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Regional cooperation in South Eastern Europe 2016

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Retrospective on the achievements in 2016



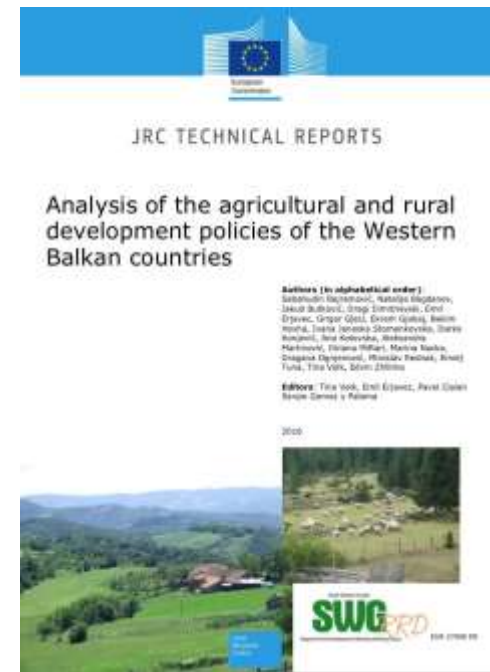
Facts and Figures 2016

- Policy recommendations developed on Integrated Waste Management in SEE, with more than 80 stakeholders contributing from various sectors and institutions;
- Policy recommendations were developed on agriculture and rural development via the Tirana Agenda 2016, with more than 120 participants from 19 countries discussed the trending topics in respect to IPARD, Natural resource management, Area Based Development and CAP;
- Based on the Visegrad conclusions of the meeting of the Ministers on transboundary water management an initiative was derived for the creation of the Drina Commission and integrated waste management in coastal, river and rural cross-border areas;
- Joint statement on integrated waste management - Synchronized national and regional measures to prevent marine litter / floating debris and minimize the environmental and economic impacts in SEE region;
- Regional technical working group meetings organized on areas with natural constrains, natural resource management (water, soil, forestry), waste management, environment, wine.

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Facts and Figures 2016

- Technical report has been published on evidence based support to the EU policy making, to monitor and evaluate the current agricultural policy instruments in the WB countries and to compare them with the 9 EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) – report has two inputs 1) agriculture policy analysis and 2) farm productivity in WB;
- A study is in a process of development on water, forestry and soil management in the SEE countries;
- Assessment paper and policy recommendations on characterization and mapping on the areas with natural constrains (ANC) is in process of finalization;
- Models/management plans on integrated waste management have been developed for Drina-Tara-Sava, Sharra and coastal area of Albania, Montenegro and BiH.



Facts and Figures 2016

Solid Waste Management in SEE coastal and cross-border rural areas

- Over 35 cleaning actions organized during the Earth Day 2016;
- 259 donation of waste equipment across the cross-border;
- municipalities (containers, bins, tables, gloves, masks and other equipment);
- Educational activities for young organized in over 57 schools and kindergartens;
- Raising awareness campaigns organized on waste management;
- Established platform for dialogue among impacting and impacted communities takes place in three pilot areas;
- Memorandums of Understanding signed among over 60 municipalities in the selected cross-border regions.



Facts and Figures 2016

Area Based Development Approach (ABDA) in SEE

- The local partnership in the form of Stakeholder Group (SHG) are operational in the " Drina - Tara", "Drina - Sava", "Prespa" and "Sharra" cross-border regions and function according defined rules and procedures;
- Support initiated in 3 new cross border regions "Neretva", "Prokletije" and "Pcinja" – baseline analysis and strategic development programmes finalized;
- Grant application and evaluation procedures – developed;
- Pilot grant scheme in process of implementation – 27 grants have been approved (first call) and few more awaiting confirmation (second call-ongoing) with approximate support of 420,000 EUR;
- More than 37 international and regional people to people actions for promotion of products, natural, cultural heritage and tradition are supported and 16 to be further supported.



