

**46th Meeting of the Assembly of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group
(SWG) in South Eastern Europe,**

**December 17th – 19th 2019
Kopaonik, Serbia**

PROGRAMME

December 17th, 2019 (Tuesday)

- Arrival of the participants in Kopaonik

19:00 Dinner

December 18th, 2019 (Wednesday)

SWG Assembly Session - Open Meeting

Chair: President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General

- 09:00 - 09:05 Introduction to the programme
- 09:05 - 09:10 Welcome address on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and
Water Management of the Republic of Serbia
- 09:10 - 09:30 Review of the realised activities within the SWG in the period January -
December 2019 as per the SWG Operational Plan for 2019
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- 09:30 - 09:40 Presentation of the APF Ohrid Agenda 2019
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- 09:40 - 09:50 Presentation of the conclusions of the 13th Annual Working Meeting of the
Ministers of Agriculture from SEE
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- 09:50 - 10:10 Elaboration and update on the cooperation with JRC, DG Agri
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- *SWG – JRC “Study on the research, innovation and technology transfer capacities and on the recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries (ARAPD)*

- *SWG – JRC "Study of best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey"*

- 10:10 - 10:30 Progress and update related to the cooperation with GFA and BMEL for the Project "Facilitation of the exchange trough advice on harmonized wine regulations in all Western Balkan Countries"
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 - 11:30 Initiative related to the cooperation agreement among national paying agencies in the region
Ms. Frida Krifca, Agriculture and Rural Development Agency of Albania
- *Discussion*
- 11:30 - 12:00 Overview of the activities of BIOEAST
Mr. Barna Kovacs, Secretary General
- *Discussion*
- 12:00 – 12:30 Update and elaboration related to the collaboration with GIZ on the activities performed by SWG
- SWG - GIZ: Summary of the evidence-based policies*
- *Update on the assessment on "Economic Diversification through Rural Tourism" in the rural areas of the SEE*
 - *Update on the work of REAWG on Quality Policy - Schemes of Geographical Indications and Traditional Specialties*
 - *Update on the work of the REAWG on LEADER*
 - *Implementation of Grant Scheme*
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 - 14:30 Progress and update on the cooperation with GIZ related to activities performed by SEDRA on behalf of GIZ

14:30 - 15:00 Discussion and closing session

(Closed Meeting - for SWG Delegates and Observers)

15:00 - 16:00 Presentation and discussion related to the “Strategy for development of SWG post 2020 - general features and directions”

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:00 Continuation of the discussion related to the “Strategy for development of SWG post 2020 - general features and directions”

17:00 - 17:30 Final discussions and conclusions

19:30 Dinner

December 19th, 2019 (Thursday)

(Closed Meeting - for SWG Delegates and Observers)

Chair: President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General

09:00 - 09:10 Introduction of the topics of the closed assembly session

09:10 - 09:30 Retrospective of the accomplishments in 2019 and SWG financial portfolio for 2020 - 2021

09:30 - 11:00 Discussions and decisions regarding the future functioning of the SWG operational structures

- *SWG Annual Financial Report for the period October 1st, 2018 – September 30th, 2019;*
- *Discussion and decisions on the SWG Membership;*
- *Status of the SWG and its operations in the SWG member countries;*
- *Discussion about the operational functioning of the SWG Head Office/Secretariat;*
- *Discussion and decisions on the SWG Operational Plan 2020;*
- *Discussion on internal topics and future proposals;*

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| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Continuation of the discussions related to SWG internal topics and future proposals and initiatives in the upcoming period |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Official closing of the session |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch break |
- Departure of the participants

December 20th, 2019 (Friday)

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