



Research, innovation and technology transfer in the agri-food sector in the Western Balkan countries/territories: Phase II

Completed activities



Deliverable/Activity	Timeframe	Who
Kick-off meeting	23-Sep-20	SG
Internal kick-off meeting	1-Oct-20	All
Design of the structured interviews with main actors, guidelines for focus group discussions and templates for national and regional reports	31-Oct-20	SR
Analysis of general and country/territory specific literature and information: background basis of the study	1-Nov-20	NEs
Conducting at least 5 interviews with AKIS representatives	15-Dec-20	NEs
Draft national report based on the desk research and interview results	31-Jan-21	NEs
Draft regional synthesis report (including desk research and interviews' results)	15-Feb-21	SR
Preparation and analysis of one case study of RITT (successful or not successful) in the respective country/territory	15-Feb-21	NEs
Feedback to the NEs on the first draft of national reports and on the case studies	10-Mar-21	SR
Conducting one online focus group meeting on RITT with the identified AKIS actors	During March 2021	NEs
Interim report	15-Mar-21	SWG+WER
Interim meeting	29-Mar-21	SG
Second draft national report considering the feedback from the Senior Researcher on the first draft and including the results from the focus group meeting	7-Apr-21	NEs
Internal interim meeting (participation and contribution/feedback)	15-Apr-21	All



Some statistics

- Total interviews = 44
 - Target = 30
- Total case studies = 10 (6 WB + 4 EU)
 - Target = 8 (4 WB + 4 EU)
- Total focus groups = 7
 - Target = 6



Next steps

Deliverable/Activity	Timeframe	Who
Feedback to the NEs on the second draft of national reports	7 May 2021	SR
Cross-country meeting (participation and contribution)	11 - 12 May 2021	All
Comparative analysis of the case studies	31 May 2021	SR
Final national report considering the feedback from the Senior Researcher on the second draft and providing policy recommendations for enhancing technology and innovation transfer in the agri-food sector in the WB countries	31 May 2021	NEs
Final regional synthesis report (including results of desk research, interviews and focus groups, policy recommendations on enhancing technology and innovation transfer in the agri-food sector in the WB countries)	15 Sep 2021	SR
Draft final report	23 Sep 2021	WER+SWG
Final meeting	30 Sep 2021	SG
Participation and presentation of the results of the study at the Agricultural Policy Forum 2021	13-14 Oct 2021	All
Final report	1 Nov 2021	WER+SWG



Cross-country online meeting

11 May – Current state of play in the WB

- Cross-country key findings and recommendations - SE
- 3 parallel sessions: innovation case studies - NEs
 - *Summary of an innovation case*
 - *Strengths versus Weaknesses of the case*
 - *Opportunities versus Threats of the case*
 - *Ways to overcome Weaknesses and Threats of the case*
- Agri-food model in Turkey
- Concluding remarks



Cross-country online meeting

12 May – EU Support

- Introduction to IPARD 3 and its measure “Promotion of Cooperation for Innovation and Knowledge Transfer”
- Upcoming Horizon calls
- Examples from recent Horizon calls
- Discussion and conclusions

