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Regional Rural Development
Standing Working Group



REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT STANDING WORKING GROUP (SWG) IN SEE

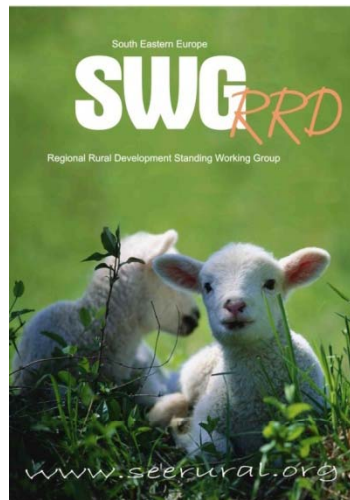
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Our Organization



- The “**SWG**” stands for **Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe**.
- It is an **International Intergovernmental Organization**, consisted of governmental institutions responsible for agriculture and rural development in respective countries and territories of Southeastern Europe.
- Its managing and coordinative body is the SWG Head Office/Secretariat, based in Skopje, Macedonia.





Our Establishment



- The SWG, as a platform for networking and regional co-operation, has been established during **the Agricultural Policy Forum 2005** (“Rural Development Opportunities for Co-operation in the SEE”) held in Macedonia and Serbia in June 2005 and later on confirmed with the Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE convened in Dresden in 2007.
- Based on **the International Agreement** on the status and activities of the SWG, in **September 2009** the SWG is registered as International Intergovernmental Organization.





SWG Member institutions



- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection, **Albania** 
- Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, **Bosnia and Herzegovina** 
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the *Republic of Srpska*, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food, **Bulgaria** 
- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, **Croatia** 
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, **Macedonia** 
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, **Montenegro** 
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, **Serbia** 
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, **Kosovo** (UNSCR1244) 

SWG observers

- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, **Slovenia** 
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, *Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, **Bosnia and Herzegovina** 
- Provincial Secretariat of Agriculture Water Management and Forestry, *Autonomous Province of Vojvodina*, **Serbia** 

Our Mission

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- To increase horizontal collaboration among respective countries and territories of SEE, coordinating regional initiatives related to agriculture and rural development and support the process of economic development in rural areas of Southeastern Europe.



Our General Objectives

To facilitate close cooperation among the Ministries of Agriculture and other stakeholders in the field of agriculture and rural development and to support the EU integration of the Western Balkan countries.



Our Areas of Cooperation



- o Rural development;
- o Agriculture and agro-industry;
- o Trade and economic development;
- o Environmental protection;
- o Protection and promotion of cultural heritage;
- o Alternative tourism;
- o Food safety;
- o Promotion of Gender equality and empowerment of women in rural areas;



Our partners/supporters

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Our Project Portfolio



1. **SWG - GTZ Open Regional Fund for SEE**

“Strengthening the competitiveness of companies working in the agro and food sector through implementation of food safety systems and standards and regional business networking”;



2. **SWG - GTZ SEF**

“Strengthening of the regional cooperation/networking in the forestry and water management sector and sustainable development in the river basins of the South-Eastern Europe countries”;

3. **SWG – FAO TCP Facility**

“Support for establishment of rural development networks in SEE countries”



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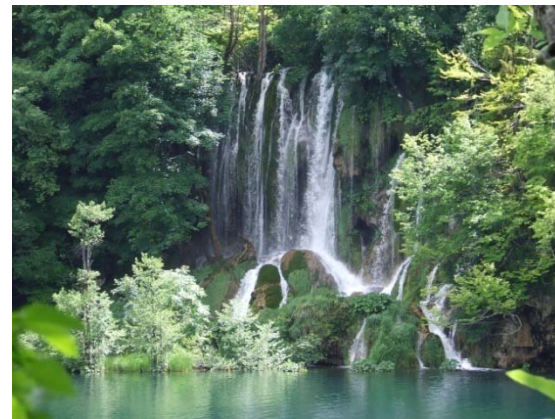
4. **SWG - TEMPUS IV Project**

“Western Balkan Rural Extension Network through Curriculum Reform”



5. **SWG- EC – JRC (Joint Research Center)**

“Area based development – ABD Drina – Tara river (SRB-MNE-BiH) and Shopska Land (BG-MK-SRB)”





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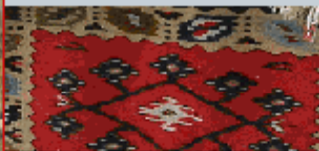
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