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Current Situation

- ❖ ARDP 2007-2013 is the first step for Kosovo to learn the techniques of EU – style development planning.
- ❖ ARDP has been prepared by competent national authorities, in consultation with social/economic partners and other stakeholders.
- ❖ Municipalities, business and civil society have taken part in the process of elaborating priorities and actions selected for implementation in Kosovo's agricultural sector during 2007-2013.
- ❖ ARDP has been discussed with European Commission and other donors



Current Situation

- ❖ ARDP is in the implementation year four.
- ❖ In order to reflect needs of the agricultural sector and rural development in Kosova the programme is adjusted yearly.
- ❖ Objectives of the Program:
 - Agricultural Development
 - Rural Development



Implementation state of ARDP

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- ❖ **Focusing implementation of ARDP 2010-13 during 2011-13 on:**
 - vocational training to meet rural needs (**Measure 1**);
 - restructuring the agricultural sector, including providing grants for farmers and implementing land consolidation (**Measure 2**);
 - supporting irrigation, particularly tertiary irrigation, as well as irrigation providers and water users' associations (**Measure 3**);
 - modernising agro-food establishments that have high potential for export and import substitution (**Measure 4**); and
 - implementing local community development strategies based on the principles of LEADER+ (**Measure 8**).



Implementation state of ARDP **Continues.....**

- ❖ The following important measures, identified in the ARDP, are partially implemented by Donor's support:
 - natural resource management, environment and land use (**Measure 5**);
 - rural diversification (**Measure 6**); and
 - economic, social and cultural infrastructure in rural areas (**Measure 7**).
- ❖ Based on the lessons learned during the implementation, MAFRD will prepare those measures for the next Programme,



Implementation state of ARDP

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❖ Agricultural Development

Direct support measures:

Livestock sector

- milking cow
- sheep and goat

Crop sector

- winter wheat

❖ Rural Development

Development of vocational training to meet rural needs (Measure 1):

- Rural advisory services

Restructuring physical potential in the agri-rural sector (Measure 2):

- SUBMEASURE: Fruit & vegetable and vineyards & grape
- SUBMEASURE: Milk producing agricultural holdings

❖ Axis 4 - Community-based local development strategies

- *Support for local community development strategies (Measure 8):*
- LAG development following LEADER principles;



Basic features for RDN

- ❖ General objectives
- ❖ Specific objectives
- ❖ Organisation
- ❖ Tools
- ❖ Resources
- ❖ Tips



Networking in LEADER

- ❖ Local level
- ❖ National level
- ❖ European level
- ❖ Examples, main results, different practices in different countries....



Institutional building

- ❖ 30 Local Action Groups (LAG-s) registered
- ❖ The board of rural network established
- ❖ 30 local community development strategies prepared



What's the result ?

- ❖ There is a strong framework at central level: the ARDP
- ❖ We have a better and more detailed understanding of local priorities
- ❖ We have some resources identified at local level
- ❖ We have “900” local experts identified by competences and field of interest
- ❖ We have about “1,000” projects identified in various field, with different levels of preparation and different level of commitment from projects holders



What's next ?

- ❖ Kosovo is a small country – the size and population are similar to a small province or region in the EU
- ❖ The situation of rural areas is very homogeneous: same problems everywhere, which makes it easier for understanding, exchanging, planning and implementing
- ❖ The population of Kosovo is very young (a unique situation in Europe), very active and pushing for a better future
- ▶ *The major advantage of Kosovo is Kosovars themselves: education, capacity building, group working are the major levers for the future*



What's next ?

- ❖ Financial support from Kosovo Government and international community is likely to increase dramatically in the coming years,
- ❖ In order to improve Kosovo's "capacity of absorption", the following must be in place:
 - Projects must be coherent with a strategy based on needs and priorities
- ❖ Projects must be coherent with donors regulations
 - Projects applications must be prepared respecting strictly the donors guidelines
 - Projects must be implemented and monitored respecting strictly donors requirements



How the RRSWG can help?

- ❖ Capacity building of the Stakeholders,
- ❖ Capacity building of the LAG-s,
- ❖ Facilitation of cross border projects,
- ❖ Establish a strong networking between the members of the SWG including representatives of the rural development directorates, stakeholder organizations and LAG-s,
- ❖ Organization of annual meetings to discuss rural issues, especially the progress and problems of the NRN,



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