



Ministerial Videoconferences on the impact of COVID-19 crisis on agriculture and RD in WB

Progress report

January – June 2020

Regional cooperation during pandemic

- Three Ministerial Videoconferences:
 - 8 April
 - 22 April
 - 27 May
- Some conclusions and actions:
 - No major problems in production and trade
 - Close coordination and cooperation in place
 - New markets penetrated for sale of the surpluses
 - Substantial implications by close-down of the HoReCa segment
 - Opportunity for rural development in general and rural tourism development in particular
 - Temporary measures in IPARD II implementation in reaction to the COVID restrictions
 - Continuous communication, coordination and solidarity - effective approach to counteract the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Appropriate digital capacities and adequate ICT equipment needed

