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Participants

- 169 representatives of public, private, civil sector, international organizations
- From 15 countries of SEE and beyond.



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Topics

- Agricultural **policy developments** in SEE
- EU Common Agricultural Policy (**CAP**) reform
- The trends of the agri-food **trade policies** in the EU
- Electronic phytosanitary certificates (**ePhyto**)
- **Diversification** of economic activities and **digitalization** in the rural areas
- **Land market** and small farms' access to land
- Application of the **Agri-Environment Policy** in SEE
- Conservation and sustainable use of **genetic resources** in agriculture
- **Rural depopulation**, migration and development
- Good practices in the **meat processing sector** in Western Balkans



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Main Highlights

- **Reforms of the EU CAP** - challenge to the SEE countries, need for **harmonizing policies** during the pre-accession period and increasing the **added value in exported** agri-food products;
- **Strategy for EU Regional and Territorial Policy** and **IPARD** - two areas of particular interest: the flagship on supporting **socio-economic development** and the flagship on supporting **reconciliation and good neighbourly relations**;
- **Agricultural and rural policy development in SEE** – need for more **transparent** policymaking process, with **long-term orientation**, in line with EU principles;
- **Competitiveness of small farms and rural businesses** – need for **diversification** of economic activities in rural areas through mix of **policy measures** (investment support, knowledge transfer, cooperation).



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- **The meat production and processing sector** - need for effective **strategy implementation** for livestock development, support to farmers/processors through **education, training, funds** for start-up investments (**IPARD**), promotion of **traditional** products, including protection of **geographical origin**.
- **Agri-environment policies** - need for a coherent **legal framework**, enhanced **institutional capacities**, active **cooperation** among all stakeholders, innovative, integrated **information system** for agri-environmental indicators.
- **Agrobiodiversity** – need to define **policies and legislation** in compliance with EU; improve **institutional capacities** and invest in human capital; establish a **monitoring and information system** to assess and report status and trends; increase **awareness** and explore the **economic potential** of agrobiodiversity and its products.





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- **Agricultural land market** – need for a well-defined **land policy**, established/updated and harmonized data and digital **information systems**, **National Land Consolidation Programmes**, **land tax** on unutilized agricultural land, completing **restitution** and **denationalization** process.
- **Depopulation of rural areas** – need for improving **competitiveness** of small farmers and rural businesses, development and strengthening of **value chains**, creating **clusters** and business partnerships, innovative business and investment approaches exploiting **territorial diversity**.
- **Regional cooperation** - should further strengthen (SWG) for the sake of: smoother **EU accession**, improved **competitiveness**, facilitated **trade**, more **value added**, improved **neighbourly relations**, economic, social and environmental **well-being** of the rural population.



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