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Land Market development and Small Farms' Access to Land in the Pre-Accession Countries (LMSF-AC)

Update Sep – Nov 2018



Joint Research Centre

Progress update

- **Final report** approved by JRC on 22 Nov'18
- **Some policy recommendations:**
 - Improvement of **access to information** regarding available agricultural land;
 - Completion of the **restitution and denationalisation process** of agricultural land and regular updating of land register and cadastre;
 - Establishment of **legislative framework** that will prevent further fragmentation of agricultural land;
 - Establishment of special **credit lines** for small agricultural holdings with simplified application procedures;
 - Setting-up of **producer groups** to ease access to funds and provision of collateral;
 - Introduction of **land use fee** (like in the FBiH) to ensure cultivation of agricultural land;
 - Introduction of policy enabling favourable rent of state-owned land to **young farmers**;
 - Equalize the **inheritance rights** of all beneficiaries, regardless of age and gender (case in Albania);
 - Adopt **inheritance regulations** and law that will prevent further fragmentation of agricultural land;
 - Investments in rural roads, irrigation and drainage projects and other relevant **infrastructure**;
 - Establishment of a **public financial fund**, designed for a more sustainable achievement of the rural development goals.

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

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Progress Update

- **Final report**, approved by JRC on 19 Nov'18
- **Databases** available at: <http://app.seerural.org/agricultural-statistics/>
- **Some recommendations for a successful EU accession:**
 - Greater role of **democratic decision-making** and transparent functioning
 - Train and improve **personnel policy** in the public administration
 - Improve national planning and **analytical structures**
 - Adopt strategic logic of agricultural policy planning, implementation and monitoring
 - Ensure **budget** at a level sufficient to prepare acceding countries and increase absorption after accession
 - Focus on **EU-compatible type of interventions**, with the greatest possible achievement of the set national targets
 - Strengthen **LEADER** approach
 - **Diversify** activities, especially on farms
 - Work with different groups, especially **young people**,
 - Address the issues of **women** in farming and the elderly

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Final Meeting/Lunchtime Conference

(LMSF-AC and APDAP-WB)

- DG AGRI, Brussels, 20 Sep 2018
 - opened by **Mr. Mario Milouchev**, Directorate of rural development programmes and pre-accession assistance, chaired by **Mr. Liam Breslin**, Head of unit for pre-accession assistance;
 - **Presentation** of the reports in front of the employees of European Commission (DG AGRI, DG NEAR, Cabinets of Commissioners Hogan and Hahn), European Parliament.



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