



# Assessment of Areas with Natural Constrains in the SEE Countries

March – December 2016

# Involved parties

- **SWG** – requested the study based on the expressed needs of the SWG member institutions
- **GIZ** – financed and coordinated the activities
- **20 national experts** from the entire WB region - prepared national reports
- **1 regional expert and 1 international expert (CIHEAM)** – coordinated the national experts and prepared the regional report

# Main Meetings

(SWG Delegates were invited)

- **Kick-off meeting** – March, Skopje, Macedonia
- **First interim meeting** – June, Andrevlje, Serbia
- **Second interim meeting** – September, Kolasin, Montenegro
- **Follow-up meeting** (upcoming) – February/March, 2017

# Achieved Results (in draft version)

- Assessment of the situation related to ANC in SEE
- National policy recommendations
- Regional policy recommendations

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# Some Regional Policy Recommendations

- Facilitate **data sharing** and flow of information among all stakeholders
- Conduct additional **soil surveys**, maintain and improve national **meteorological service**
- **ANC Policy** has to be part of the national Rural Development Policies
- **New laws** on Agriculture and Rural Development should have a special article on ANCs
- **Rural development strategy** must address all aspects of rural life: infrastructure, access to internet, public schools, health facilities, water supply, in addition to the ANC payment schemes
- **Land tenure** issues have to be solved by adjusting and implementing relevant legislation
- Develop and implement **specific plans** for different ANC regions and explore options for **income generation** (other than agricultural use of land)
- Implement **payment schemes for ANC** areas based on natural and socio-economic conditions, with priority on areas with high risk of abandonment
- The **IPARD** funding mechanisms need to be adjusted to reflect **ANC payment schemes**

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