



Study on the research, innovation and technology transfer capacities and on the recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries

Progress report
January – June 2020

Overall Objective

- To collect information on **agricultural policy developments** in the WBs and Turkey, to conduct comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policies and their state of harmonisation with the CAP and to assess **research, innovation and technology transfer capacities** in the agri-food sector in the WBs.
- Two studies:
 - **Agricultural policy developments** in the WBs and Turkey and their state of harmonisation with the CAP
 - Assessment of the **research, innovation and technology transfer capacities** in the agri-food sector in the WBs



Workplan Task 1 – revised due to pandemic crisis

Task	Activity	Who	Original deadline	New deadline
1	Organization of kick-off meeting	SWG	29-Nov	
1	Draft templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	SR T1	29-Nov	
1	Final templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	SR T1	13-Dec	
1.1	Collect statistical and agricultural policy data in the respective country/territory (APM and statistical database)	NE T1	14-Apr	5-May-20
1.1	Provide a cross-country harmonised and consistent database of the support level by specific policy instrument as well as aggregated support level of the individual policy instruments by the support type following the international classification of agricultural support.	SR T1	25-Apr	22-May-20
1, 2	Interim report	SWG	5-May	11-Jun
1	Organization of interim meeting	SWG	26-28 May 2020	25 June 2020
1.2	First draft country case studies on WB	NE T1	1-Jun	17-Jun-20
1.3	Collect relevant statistical and agricultural policy data in Turkey from relevant national official sources (APM and statistical database)	NE Turkey	1-Jun	
1	Feedback to the National Experts on the first draft country case studies on WB (Task 1)	SR T1	30-Jun	15-Jul-20
1.3	First draft country case study on Turkey	NE Turkey	1-Jul	
1.2	Second draft country case studies on WB	NE T1	15-Jul	31-Aug-20
1.3	Feedback to the National Expert on the first draft country case study on Turkey (Task 1)	NE T1	15-Jul	
1.3	Second draft case study on Turkey	NE Turkey	1-Aug	15-Sep-20
1.4	Provide cross-country synthesis report	SR T1	14-Aug	15-Oct-20
1	Final report	SWG	1-Sep	29-Oct-20
1	Organization of final meeting	SWG	15-Sep	12-Nov
1	Presentation of the findings in the Agricultural Policy Forum 2020	SR	Oct-20	



Workplan Task 2 – revised due to pandemic crisis

Task	Activity	Who	Original deadline	New deadline
2	Organization of kick-off meeting	SWG	29-Nov	
2	Draft structured interview questionnaires and country report outline	SR T2	29-Nov	
2	Final structured interview questionnaires and country report outline	SR T2	13-Dec	
2	Provide a per-country inventory and description of all relevant agri-food research capacities, advisory and extension services, business incubators and the description of the relative strength of these capacities in the WB countries (especially research capacity).	NE T2	31-Jan	5-May-20
2	Provide a summary inventory and description of all relevant agri-food research capacities, advisory and extension services, business incubators and the description of the relative strength of these capacities in the WB countries (especially research capacity).	SR T2	20-Feb	22-May-20
2	First draft country reports	NE T2	15-May	25-May-20
2	Interim report	SWG	5-May	11-Jun-20
2	Organization of interim meeting	SWG	26-28 May 2020	26-Jun-20
2	Feedback to the National Experts on the first draft country reports on WB (Task 2)	SR T2	15-Jun	30-Jun-20
2	Second draft country reports	NE T2	10-Jul	31-Jul-20
2	Provide cross country synthesis report	SR T2	14-Aug	15-Oct-20
2	Final report	SWG	1-Sep	29-Oct-20
2	Organization of final meeting	SWG	15-Sep	12-Nov
2	Presentation of the findings in the Agricultural Policy Forum 2020	SR	Oct-20	



Preliminary results

Task 1

- Most recent publicly available relevant **statistical data** collected, some of the databases will be updated in the coming period
- **APM databases** for all of the Western Balkan countries/territories updated for the period 2018 – 2019, some of the databases will be updated in the coming period
- National Expert from **Turkey** provided an **on-line instruction session** on working with the APM tool
- First draft of the **APM database for Turkey** delivered

Task 2

- Draft **inventory and description** of all relevant agri-food research capacities, advisory and extension services, business incubators and description of its relative strength
- Research capacities of the Western Balkans are **significantly lower than EU** member countries
- Research and innovation capacities **not equally distributed** through the region
- **Serbia** - highest number of published papers, highest H index and overall rank among WB countries
- **North Macedonia** - highest number of citations per paper



Issues and deviations

- **COVID-19 pandemic** - Restricted mobility and closed institutions
 - Reduced ability of data collection and reduced response rate
 - Disabled physical presence in meetings
 - Two-month no-cost extension approved by JRC
- **Delayed publication of relevant data**
 - Databases will be regularly updated with newest data over the project duration
- **Extensive and detailed questionnaires**
 - Reduced response rate



Ministries' representatives (appointed)

Ministry	Representative
Albania	Grigor Gjeci
BiH	Dusan Neskovic
Kosovo*	Adelina Maksuti
Montenegro	Zoran Iric
North Macedonia	Daniela Gidalova
Republic of Srpska	Ostoja Sinik
Serbia	Ana Bogunovic





Study of best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey

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Overall Objective

- To collect relevant information necessary to conduct an in-depth analysis of **short supply chains among small farmers in the WB and Turkey and their potential impacts** on economic aspects as well as their social sustainability.



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Deliverable	Who	Deadline	New deadline
Participation in the kick-off meeting	All	28-Nov-19	
Design of the semi-structured questionnaire and guidelines	SR, IE	9-Jan-20	
Improve semi-structured questionnaire according to JRC comments	SR, IE	26-Jan-20	
Introduce JRs with questionnaire and guidelines (online workshop)	SR, IE	30-Jan-20	
Translate the questionnaire in local languages	JRs, ET	3-Feb-20	
Pre-testing of the semi-structured questionnaire	JRs, ET	7-Feb-20	
Provide report from the pre-testing of the questionnaire	JRs, ET	13-Feb-20	
Amend the questionnaire based on the pre-testing report	SR, IE	19-Feb-20	
Description of the areas to be studied, structure of the market and current and potential high-value niche products in short-supply channels versus other sale channels	SR, IE	23-Feb-20	
Interim report	SWG	25-Feb-20	
Participation in the interim meeting	All	10-Mar-20	
Implementation of semi-structured surveys	JRs, ET	10-Apr-20	30-Jun-20
Provide summary report of the semi-structured interviews in English for each surveyed respondent	SR, IE	10-May-20	15-Jul-20
Analysis of best practices and potential of participation of the smallholders in the short-value chains in the Western Balkans region and Turkey	SR, IE	1-Aug-20	15-Oct-20
Final report	SWG	1-Sep-20	29-Oct-20
Participation in the final meeting	SWG, SR, IE	15-Sep	12-Nov-20
Presentation of the findings in the Agricultural Policy Forum 2020	SR	Oct-20	

Completed activities

- Semi-structured questionnaire design and translation
- Testing of the semi-structured questionnaire
- Amended questionnaire
- Implementation of semi-structured surveys

Country/territory	Testing	Survey
Serbia	5	136
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	68
Albania	5	68
North Macedonia	4	38
Kosovo*	4	38
Montenegro	4	26
Turkey	5	26
TOTAL	31	400

