

Agricultural Policy Forum 2020:

Agriculture and rural development policy in the Western Balkans in times of pandemic

13 - 16 October 2020
Pristina, Kosovo*

DRAFT PROGRAM

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

- 17:00 On-site registration begins
- 20:00 Welcoming reception

Wednesday, 14 October 2020

- 09:00 – 09:05 Official address – **Mr. Besian Mustafa**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of Kosovo*
- 09:05 – 09:10 Official address – **Mr. Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG)
- 09:10 – 09:20 Introduction to the APF 2020 objectives and the program
- 09:20 – 09:40 Regional cooperation in times of pandemic: lessons learnt – **Mr. Besian Mustafa**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of Kosovo*
- 09:40 – 10:00 **Managing natural resources in times of pandemic – TBD**
- 10:00 – 10:20 Recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process and pandemic in the pre-accession countries – **Ms. Ana Kotevska, PhD**, Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, University St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, North Macedonia
- 10:20 – 11:00 Coffee break and family photo**
- 11:00 – 11:20 Best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey – **Ms. Judith Möllers, PhD**, Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Development in Transition Economies, Halle, Germany

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- 11:20 – 11:40 The role of rural tourism in diversification of economic activities and its implications in times of pandemics – **Ms. Suzana Djordjevic Milosevic, PhD**, Professor, Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia
- 11:40 – 12:00 Research, innovation and technology transfer capacities in the Western Balkans – **Ms. Ankica Kondic - Spika, PhD**, Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops, Novi Sad, Serbia
- 12:00 – 12:15 Introduction to the working groups topics
- 12:15 – 14:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 – 18:00 Working groups (Coffee break 15:30 – 16:00)**
- WG1: Best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey*
- WG2: The LEADER Approach in the Western Balkans*
- WG3: Research, innovation and technology transfer capacities in the Western Balkans*
- 19:00 Dinner**

Thursday, 15 October 2020

- 09:00 – 09:30 Presentation of working group results WG 1
- 09:30 – 10:00 Presentation of working group results WG 2
- 10:00 – 10:30 Presentation of working group results WG 3
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 Discussion and formulation of the Pristina Agenda 2020
- 12:30 – 13:00 Official closing of the Forum
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch**
- 14:30 – 19:00 Field trip
- 19:00 Dinner**

Friday, 16 October 2020

Departure after breakfast