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REAWG on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)

Progress report

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Bayerisches Staatsministerium für
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The REAWG on AKIS

- **Established in 2019** - to **assess and enhance** research, innovation and technology transfer **capacities** in the agro-food sector in the WB (JRC, DG AGRI, WeCR)
- **Consolidated in Sep 2021** – following recommendations by SWG delegates (as part of the APD) to:
 - Represent an **“AKIS” knowledge and innovation transfer network**, which brings together governments, academia, private regional innovation champions from Western Balkan countries and Germany.
 - Develop **one regional and six national policy strategic plans** aiming at fostering knowledge and innovation transfer in defined topic areas.
 - Develop at least **five virtual further education and communication measures** for scaling up technical innovations and innovative business models (special target group: young, dynamic farmers and agri-businesses)

REAWG AKIS



Country/territory	Ministry of Agriculture	Higher education	Advisory services	Research Institute	Private sector/ Chamber of Commerce	Ministry of science
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**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*



Study tour in Germany (8 – 12 Nov 2021)

- **14 participants:** ministries of agriculture, advisory services and universities/research organizations
- Learning about the **German (Bavaria, Saxony) AKIS models**, its elements, their capacities, links and interactions
- **Planning session (12 Nov)**



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Completed deliverables so far within APD



- Updated and prioritized national **SWOT matrices**
- Developed national **AKIS maps** (and a joint regional AKIS map)
- Constructed draft **national roadmaps** for development of functional and integrated national AKIS systems



Workplan for 2022

Deliverable	Who	Timeframe/ Deadline
First interim meeting (physical) - present national roadmaps and discussion on the formulation of the National Action Plans	All	27 - 29 March
Guidelines for the National Action Plan designation	Senior Expert	15-Apr-22
Finalized roadmaps	National Experts	30-Apr-22
First draft national AKIS plans	National Experts	30-May-22
Provide feedback on the draft National Action Plans	Senior Expert	15-Jun-22
Defined WB regional priorities	Senior Expert	15-Jun-22
Second interim meeting - presentation of National Action Plans and discussion on the possible options for the implementation of sectoral or thematic action plans (invite German expert)	All	6 - 8 June
Developed draft WB regional AKIS plan	Senior Expert	30-Jun-22
Final proposed national AKIS plans	National Experts	5 Sep 2022
Finalization of the WB Regional AKIS Plan	Senior Expert	19 Sep 2022
Third interim meeting (physical) - present final national action plans and regional WB plan (endorsement by relevant authorities) and the draft action plan proposal for sectoral or thematic AKIS implementation. Update of the workplan.	All	17 - 18 Oct 2022 (APF 2022)
Feedback on the sectoral or thematic AKIS plans	Senior Expert	15-Nov-22
Development of one education or communication measure for scaling up technical innovations and innovative business models with special target group: young, dynamic farmers and agri-businesses	National Experts	Nov-22
Monitoring of the implementation of the national action plans	National Experts	Oct - Nov 2022
Finalization of the sectoral or thematic AKIS plans	National Experts	30-Nov-22