



APF 2021: Green Agenda for the Western Balkans: Commitments And Reality Check

Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia
20 - 21 October





18 October 2021

14:00 – 18:00 Pre-APF REAWG meetings:

- REAWG on Diversification of economic activities in rural areas through tourism
- REAWG on wine





19 October 2021

9:00 – 12:00 – Pre-APF REAWG meetings:

- REAWG on Diversification of economic activities in rural areas through tourism
- REAWG on wine

20:00 APF Cocktail reception





20 October 2021

9:00 – 13:00 - Plenary session

- Sofia Declaration commitments and challenges
- Green Agenda for the WB and IPARD III implementation
- Impact of COVID-19 on agriculture, food and rural areas in the Western Balkans
- Research, innovation and technology transfer in the Western Balkans
- Agri-Environmental aspects of sustainable grape and wine production in the WB
- LEADER approach – from policy set-up and instruments towards effective implementation

14:00 – 18:00 - Working groups

- Wine and gastronomy
- The LEADER approach in the Western Balkans
- Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems in the Western Balkans





21 October 2021

9:00 – 11:00 Working groups' presentations

- Wine and gastronomy
- The LEADER approach in the Western Balkans
- Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems in the Western Balkans
- Diversification of economic activities in rural areas through tourism

11:30 – 13:00 Formulation of Vrnjacka Banja Agenda 2021

14:00 – Field trip followed by dinner





Speakers

- **Mr. Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
- **Mr. Marius Lazdinis**, Head of Pre-Accession Assistance Unit, European Commission, DG AGRI
- **Ms. Natalija Bogdanov, PhD**, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- **Mr. Charalambos Kasimis, PhD**, Professor, Agricultural University, Athens, Greece
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List of invitees

- SWG delegates
- SWG observers
- EC and international organizations
- REAWG LEADER
- REAWG Wine
- REAWG ED-RT
- REAWG AKIS
- Other experts and ministries' representatives
- SWG staff
- Regional offices



Publicity

- Web – site: <http://apf.seerural.org/>
- Social Networks
- Media coverage
- Ministries PR Officers
- Direct e-mail





Next steps (concerning MAFWE Serbia)

What	Who	When
Plan field trip	MAFWE/SWG	30 Sep
Coordinate publicity activities (PR, photographer...)	MAFWE and SWG	30 Sep
Organize transfers from-to airport	MAFWE and SWG	19 - 22 Oct
Provide promotional materials (press releases to ministries' PR officers)	SWG	15 Oct





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Country/territory	Contact person in charge of PR
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Albania	
BiH	Dušan Nešković
Federation of BiH, BiH	Sanja Raljević
Montenegro	Marija Marovic
Serbia	Igor Grabež
Kosovo*	Flutra Mustafa
North Macedonia	Adnan Selmani and Jagoda Marinkovic

