



Comparative analysis of agricultural sectors and rural areas in the pre-accession countries: agricultural policy developments, situation of the agri-food sector and economic context

Project details

- **Main aim:** to gain knowledge on the state of development of the agri-food sector in the Western Balkans and Turkey as well as on the approximation of agriculture and rural development policies with the CAP, in order to be able to better design the instrument for the application of pre-accession assistance for rural development (IPARD) in each of the pre-accession countries.
- **Specific objectives:**
 - Analyses of **agricultural policy developments** in the WB countries, and to the extent possible in Turkey.
 - **Comparative analysis of the competitiveness** of the agro-food sector at sectoral and macro levels in the WB countries and in Turkey and their comparison with the EU (i.e. selected individual member states and EU averages).
- **Duration:** 21 November 2021 - 1 November 2022
- **Consortium:** Wageningen Economic Research (WEER) and Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in Southeast Europe (SWG)
- **Financed by:** DG AGRI



Analyses of agricultural policy developments in the pre-accession countries/territories

- Objective: **update** data and analyses on agricultural policy developments in the pre-accession countries, carried out by SWG **over the past decade**
- Specific objectives
 - **Collection of information** on the most recent developments of agricultural policy in the WB countries/territories, and to a possible extent in Turkey.
 - Conducting **country case studies** on agricultural policy developments in WB countries/territories and, to the extent possible, in Turkey.
 - Conducting a **comparative cross-country analysis** of the agricultural policy developments in the WB countries and Turkey.
 - Analysis of the **state of harmonisation** of agriculture and rural development policies of the WB countries/territories, and Turkey to the extent possible, with the CAP

Background



Follow-up on previous 4 projects:

- Analysis of agricultural and rural development policies in Western Balkan countries
- National policy instruments and EU approximation process: effects on farm holdings in the Western Balkan countries
- Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkan Countries (APDAP-WB)
- Study on the research, innovation and technology transfer capacities and on the recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries

Methodology used so far revised and, if needed, improved



Publications



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Agricultural policy developments and EU approximation process in the Western Balkan countries



Task: Analyses of agricultural policy developments in the WB countries/territories and Turkey



Activities
Collect information on agricultural policy developments in WB countries and, to the extent possible, in Turkey
Conduct country case studies on agricultural policy developments in the WB countries and, to the extent possible, in Turkey
Conduct a comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policy developments in the WB countries and Turkey
Analyse the state of harmonisation of agriculture and rural development policies of the WB countries, and Turkey to the extent possible, with the CAP

Subtask: Collect information on agricultural policy developments in WB countries

- Collect **agricultural policy data** from relevant national policy documents and legislation;
- Review **policy strategic documents** on the future development of national policies in the WB countries;
- Provide an overview of the **existing policy framework** to ensure compliance with EU standards in primary production and processing;
- Provide a **cross-country harmonized and consistent database** of the support level by specific policy instrument as well as aggregated support level of the individual policy instruments by the support type following the international classification of agricultural support.

Subtask: Provide country case studies on agricultural policy developments in the WB countries

- Provide **country specific analysis** of agricultural policy developments and the EU accession process based on policy information collected;
- Identify **major changes** in policy instruments adopted in last years;
- **Compare** agricultural policy in WB countries, and to the extent possible in Turkey, **with CAP**.

Subtask: Provide a comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policy developments and state of harmonization with CAP

- Provide **cross-country comparison** of agricultural policies in the WB countries and Turkey;
- Identify **main successes and failures** of agricultural policies;
- Evaluate the **EU approximation process** of the WB countries and Turkey
- Draw **policy recommendations**

Team

Project team

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 - Sabahudin Bajramovic – Federation of BiH, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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 - Vlado Kovacevic – Serbia
 - Ahmet Ali Koç – Turkey
 - AAEM - North Macedonia



Workplan

Activity	Who	Timeline, 2022
Internal kick-off meeting	All	10-Feb
Draft templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	RE	9-Feb
Review of the previously used methodology and recommendations for improvements	SR	9-Feb
Final templates for: collection of data on agri-policy measures (APM), and outline for the country case studies	RE	28-Feb
Collect agricultural policy data in the respective country/territory (APM database)	NEs	30-Apr
Provide a cross-country harmonised and consistent database of the support level by specific policy instrument as well as aggregated support level of the individual policy instruments by the support type following the international classification of agricultural support.	RE	1-Jun
First draft country case studies (national reports) including: - Country specific analysis of agricultural policy developments and the EU accession process for all WB countries based on policy information collected - Major changes in policy instruments adopted in last years in the WB countries - Comparison of the agricultural policy in WB countries with CAP	NEs	1-Jun
Contribution to the first draft interim report - including preliminary results, based on the received input from the national experts, and outline of further steps	RE	15-Jun
Internal interim meeting	All	6 - 8 June
Interim report	SWG	30-Jun
Feedback to the National Experts on the first draft country case studies	RE (SR)	30-Jun
Second draft country case studies	NEs	15-Jul
Provide cross-country synthesis report including: - Comparison of agricultural policies in the WB countries and Turkey based on the policy information collected and country specific analysis - Evaluation of the EU approximation process of WB countries and Turkey - Identification of main successes and failures of agricultural policies - Policy recommendations	RE	15-Sep
Feedback on and contribution to the cross-country synthesis report	SR	30-Sep
Final report	SWG	30-Sep
Presentation of the findings in the Agricultural Policy Forum 2022	RE	19-Oct