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Regional Expert Advisory Working Group (REAWG) on LEADER

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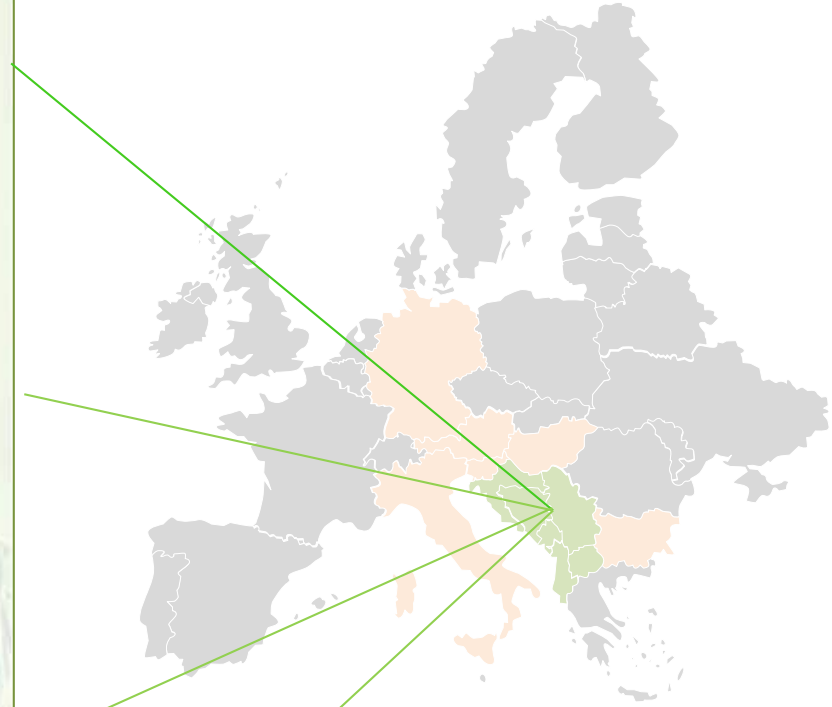
Intro to SWG

"SWG" = Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe.

International Intergovernmental Organization, consisted of governmental institutions responsible for agriculture and rural development in respective countries and territories of Southeastern Europe.

Managing and coordinative body - the SWG Head Office/Secretariat, in Skopje, Macedonia.

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Member Institutions

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, **Albania**
- Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the **Republic of Srpska**, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, **Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, **Kosovo***
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, **North Macedonia**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, **Montenegro**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, **Republic of Serbia**

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Observer Institutions

- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, **Austria**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food, **Bulgaria**
- Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, **Germany**
- Ministry of Rural Development, **Hungary**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies, **Italy**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, **Slovenia**
- Ministry of Agriculture, **Croatia**
- Provincial Secretariat of Agriculture Water Management and Forestry, Autonomous Province of **Vojvodina**, Serbia

Background

- **3-year regional program** “Support to economic diversification of rural areas in SEE (**SEDRA**)”, commissioned by BMZ, implemented by SWG and GIZ
- Targets **Western Balkans** countries/territories
- **Central project outputs:**
 - Regional cooperation and policy advice
 - Sustainable business models
 - Community-led and area-based development strategies.

Specific situation

- **Objective of the assignment:** provision of national expertise related to facilitation of the process of horizontal and vertical integration, cooperation, dialogue and exchange of relevant stakeholders involved in design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CLLD/ LEADER in SEE and provision of policy advice to boost capacities to implement Community Led Local Development (CLLD) and LEADER in Southeast Europe.
- **Major outputs:**
- **Co-define** conceptual and technical aspects of the assignment
- **Creation** of National Road Maps setting out the specific steps to be taken to relaunch the LEADER;
- **Methodology and outline** for assessment and elaboration of the relevant national data, policy documents and research papers on CLLD/LEADER;
- **Identification** of relevant stakeholders and facilitation of horizontal and vertical dialogues and exchange between relevant stakeholders involved in design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of community-led, LEADER approaches;
- **High-level LEADER conference** ‘Relaunching CLLD/LEADER in South East Europe’;
- **Policy paper** synthesizing the proceedings and main results of the high-level conference on ‘Relaunching CLLD/LEADER in South East Europe’;
- **Platform discussion** with the relevant National Authorities to discuss the specific steps to be taken to relaunch the LEADER preparation process and the respective capacity development needs to support this process at national level;

Deliverables

Methodology for assessment and elaboration of the relevant national data, policy documents and research papers on CLLD/LEADER;

National Road Map outline

Participation at the Second Interim Meeting of the REAWG on LEADER

Draft National Road Map

Participation at the Third Interim Meeting of the REAWG on LEADER

Feedback on the draft National Road Maps

Second draft National Road Map

Participation at the Fourth Interim Meeting of the REAWG on LEADER

Feedback on the second draft National Road Maps

Final National Road Map

Participation at the Agricultural Policy Forum 2020

Participation at the high-level LEADER conference

Preparation of the policy paper following the high-level LEADER conference

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Place and timeframe

- Western Balkans (Albania, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia)
- February 2020 – April 2020

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- **North Macedonia** – Mr. Petar Gjorgievski
- **Montenegro** – Mr. Dordije Brkuljan
- **Serbia** – Ms. Jagoda Kocic

Regional Expert

- Mr. Petar Gjorievski

International Experts

- Mr. Robert Lukesh and Mr. Hannes Lorenzen