

**43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Assembly of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South Eastern Europe,**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Kremmen, Germany**

**PROGRAMME**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Tuesday)**

- Arrival of the participants at the Hotel "Tagungshotel Sommerfeld", Beetzer Straße 1a, 16766 Kremmen, OT Sommerfeld

19:00 Dinner at restaurant

**December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Wednesday)**

***SWG Assembly Session - Open Meeting***

***Venue of the meeting: Tagungshotel Sommerfeld***

*Chair: President of the SWG Assembly*

*Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General*

09:00 - 09:05 Introduction to the programme, Boban Ilic, SWG

09:05 - 09:15 Welcome address on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany (BMEL), Mr. Friedrich Wacker, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation, Global Food Policy.

Presentations by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany on:

9:15 – 10:15 Organic farming in Germany (experience in Germany, strategy for the future, support measures), Ms. Dr. Stefanie von Scheliha-Dawid, *Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany (BMEL)*

ca. 10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break (and family photo)

- 10:45 - 11:45 Rural development in Germany (practice-oriented policy approaches in promoting rural areas), Mr. Stefan Taxis, *Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)*
- 11:45 - 12:45 Legal provisions in the European Union for the wine sector, Mr. Lutz van Elk, *Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)*
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break at restaurant
- 14:00 - 14:15 Presentation of the APF Jahorina Agenda 2018  
*SWG Head Office/Secretariat*
- 14:15 - 14:30 Presentation of the conclusions of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Working Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE  
*SWG Head Office/Secretariat*
- 14:30 - 14:50 Input from each SWG Member Institution related to the plan and measures which should be taken for implementing the conclusions of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ministers' Meeting
- 14:50 - 15:10 Review of the realised activities within the SWG in the period January - December 2018  
*SWG Head Office/Secretariat*
- 15:10 - 15:30 Elaboration and update related to the project proposal "Facilitation of exchange and advice on Wine Regulations in all Western Balkan Countries" with GFA Consulting Group, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)  
*GFA Consulting Group*
- 15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 - 16:30 Elaboration and update on the cooperation with the European Commission  
*SWG Head Office/Secretariat*
- *SWG – EC "Regional cooperation and networking in the field of agriculture, rural and economic development of cross-border areas"*
- 16:30 - 17:00 Elaboration and update on the cooperation with JRC, DG Agri  
*SWG Head Office/Secretariat*
- *SWG – JRC "Land Market development and Small Farms' Access to Land in the Pre-Accession Countries (LMSF-AC)"*

- *SWG – JRC “Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkan Countries (APDAP-WB)”*

17:00 - 17:30           Elaboration and update on the cooperation with GIZ,  
*GIZ and SWG*

- *SWG - GIZ: “Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA)” - (09.2018 – 08.2021)*

17:30 - 17:45           Final discussions and conclusions

ca. 18:30               Dinner at restaurant

## **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Thursday)**

**(Closed Meeting - for SWG Delegates and Observers)**

***Venue of the meeting: Tagungshotel Sommerfeld***

*Chair: President of the SWG Assembly*

*Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General*

09:00 - 09:10           Introduction of the topics of the closed assembly session

09:10 - 09:40           Retrospective of the accomplishments in 2018

09:40 - 12:00           Discussions and decisions regarding the future functioning of the SWG operational structures

- *SWG Annual Financial Report for the period October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018;*
- *Discussion related to the SWG Financial Planning;*
- *Discussion and decisions on the SWG Membership;*
- *Status of the SWG and its operations in the SWG member countries;*
- *Discussion about the operational functioning of the SWG Head Office/Secretariat;*
- *Discussion and decisions on the SWG Operational Plan 2019;*
- *Discussion on internal topics and future proposals;*

10:30 - 11:00           Coffee break

12:30 - 13:30           Lunch break

14:00 - 16:30           Continuation of the discussions related to SWG internal topics and future proposals and initiatives in the upcoming period

16:30 - 17:00           Official closing of the session

18:30                   Dinner at restaurant



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## **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Friday)**

Check-out

### **Field Trip**

- 08:30 Departure from Tagungshotel Sommerfeld
- 9:00 - 9:45 Visit of "Milchviehanlage Kremmen" - a dairy farm in Kremmen - A modern, conventional farm with a "Melkkarussell" - a rotary system for milking. The manager Mr Alpers presents his company.
- 10:00 - 10:30 Visit of the company "SL Gartenbau GmbH in Vehlefan. SL Gartenbau GmbH is the second largest chicory producer in Germany. "SL Jungpflanzen GmbH" produces vegetable young plants for the European market on an area of 7 hectares. Currently there is a "convertible" greenhouse with 2.5 ha under construction. The managing directors, André Krötz and Thomas Görlich, present the company.
- 10:45 - 11:15 Visit of a residential estate for senior citizens in Vehlefan - a repurposed old village school with an integrated doctor's practice, day care for senior citizens, three penthouse apartments in the old building and 15 apartments for seniors in the new building. The old village school is a listed building. The municipality has realized the project on its own and 100% with own funds and is also lessor of all units. Mayor Peter Leys and mayor and resident of the residential estate, Ms. Erika Kaatsch, present the project.
- 11:30 - 12:00 Visit of the refurbished (with LEADER funds) old motor(-powered) mill, stopping point for a stagecoach tour and apartment. Prof. Sturzbecher gives information on the project.
- 12:00 - 13:00 Visit of an old Bock Windmill in Vehlefan - the new location of the tourist office. The Bock Windmill is a listed monument, it was originally restored (2008) by the district with subsidies and transferred to the municipality for use. In 2018 a new building next to the Bock Windmill was refurbished with LEADER-funds and it now accommodates the tourist office of the municipality Oberkrämer. The mayor Peter Leys presents the project.
- Lunch (Snack)
- 13:00 Return from Vehlefan to the Tagungshotel Sommerfeld
- Following: Departure to Berlin and overnight stay in Berlin

## **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Saturday)**

- Departure of the participants



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