

**44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly  
of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-Eastern  
Europe**

**08<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Becici, Montenegro**

**PROGRAM**

**April 08th, 2019 (Monday)**

- Arrival of the participants in the morning

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

*Chair: President of the SWG Assembly*

*Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General*

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| 14:00 - 14:10 | Introduction of the topics of the closed assembly session<br><i>President of the SWG Assembly</i>  |
| 14:10 - 14:30 | Preparations for the Agricultural Policy Forum 2019<br><i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>  |
| 14:30 - 14:50 | Preparations for the 13th Annual Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE<br><i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>  |
| 14:50 - 15:10 | Discussion related to the collaboration with European Commission   |
| 15:10 - 15:30 | Planning and discussions related to the SWG future proposals and initiatives for the Year 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion on initiatives and partnership cooperation with donor organizations and future proposals;</i></li></ul> <i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>  |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee Break   |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | Discussions and decisions regarding the future functioning of the SWG Operational structures<br><i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Status of the SWG and its operations in the SWG member countries;</i></li><li>• <i>Discussion related to the SWG Financial Planning;</i></li><li>• <i>Discussion and decisions on the SWG Membership</i></li><li>• <i>Discussion about the operational functioning of the SWG Head Office/Secretariat;</i></li><li>• <i>Discussion on internal topics;</i></li></ul> |

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| 17:00 - 17:20 | Discussion related to the “Strategy for development of SWG post 2020 - general features and directions” |
| 17:20 – 17:30 | Official closing of the Assembly Session  |
| 19:30         | Dinner  |

### April 09th, 2019 (Tuesday)

#### **SWG Assembly Session (Open Meeting)**

*Chair: President of the SWG Assembly*

*Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General*

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| 09:00 - 09:05 | Introduction of the topics of the program for the 44 <sup>th</sup> SWG Session   |
| 09:05 - 09:15 | Welcoming address on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro   |
| 09:15 - 09:40 | Overview of the activities within the framework of Open Regional Fund for South East Europe/ Modernisation of Municipal Services, GIZ Cooperation<br>Mr. Peter Wolf, Sector Fund Manager |
| 09:40 - 10:00 | Presentation of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (IAMM) and possibility for collaboration with SWG   |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Review of the realized activities within the SWG in the period December 2018 - April 2019 via SWG Operational Plan<br><i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>                                 |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break   |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Update on the cooperation with European Commission   |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Update on the cooperation with JRC   |
| 12:00 - 14:00 | Lunch break  |
| 14:00 - 14:20 | Summary of the SWG - GIZ: “Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe” - SEDRA Inception Phase   |
| 14:20 - 15:30 | Update and progress in relation to the SEDRA Project<br><i>SWG - GIZ: Summary of the evidence-based policies</i>   |

- *Update on the assessment on “Economic Diversification through Rural Tourism” in the rural areas of the SEE*
- *Update on the work of REAWG on Quality Policy – Schemes of Geographical Indications and Traditional Specialties*
- *Update of the work of the REAWG on LEADER*

15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:20	Elaboration and update related to the Project “Facilitation of the exchange trough advice on harmonized wine regulations in all Western Balkan Countries” with GFA Consulting Group, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)
16:20 - 17:00	Discussions on the SWG major upcoming activities for the year 2019 <i>SWG Head Office/Secretariat</i>
17:00 - 17:30	Official closing of the session
19:30	Dinner

#### **April 10th, 2019 (Wednesday)**

- Departure of the participants