

57th Assembly Session of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-Eastern Europe

28th August – 01st September 2023

CIHEAM Bari, Valenzano (BA), Italy

PROGRAMME

August 28th, 2023 (Monday)

- Arrival of the participants in Bari

20:00

Dinner at CIHEAM Bari

(for late arrivals a cold plate in the rooms will be arranged)

August 29th, 2023 (Tuesday)

SWG Assembly Session - Open Meeting

Venue of the meeting: CIHEAM Bari

Chair: President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chairs: B. Ilic, SWG Secretary General

B. Di Terlizzi, CIHEAM Bari Deputy Director

09:00 - 09:10

Official address on behalf of the CIHEAM Bari Institute

M. Raeli, CIHEAM Bari Director

09:10 - 09:20

Opening and introduction to the topics of the 57th Assembly Session

09:20 - 11:20

Overview of the activities of CIHEAM Bari and possibilities for cooperation with the Western Balkan countries/territories:

- Collaboration and opportunities in EU research and innovation for the Western Balkans
C. Bogliotti / V. Belsanti / M. Elmoujabber

- Enhancement of small farmers for the valorization of the typical and traditional foods in short supply chains
G. Cardone
- Integrated pest management in a global climate change context: challenges and interventions in the Balkan area
M. Digiaro / T. El Beaino
- Building bridges for the future in South-Eastern Europe: the role of the EU Cooperation
D. Guida / M. Semeraro
- Water Research & Education as vehicles for development and cooperation
R. Khadra
- Youth entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems
D. Petruzzella
- Working for the development of Organic Agriculture in the Mediterranean and Western Balkans
P. Pugliese / M.R. Bteich
- CIHEAM Bari concerted actions to support the EU integration process of Bosnia and Herzegovina
M. Todorovic
- CIHEAM Bari and its contribution to EUSAIR Strategy for a sustainable blue development
M. Zuccaro

- 11:20 – 11:40 Coffee Break
- 11:40 - 12:00 Discussions on collaboration between CIHEAM Bari and SWG
B. Ilic, SWG Secretary General
- 12:00 - 13:15 Future orientations and strategies of CIHEAM in the in South-Eastern Europe
T. Miano, CIHEAM General Secretary
- 13:15 – 13:30 Overview of the performed activities in the period April – September 2023 as per the Operational Plan
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- 13:30 - 14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 - 15:00 Update on the cooperation with BMEL and GFA
- Wine
 - AKIS

- Organic Production
- Sustainable Forest Management
- Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture
- Agricultural Policy Monitoring

SWG Head Office/Secretariat

15:00 – 16:00

Elaboration and update on the cooperation with GIZ

- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- Soil Partnership
- SEDRA II/2
- LEADER
- Dissemination events
- Rural Woman

SWG Head Office/Secretariat

16:00 - 16:20

Coffee Break

16:20 - 16:30

Update on the cooperation with FAO

- Rural Youth

SWG Head Office/Secretariat

16:30 - 16:40

Update on the activities within HUMUS HORIZON Project

SWG Head Office/Secretariat

16:40 - 16:50

Discussions on the SWG major upcoming activities for the year 2023

SWG Head Office/Secretariat

16:50 - 17:00

Final discussion and wrap up

18:15 – 18:45

Departure from CIHEAM Bari to “Querceta” Organic Farm

18:45 – 22:30

Field visit to “Querceta” Organic Farm and dinner

22:30

Departure from “Querceta” Organic Farm to CIHEAM Bari

August 30th, 2023 (Wednesday)

(Closed Meeting – for SWG Delegates and Observers)

Venue of the meeting: CIHEAM Bari

Chair: President of the SWG Assembly



Co-Chair: B. Ilic, SWG Secretary General

- 09:00 - 09:10 Introduction to the topics of the closed Assembly Session
SWG Secretariat
- 09:10 - 10:30 Discussions and decisions regarding the future functioning of the SWG operational structures
- Discussion about the operational functioning of the SWG Head Office/Secretariat;
 - Discussion on internal topics and future proposals;
 - Discussion and decisions on the SWG Membership and Financial planning.
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 11:20 Update of the SWG Operational Plan 2023
- 11:20 - 11:30 Final preparations for the Agricultural Policy Forum 2023
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- 11:30 - 11:40 Final preparations for the 17th Annual Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE
SWG Head Office/Secretariat
- 11:40 - 12:30 Planning and discussions related to the SWG future proposals and initiatives for the Year 2023
- Discussion on initiatives and partnership cooperation with donor organizations and future proposals.
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break
- 14:00 Departure to “Torre Guaceto” Marine Protected Area and Natural Terrestrial Reserve
- 15:30 - 17:30 Field visit to “Torre Guaceto” Marine Protected Area and Natural Terrestrial Reserve and overview on the activities of “Alto Salento” Local Action Group.
- 17:30 Departure to Tricase
- 18:30 Arrival in Tricase and accommodation in hotel



20:00 Dinner

August 31st, 2023 (Thursday)

09:00 – 10:30 Visit to Tricase branch of CIHEAM Bari and overview on the activities carried out by CIHEAM Bari for the sustainable and integrated growth of rural and coastal communities

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 Visit to the Food4Health Community Lab in Tricase

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

17:00 Departure to Scorrano (LE)

17:30 – 19:30 Field visit and dinner at multifunctional farm “Duca Carlo Guarini”, Scorrano (LE)

21:30 Departure to hotel

September 01st, 2023 (Friday)

05:00 Departure from Tricase to Bari Airport

Link for remote connection during the working sessions on 29th and 30th August

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