday)

- Departure of the participants