

# 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

Progress report

September – December 2019



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# Overall Objective

- To collect information on **agricultural policy developments** in the WBs and Turkey, to conduct comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policies and their state of harmonisation with the CAP and to assess **research, innovation and technology transfer capacities** in the agri-food sector in the WBs.
- Two studies:
  - **Agricultural policy developments** in the WBs and Turkey and their state of harmonisation with the CAP
  - Assessment of the **research, innovation and technology transfer capacities** in the agri-food sector in the WBs



# Progress

- **Contract with JRC** signed on 14 October 2019
- **Contracted National Experts** from WBs and Turkey
- **Contracted Senior Researchers** – one institute for each task
- **Kick-off meeting** held in Krusevo, North Macedonia on 29 Nov 2019
- **Methodology and templates** developed and shared with experts



# Kick-off meeting

- **27 participants** - experts and relevant ministries' representatives from 5 countries/territories.
- **Study 1** – Continuation of the series
  - **Additional statistical data** will be collected within this project:
    - Socio-economic data (rural population, employees, wages, education, gender, migration, applications for support)
    - Organic production
    - RD measures
  - Measures and budgetary support of agriculture and rural development (plus focus on measures and funding for **rural population resilience and reviving rural areas**)
- **Study 2** - Collection of data through:
  - **Structured interviews** with research and education institutions, advisory services, business incubators and relevant policy makers;
  - Official documents;
  - General literature.



# Workplan – Task 1

Task	Activity	Who	Deadline
<b>1,2</b>	<b>Kick-off meeting</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>29-Nov</b>
1	Draft templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	SR T1	29-Nov
1	Final templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	SR T1	13-Dec
1.1	Collect statistical and agricultural policy data in the respective country/territory (APM and statistical database)	NE T1	14-Apr
1.1	Provide a cross-country harmonised and consistent database of the support level by specific policy instrument as well as aggregated support level of the individual policy instruments by the support type following the international classification of agricultural support.	SR T1	25-Apr
1, 2	Contribution to the first draft interim report - including preliminary re-sults of project’s Task 1.1, based on the received input from the na-tional experts, and outline of further steps of project’s Tasks 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 2. The interim report will be discussed at the interim meeting and will be improved with the sugges-tions, if any.	SR T1 & SR T2	25-Apr
1, 2	Interim report	SWG	30-Apr
<b>1, 2</b>	<b>Interim meeting</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>26 – 28 May</b>
1.2	First draft country case studies on WB	NE T1	1-Jun
1.3	Collect relevant agricultural policy data in Turkey from relevant national official sources (APM)	NE Turkey	1-Jun
1	Feedback to the National Experts on the first draft country case studies on WB (Task 1)	SR T1	30-Jun
1.3	First draft country case study on Turkey	NE Turkey	1-Jul
1.2	Second draft country case studies on WB	NE T1	15-Jul
1.3	Feedback to the National Expert on the first draft country case study on Turkey (Task 1)	NE T1	15-Jul
1.3	Second draft case study on Turkey	NE Turkey	1-Aug
1.4	Provide cross-country synthesis report including:	SR T1	14-Aug
1, 2	Final report	SWG	1-Sep
<b>1, 2</b>	<b>Final meeting</b>	<b>SWG, SR T1</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>

# Workplan – Task 2

Task Activity	Who	Deadline
<b>1,2 Organization of kick-off meeting</b>	<b>SWG</b>	<b>29-Nov</b>
2 Draft structured interview questionnaires and country report outline	SR T2	29-Nov
2 Final structured interview questionnaires and country report outline	SR T2	13-Dec
2 Provide a per-country inventory and description of all relevant agri-food research capacities, advisory and extension services, business incubators and the description of the relative strength of these capacities in the WB countries (especially research capacity).	NE T2	31-Jan
2 Provide a summary inventory and description of all relevant agri-food research capacities, advisory and extension services, business incubators and the description of the relative strength of these capacities in the WB countries (especially research capacity).	SR T2	20-Feb
1, 2 Contribution to the first draft interim report - including preliminary results of project's Task 1.1, based on the received input from the national experts, and outline of further steps of project's Tasks 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 2. The interim report will be discussed at the interim meeting and will be improved with the proposals and suggestions, if any.	SR T1 & SR T2	25-Apr
1, 2 Interim report	SWG	30-Apr
<b>1,2 Interim meeting</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>26 – 28 May</b>
2 First draft country reports	NE T2	15-May
2 Feedback to the National Experts on the first draft country reports on WB (Task 2)	SR T2	15-Jun
2 Second draft country reports	NE T2	10-Jul
2 Provide cross country synthesis report	SR T2	14-Aug
1, 2 Final report	SWG	1-Sep
<b>1,2 Final meeting</b>	<b>SWG, SR T2</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>

