

## PROGRAM

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Balkan Rural Parliament

*“Reviving of rural Western Balkans - moving towards EU integration”*

15th June - 16th June 2021

Hotel “Unique”, Ohrid, North Macedonia

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Arrival of participants

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

09:00-09:30	<b>Registration of the participants</b>
09:30-09:40	<i>1. Opening session:</i> Introduction to the 2nd Balkan Rural Parliament objectives and the program (moderator, Ms. Emelj Tuna, Ms. Ana Simonovska)
09:40-09:50	Mr. Petar Gjorgievski, President of the Balkan Rural Development Network
09:50-10:00	Mr. Arjanit Hoxha, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
10:00-10:10	Mr. Marius Lazdinis, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development
10:10-10:20	Mr. Nicola Bertolini, Head of Cooperation, European Delegation NM
10:20-10:30	Mr. Boban Ilik, Secretary General of the Regional Development Standing Working Group
10:30-11:00	<b>Press conference / coffee break</b>
11:00-12:10	<i>2. First panel discussion: Rural development in Western Balkans/country situation and activities implemented by the RD networks. Panellists from:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Evelina Azizaj, Albanian Network for Rural Development</li> <li>- Mr. Dushko Cvjetinovic, Rural Development Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>- Mr. Matija Zamljancanec, Croatian Network for Rural Development</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Afrim Sharku, Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo</li> <li>- Mr. Dragan Roganovic, Network for Rural Development of Serbia</li> <li>- Mr. Djordjije Brkuljan, Network for Rural Development of Montenegro</li> <li>- Mr. Petar Gjorgievski, Rural Development Network of North Macedonia</li> </ul>
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12:10-12:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:30-13:20	<p>3. <i>Second panel discussion: Regional and EU cooperation for rural development with WB countries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Krzysztof Sulima, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development - Green Agenda for the Western Balkans</li> <li>- Mr. Benjamin Mohr, GIZ - Regional cooperation in WB</li> <li>- Ms. Anneli Leina, We Effect - Regional cooperation in WB</li> <li>- Mr. Aris Adlers, PREPARE - National Rural Parliaments as a tool for participative democracy and advocacy</li> <li>- Mr. Peter Toth, European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) – LEADER/CLLD and other opportunities for cooperation with WB</li> </ul>
13:20-13:30	4. Introduction of the field trip

13:30-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30-22:00	<b>Field trip</b> (two groups visiting different sites, dinner included)

<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	
08:30-09:00	<b>Registration of the participants</b>
09:00-09:10	5. <i>Introduction of the second day</i>
09:10-09:25	- Mr. Hannes Lorenzen President of Agricultural and Rural Convention (ARC) - EU CAP reforms in the new programme period 2021-2027
09:25-09:40	- Mr. Zigo Rutkovskis, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development - Progress on IPARD in the Western Balkan
09:40-09:55	- Mr. Vancho Naunov, RDN of NM - Digitalization in rural areas
09:55-10:15	- Mr. Morten Hartvigsen, Regional Initiative Delivery Manager, Land Tenure Officer, FAO REU - UN Decade of Family Farming (2019-2028) – opportunities in the Western Balkans

10:15-10:25	- Mr. Nikolce Nikolovski, Slowfood - Rural tourism as opportunity for economic diversification in rural areas
10:25-10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45-11:15	- Mr. Robert Lukesch, LEADER expert - Strategic policy advice in process management to boost capacities to implement CLLD and LEADER approach in South-East Europe
11:15-11:30	- Mr. Mariusz Legowski, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development – EC perspective on the rural transformation process and the role of LEADER
11:30-12:20	- Ms. Ana Damovska, RDN of NM - Networking and Advocacy for Green Economy - <i>Ms. Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska - Comparative study of green economy in WB and EU</i> - <i>Best practices of green economy in WB (video presentation)</i>
	<b>5 min Break</b>
12:25-13:25	Introduction to Group work 1.Green Economy (facilitator – Mr. Dragan Roganovic, NRD of Serbia; reporter – Ms. Liljana Jonoski, RDN of NM) - <i>Major challenges to introduction of green economy?</i> - <i>Experience in practicing green economy and entrepreneurship in WB countries.</i> - <i>How to stimulate green economy businesses/actions in rural areas?</i> - <i>Conclusions</i>  2. LEADER/CLLD Road Maps in Western Balkan (facilitator Mr. Matija Zamljacanec, HMRR and Mr. Petar Gjorgievski, RDN of NM; reporter – Mr. Stole Georgiev, RDN of NM) - <i>Major challenges for implementation of LEADER/CLLD in WB countries?</i> - <i>Experience in practicing LEADER approach.</i> - <i>The capacity building needs of the LAGs/LAG initiatives in WB.</i> - <i>Conclusions</i>  3. Digitalization in rural areas (facilitator – Mr. Aleksandar Janichic, NRD of

	<p>MNG; reporter – Lorena Totoni, ANRD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Major challenges for digitalization in rural areas in WB countries?</i></li> <li>- <i>Examples of smart villages and digital practices in rural areas in WB</i></li> <li>- <i>Conclusions</i></li> </ul> <p>4. Rural tourism as opportunity for economic diversification in rural areas (facilitator - Mr. Dushko Cvjetinovic, RDN in B&amp;H; reporter – Mr. Leotrim Germizaj, NORDK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Challenges and opportunities for economic diversification/rural tourism.</i></li> <li>- <i>Experience in practicing rural tourism.</i></li> <li>- <i>Needs for development of rural tourism.</i></li> <li>- <i>Conclusions</i></li> </ul>
13:25–13:40	Poster presentations of the group work
13:40-14:40	<b>Lunch</b>
14:40-15:20	Adoption of 2nd Balkan Rural Parliament Declaration
15:20-15:30	Official closing of the 2nd Balkan Rural Parliament