



Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural
Development



Implemented by:

giz Deutsche Gesellschaft
für Internationale
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



Second Interim Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group - REAWG on Quality Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables within the title "Support to economic diversification of rural areas in Southeast Europe (SEDRA II)" Project

Topics: *fruits and vegetables, agriculture quality,
marketing standards, legal harmonisation,
enforcement, control system*

ČAČAK, Republic of Serbia, March , 15th -17th , 2023

Valdete Avdiu, MAFRD,

Prishtina, Kosovo

Kosovo Work Plan for implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetable 2023/2024

The expression on the country/territory priorities and expressing needs for the SWG technical support for the implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables in 2023.

Representatives of the countries/territories;

THE EXPRESSION OF KOSOVO ' S PRIORITIES AND EXPRESSING NEEDS FOR THE SWG TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MARKETING STANDARDS FOR FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES IN 2023-24/ 1

Regional TAIEX workshops:

- 1) for the Creation and Implementation of the MAFRD-administrative instructions as indicated and requested in the Kosovo National Agricultural Market Law (shall be issued within twelve months after the day of entering into force of the Kosovo National Agricultural Market Law)
 - **Priority= very high**
- 2) for the general (GMS) and specific marketing standards (SMS), as well as the relation between specific marketing standards with the UNECE standards
 - **Priority= low**
- 3) for the working obligations, procedures of the control bodies (certification and control)
 - **Priority= high**
- 4) for conformity checks of fresh fruit and vegetables at the import and export stage
 - **Priority= high**

The expression of Kosovo ´ s priorities and expressing needs for the SWG technical support for the implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables in 2023-24/2

❖ Study visit:

- 1a) on the inspection procedure for controlling the compliance of fresh fruits and vegetables with the marketing standards
 - **Priority= middle**
- 1b) on conformity check at the moment of export and issuing the Certificate of Compliance
 - **Priority= middle**
- 2) on setting up an electronic trader database in the fresh fruit and vegetables sector and establishing the Register of fresh fruit and vegetables traders
 - **Priority= high**

The expression of Kosovo´s priorities and expressing needs for the SWG technical support for the implementation of marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables in 2023-24/3

- ❖ **Cooperation** of the SEE´s Ministries` Agriculture staffs on sharing experiences on legislation and implementation of the fresh fruits and vegetables marketing standards:
 - Establishment of the register of fresh fruit and vegetable traders based on the National implementation of the European Union´s regulations
 - Implementation of regulations (in Kosovo the Administrative Instructions) through strengthening the work of inspection services (certification and control bodies)
 - We are thankful for bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the SEE´s Ministries` Agriculture colleagues

Example for a prior technical support

5. Prior use of foreign assistance to strengthen the capacities in fresh F&V marketing standards

- The HPK project of Swiss Intercooperation has introduced UNECE quality standards with main stakeholders such as traders, supermarkets and farmer representatives
- The HPK has produced simple illustrated materials with explanatory notes which would easily be understood and applied by the sector.

