



Regional Expert Advisory Working Group (REAWG) on the Role of Women in the Rural Development in the Western Balkans

Kick-off Meeting

29 – 30 March 2023

Ohrid, North Macedonia
Metropol Hotel

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DRAFT PROGRAM

29 March 2023

*Arrival of participants in Ohrid, Metropol hotel
Dinner at the hotel*

30 March

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome addresses and tour de table – SWG, GIZ, GFA
09:30 – 09:50	Presentation of the objectives of the REAWG and objectives of the meeting – SWG
09:50 – 10:35	Overview of the current policies affecting the situation of rural women and their engagement in the rural areas (up to 15 min each): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Albania – National Expert• Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, BiH – National Expert• Republic of Srpska, BiH – National Expert
10:35 – 11:05	Coffee break
11:05 - 12:05	Overview of the current policies affecting the situation of rural women and their engagement in the rural areas (up to 15 min each):

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kosovo* – National Expert • North Macedonia – National Expert • Montenegro – National Expert • Serbia – National Expert
12:05 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Methodology for assessing women’s engagement in agriculture and their contribution to rural development in the region, as well as the opportunities to use their potential in the development of circular economy, green, social and environmental entrepreneurship – Regional Expert, supported by International Expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed methodology for the selection of participants for the interviews, for the focus group discussions and for the surveys, considering representativeness. • Proposed guiding questions for the focus group discussions and the qualitative interviews. • Proposed framework of the survey questionnaire to collect relevant information on the status, role and opportunities of the rural women in the WBs
14:30 – 15:00	Discussion on the presented methodology
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:30	Outline of the national reports and outline of the regional cross-country report – Regional Expert, supported by International Expert
15:30 - 16:00	Discussion on the presented outlines
16:00 – 16:30	Feedback from the represented ministries on their expectations from the study
16:30 – 17:00	Activity plan for completion of the assignment, concluding remarks – SWG

* 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