Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkans Countries (APDAP-WB)

Land Market Development and Small Farms’ Access to Land in the Pre-accession Countries (LMSF-AC)

Kick-off Meeting

14 – 15 December 2017
Skopje, Macedonia
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Objectives, approach, workplan
Overall objective

To collect information on agricultural policy developments in the Western Balkan (WB) countries and to conduct comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policies and their state of harmonisation with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
Specific objectives

• Collect information on most recent developments of agricultural policy in the WB countries;

• Provide a comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policy instruments and support levels for producers and processors;

• Provide an analysis on the state of harmonization of agriculture and rural development policies of the WB countries with the CAP
Target countries/territories

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Republic of Srpska
- Macedonia
- Kosovo*
- Montenegro
- Serbia

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence
Task 1: Collect information on agricultural policy developments in the WB countries

- Collect agricultural policy data in the WB countries from relevant national policy documents and legislation;
- Review policy strategic documents on the future development of national policies in the WB countries;
- Provide an overview of the existing policy framework to ensure compliance with EU standards in primary production and processing;
- Provide a cross-country harmonized and consistent database of the support level by policy instruments;
- Provide a cross-country harmonized and consistent database, which aggregates the support level of the individual policy instruments by type following the international classification of agricultural support.
Task 2: Provide country case studies on agricultural policy developments in the WB countries/territories

- Provide country specific analysis of agricultural policy developments and the EU accession process for all WB countries/territories based on policy information collected in Task 1;
- Identify major changes in policy instruments adopted in last years in the WB countries/territories;
- Discuss the implications of adopted agricultural policies for the farming sector.
Task 3: Provide a comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policy developments in the WB countries

- Provide cross-country comparison of agricultural policies in the WB countries/territories based on the policy information collected in Task 1 and country specific analysis in Task 2;
- Evaluate the EU approximation process of WB countries/territories;
- Identify main successes and failures of agricultural policies;
- Draw policy recommendations.
Deliverables

• **Deliverable 1: Interim report**
  Preliminary results of Task 1 and outline of further steps for Task 2 and 3

• **Deliverable 2: Final report**
  Results of Tasks 1, 2, 3, consisted of 3 separate sub-reports:
  - Cross-country harmonized and consistent policy database (based on the work done in Task 1);
  - Country case studies (based on work done in Task 2);
  - Cross-country comparative policy analysis in the WB countries/territories (based on the work done in Task 3).
Meetings

• **Kick-off meeting** *(14 – 15 December 2017, Skopje, Macedonia)*
  Refining the scope of the work, research questions, and discussing the overall approach and work plan.

• **Interim meeting** *(tentatively 13 April 2018, place TBD)*
  Discussing the interim report, technical details for performing Tasks 2 and 3 and improving Tasks 1.

• **Final meeting** *(tentatively 20 August 2018, Brussels, Belgium)*
  Discussing all tasks

• **Other meetings** *(as needed)*
  For ex: video conferences
Team Composition

Coordination team
- Senior Adviser (SA) – Boban Ilic
- Regional Project Coordinator (RPC) – Dori Pavloska – Gjorgjeska
- Technical Assistant (TA) – Oliver Pop-Arsov

Research team
- International Experts Team (IET):
  - University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, represented by Emil Erjavec
  - Tina Volk
  - Miroslav Rednak
- National Academic Experts (NE):
  - Albania – Edvin Zhlima
  - BiH – Sabahudin Bajramovic
  - Republic of Srpska – Zeljko Vasko
  - Kosovo* - Mihone Kerolli - Mustafa
  - Macedonia – Dragi Dimitrovski
  - Montenegro – Mirsad Spahic
  - Serbia – Natalija Bogdanov
## Workplan

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<td>14-15 Dec’17</td>
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<td>Submit Minutes of the kick-off meeting</td>
<td>28 Dec’17</td>
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<td>APM, total transfers to producers (TTP) and country report templates</td>
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| 1    | NE  | County paper 1, including:  
• Review of the policy strategic documents on the future development of national policies in the WB countries  
• Overview of the existing policy framework to ensure compliance with EU standards in primary production and processing | 8 Mar’18 |
| 1    | NE  | Collect agricultural policy data in the WB countries from relevant national policy documents and legislation (APM for all, plus TTP for BiH) | 20 Apr’18 |

Legend: SR = Senior Researcher; NE = National Experts; RPC = Regional Project Coordinator
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<td>Submit first draft Interim Report (APM database + TTP database for BiH + Country paper 1) to JRC</td>
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