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Conclusions:

- Recognize the significance of the European Union (EU) integration process for the Western Balkan countries, reflecting the agriculture and rural development progress, and pursue successful enlargement policy that complies with the Copenhagen criteria and the conditionality of the Stabilization and Association Process.
- Commit in synchronizing national agriculture and rural development policies with the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) of the EU for the 2014-2020 period.
- Appreciation for the EU support for rural development through the IPARD instrument in the pre-accession period
- Welcome the need to improve competitiveness of the agri-food sectors and the rural economy and to address the constraints of small farms and rural businesses;
- Confirm the importance of actively pursue harmonization of trade policies and marketing standards to facilitate regional business cooperation, product development and improvement of the value chains, due to the small size of the agri-food sectors in the SEE countries;

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- Acknowledge the need for enhancement of partnership based cooperation and networking between the rural civil society sector and local and national governments for achieving sustainable rural livelihoods;
- Recognize the need for strengthening water, forestry and soil policy implementation in the SEE region to uphold the progress towards EU;
- Welcome the need for regional inter-sectoral cooperation and coordination at the interface among rural development, agriculture, forest and water;
- Welcome the importance to strengthen the cooperation of ABD structures in the regions with regional and national authorities for streamlining the planning of financial support to economic development of cross-border areas
- Endorse the report of the Secretary General on the achievements and results of the SWG work for the year of 2016.