

Agricultural policy developments and EU approximation process in the Western Balkan countries (APDAP-WB)

Project Overview

The purpose of the project is to provide updated monitoring and collection of information on agricultural policy development in the WB countries. It is expected to contribute towards providing evaluation of the effects of the policy approximation process with the EU acquis in agriculture and rural development and help improve the IPARD programmes. Finally, the project also aims to 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 collect information on agricultural policy developments in 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).

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

- 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 harmonisation of agriculture and rural development policies of the WB countries with the CAP.

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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 should update the agricultural policy data and policy analysis for the latest available years. The project should aim to identify the recent changes introduced to the national agricultural policies in WB countries and their implications for the EU accession process.

Expected results

The project should result in providing reliable and up-to-date agricultural policy data and a sound analysis of the development of policy instruments in the WB countries. The ultimate goal of the project is to evaluate the policy instruments and policy harmonisation process of the WB countries with the CAP.

* 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.