

Land market development and small farms' access to land in the pre-accession countries (LMSF-AC)

Project Overview

The purpose of the project is to investigate the functioning of the land market in the WB and its implication for small farm households' access to land. It aims at providing insights to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of adopted policies and thus provide scientifically-based support to policy making. Finally, it should transfer knowledge to the scientific community and policy experts in the WB on policy impact analysis to enhance their capabilities to conduct scientifically based policy support.

Objectives

The **overall objective** of the project is to strengthen the understanding of the functioning of land markets in the Western Balkans and small farm households' access to land.

The **specific objectives** of the project are:

- Collect information and data about rental and sale markets in WB countries
- Collect information about formal rental and sale market regulations in WB countries
- Conduct focused group discussion with relevant stakeholders to identify factors affecting the functioning of land market (including informal norms) with special focus on small farm households' access to land
- Analyse the implications of formal regulations and informal norms on small farm households' access to land.

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Project region	Western Balkans
Lead executing agency	Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
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Scope

This project covers the countries/territories of the Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Srpska, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. It will allow better understanding of the socio-economic situation of small farm households as well as the constraints that impede their growth. That would allow better targeting on both, national support schemes and IPARD pre-accession assistance.

Expected results

The project should result in providing reliable and sound analysis of the land markets in the WB countries. Its ultimate goal is to evaluate the functioning of land markets in WB and their implications for small farm households' access to land.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.