

39th Meeting of the Assembly of Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South Eastern Europe,

**September 12th – 14th 2017
Zagreb, Croatia**

PROGRAMME

September 12th, 2017 (Tuesday)

- Arrival of the participants

20:00h Dinner
Pivnica Medvedgrad, Ilica 49, Zagreb
<http://www.pivovara-medvedgrad.hr/ilica/>

September 13th, 2017 (Wednesday)

39th SWG Assembly Session – (Open Meeting)

Chair: Mr. Darko Konjevic, President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chair: Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

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| 08:30 - 08:40 | Introduction of the topics of the program for the 39 th SWG Session |
| 08:40 - 08:50 | Official address on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture of Croatia
Mr. Tugomir Majdak, State secretary, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia |
| 08:50 - 09:20 | Rural Development Program of Croatia for the period 2014 – 2020
Željka Gudelj-Velaga, Head of Sector for Implementation of Rural Development Program, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia |
| 09:20 – 09:40 | Elaboration and update on the cooperation with European Commission
<i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i> |
| | <i>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”</i> |
| 09:40 - 10:10 | Update and progress in relation to the cooperation with JRC IPTS and DG Agri
<i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i> |
- *SWG – JRC: “National Policy Instruments and EU Approximation and EU approximation process: Effects on farm holdings in the Western Balkan Countries (EUEWB)”*
 - *SWG – JRC: Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkan Countries (APDAP-WB)*
 - *SWG – JRC: Land Market development and Small Farms’ Access to Land in the Pre-Accession Countries (LMSF-AC)*

10:10 - 10:40	Coffee Break
10:40 - 12:20	<p>Elaboration and update on the cooperation with GIZ</p> <p><i>SWG- GIZ: "Strengthening regional capacities for rural development through integrated forest and water resources management in Southeast Europe"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Summary related to the Policy recommendations in respect to rural development and sustainable resource management of natural resources in the framework of LEIWW Programme</i> • <i>Summary and future actions related to the Assessment on "Areas with Natural Constraints in the Balkans"</i> • <i>Update on the assessment/study of the application on LEADER approach in the Western Balkan countries</i> • <i>Update on the assessment/study on mainstreaming biodiversity in the agricultural and land management policies, plans and programmes of the SEE countries</i>
12:20 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Regionally harmonized NON-GMO standard and control system – chance for agri-food sector in SEE, Donau Soya
14:00 – 14:30	Overview of the activities of AREA Science Park, Trieste and possibility for collaboration with SWG
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 15:30	Final Discussions and Conclusions
15:30	Field trip Departure of delegations in front of the Hotel International by bus
16:30	Family Farm Puškarić Dužice, Lekenik
17:45	Departure of delegations to Jaškovo near Ozalj, Karlovac County
18:50	Family Farm Kovač Jaškovo
19:15	Departure of delegations to Family Farm Čulig in Vrhovac near Ozalj, Karlovac County
19:30	Arrival to Family Farm Čulig
20:00	Dinner
22:30	Departure of delegations to Zagreb
23:30	Arrival in front of the Hotel International

September 14th, 2017 (Thursday)

39th SWG Assembly Session (Closed Meeting - for SWG Delegates and Observers)

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- Departure of the participants