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Financial Statement

Financial Report:

- Financial Report made for the period **01.10.2015 - 30.09.2016** on annual basis

Independent Audit's Report Statement:

- "Reviews the financial statements as *fairly* in all material respects in accordance with the donors' requirements and accounting policies and principles"

Funds at the beginning of the period:

1,228,746.00 EUR

Total sources of funds:

889,215.00 EUR

Total financed operating funds:

1,074,986.00 EUR

Funds at the end of the period:

1,043,151.00 EUR

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Project Portfolio

Accomplished Projects:

Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations

- Streamlining of agriculture and rural development policies of SEE countries in the process of EU accession;
- "Establishment of rural development networks in SEE countries".
- Support to the implementation of an integrated and innovative economic development approach in Drina-Tara and Drina-Sava – the Area Based Development Approach".

International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)

- "Feeding Knowledge Program"

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Project Portfolio

Accomplished Projects:

European Commission

- Technical Assistance to the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe;
- Area based development-ABD in Drina-Tara river(SRB-MNE-BiH);
- "IPA Multi-beneficiary Annual Programme 2011 – ABDA Project Preparation Facility";
- "IPA Multi-beneficiary Annual Programme- Preparation for implementation of an Area Based Development Approach in the Western Balkans – 1st phase";
- "IPA Multi-beneficiary Annual Programme- Preparation for an Area Based Development Approach in the Western Balkans – 2nd phase";
- SWG – JRC IPTS: "Monitoring and assessment of agriculture and rural development policies in Western Balkans"



Project Portfolio

Accomplished Projects:

German International Cooperation (GIZ)

- “Strengthening of the regional cooperation/networking in the forestry and water management sector and sustainable development in the river basins of the South-Eastern Europe countries;
- “Increased competitiveness of companies and associations from SEE in the agro and food sector through implementation of food safety standards, networking and increase of volume and value of trade”
- “Support to the EU reform processes in the field of agriculture and rural development of SEE countries and strengthening of regional cooperation and networking in South Eastern Europe”;
- “Support to sustainable waste management in SEE rural and costal cross-border areas”
- “Strengthening capacity building through networking and regional cooperation in the Western Balkan countries”.

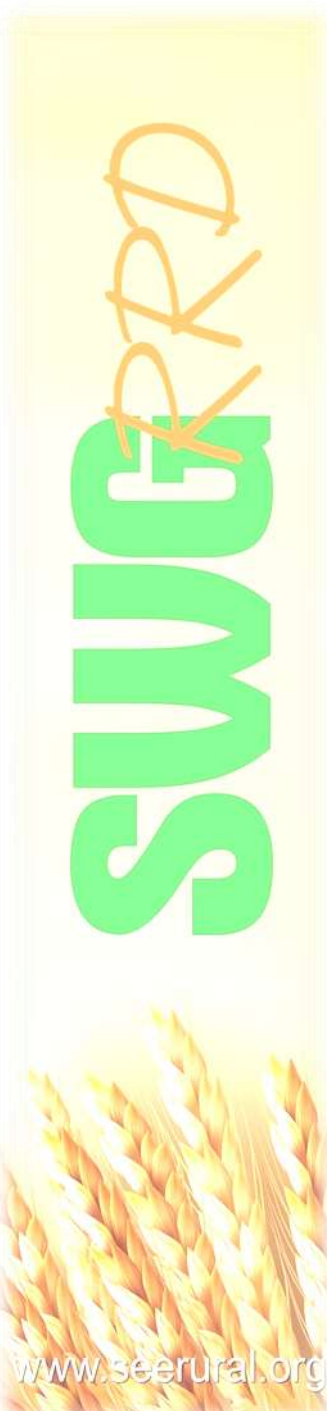
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Project Portfolio

Running Projects:

- SWG- GIZ: "Rural Development through integrated water and forest resources management in SEE" (LEIWW);
- SWG – EC: "Fostering regional cooperation and balanced territorial development of Western Balkan countries in the process towards EU integration - Support to the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-East Europe"
- SWG – JRC IPTS: "National Policy Instruments and EU approximation process: effects on farm holdings in the Western Balkan countries"



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Thank you!

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