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The Fourth Interim Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group - REAWG on Organic Agriculture within the "Agriculture Policy Dialog Germany - Western Balkan" Project

**03<sup>rd</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Duress,  
Albania**

### **PROGRAMME**

*(TOPICS: ORGANIC AGRICULTURE, LEGAL HARMONISATION, TRANSPOSITION, CERTIFICATION, AND ORGANIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT)*

#### **April 03<sup>rd</sup> 2023 (Monday)**

- Arrival of participants in Hotel Star Albania in Duress
- *Welcome dinner*

#### **April 04<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Tuesday)**

- *Breakfast*

09:00 - 09:10	Welcome greetings
09:10 - 09:20	Introduction to the topics of the program meeting
09:20 - 09:40	Progress update on the "Agricultural Policy Dialogue, Germany- Western Balkans" project work since November 2022, and new activities in the project <b>IAK (Stanimira Penkova, online)</b>
09:40 - 11:00	An overview of the country/territory achievement in the EU 848/2018 Regulation transposition and presentation of the work plan for 2023/2024 <b>(Representatives of the Ministries)</b> - tour the table
09:40 - 09:50	Albania
09:50 - 10:10	Bosnia and Herzegovina - Federation of BiH; Republika Srpska
10:10 - 10:20	Kosovo*
10:20 - 10:30	North Macedonia
10:30 - 10:40	Montenegro
10:40 - 11:00	Serbia



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11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Discussion
12:00 - 13:00	<i>Recommendations to the country/territory representatives to accelerate the legal alignment with EU regulations in the field of organic agriculture. <b>Mr. Branislav Raketec, Regional expert</b></i>
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 - 15:00	Presentation of an Organic Policy Comparison tool <b>Mr Tom Nizet, Authent Belgium (online)</b>
15:00 - 15:30	Organic Market Development - example of the Action Plans designed in Kosovo* and Albania <b>Ms Valdete Avdiu, Ms Rudina Cakraj</b>
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 - 16:45	Market development of organic commodities in the Western Balkans countries <b>Mrs Mareike Brandt and Mr Toralf Richter (online), International experts</b>
16:45 - 17:30	Views and proposals of representatives of respective countries/territories regarding the development of the organic products market in the Western Balkans countries <b>The countries/territories representatives</b> - tour the table;
17:30 - 17:45	Summary of the first-day discussion, and introduction to the topics of the next-day program.
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>

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## April 05<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Wednesday)

- *Breakfast*

09:00 - 09:15	Wrap up and summary of the discussion of the day before and introduction to the topics of today's program
09:15 - 10:00	Discussion on perspectives and priorities in the development of the organic sector in the Regional and European context <b>Moderation: Mrs Mareike Brandt</b>
10:00 - 10:30	An internal country/territory representatives' dialogue in finding outcomes for technical support for the stated needs and defined priorities <b>Representatives of the Ministries and national experts</b>
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:00	Overview of the need for further technical assistance in ensuring the continuation of the export of organic products to the EU market and for the development of the organic agriculture sector of the Western Balkans countries/territories (PPP or other written form) <b>Representatives of the Ministries</b>
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11:50 - 12:00	Serbia
12:00 - 13:00	Final discussion and fixing the 2023 Operational plan for the REAWG on Organic Agriculture activities
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	Departure of the participants

\* 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



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