# Ministries' representatives for the interim meeting (please appoint ONE)

Ministry	Representative
Albania	Grigor Gjeci
BiH	Dusan Neskovic
Kosovo*	Delvina Hana
Montenegro	Zoran Iric
North Macedonia	Daniela Gidalova
Republic of Srpska	Ostoja Sinik
Serbia	Ana Bogunovic



# Study of best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey

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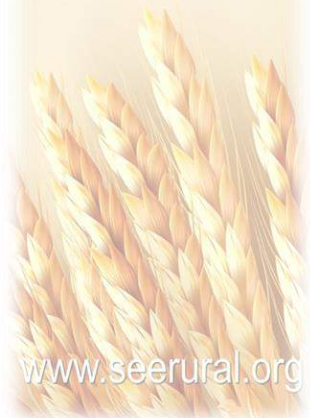


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# Overall Objective

- To collect relevant information necessary to conduct an in-depth analysis of **short supply chains among small farmers in the WB and Turkey and their potential impacts** on economic aspects as well as their social sustainability.



# Progress

- **Contract with JRC** signed on 14 October 2019
- **Contracted the experts' team:**
  - Senior Researcher
  - International Expert
  - WB Junior Researchers
  - Researcher from Turkey
- **Kick-off meeting** held in Krusevo, North Macedonia on 28 Nov 2019

# Kick-off Meeting

- 15 participants
- Presented methodology:
  - **Pre-testing phase** – total of 30 interviews
  - **Face-to-face interviews** - semi-structured questionnaire translated in local languages of around 1 hour
  - **Respondents** - small-farms and groups of farmers, policy makers, consumers, less focus on processors and traders
- Conclusions and recommendations per country should include:
  - **Subsectors with highest potential** for short value chains development
  - **Current obstacles** for value chain development and ways forward to overcome them
  - **Policy recommendations** on specific measures that should be taken to promote short supply chains under **IPARD**.



Country/territory	Number of respondents
Serbia	136
Bosnia and Herzegovina	68
Albania	68
North Macedonia	38
Kosovo*	38
Montenegro	26
Turkey	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400</b>



# Workplan

Task	Activity	Who	Deadline
<b>1,2,3,4</b>	<b>Participation in the kick-off meeting</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>28-Nov-19</b>
1	Description of the areas to be studied, structure of the market and current and potential high-value niche products in short-supply channels versus other sale channels	SR, IE	20-Jan-20
2	Design of the draft semi-structured questionnaire and guidelines	SR, IE	25-Dec-19
2	Improve semi-structured questionnaire according to JRC comments	SR, IE	15-Jan-20
2	Introduce JRs with questionnaire and guidelines (online workshop)	SR, IE	20-Jan-20
2	Translate the questionnaire in local languages	JRs, RT	25-Jan-20
2	Pre-testing of the semi-structured questionnaire	JRs, RT	31-Jan-20
2	Provide report from the pre-testing of the questionnaire	JRs, RT	7-Feb-20
2	Amend the questionnaire based on the pre-testing report	SR, IE	14-Feb-20
1,2,3,4	Interim report	SWG	25-Feb-20
<b>1,2,3,4</b>	<b>Participation in the interim meeting</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>10-Mar-20</b>
3	Implementation of semi-structured surveys	JRs, RT	10 April 20
3	Provide summary report of the semi-structured interviews in English for each surveyed respondent	SR, IE	10-May-20
4	Analysis of best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey	SR, IE	1-Aug-20
1,2,3,4	Final report	SWG	1-Sep-20
<b>1,2,3,4</b>	<b>Participation in the final meeting</b>	<b>SWG, SR, IE</b>	<b>15-Sep</b>

