

6th Annual Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from South Eastern Europe

Conclusions

SWG Head Office/Secretariat

At the 6th Annual Meeting the Ministers:

- welcomed the recommendations outlined in the Ohrid Agenda 2012, especially underscoring the importance of the topics discussed (CAP-Gap analysis, Area Based Development Approach and Joint Water and Forest Management)
- Recognized the SWG as our regional initiative and its active role on facilitating policy dialogue and practical regional cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development
- adopted the report of the Secretary General on the achievements and results of the SWG work for the year of 2012
- expressed the concern over the issues in our region and worldwide regarding negative effects of climate change-drought and flooding in SEE and the need for enhancing discussions on necessary decisions and measures related to increase of price of agricultural commodities and consequently increase of consumer price index for food
- recognized the Strategic and Operational Plan 2011-2015 of the SWG which sets out our vision for regional cooperation for the foreseen period as an effective and affirmative based on the results achieved in the period 2011-2012

In line with the detailed provisions of this SWG Strategic and Operational Plan, the Ministers also:

- decided to further support the strategic outline of the SWG to allow efficient management and development of the regional cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development;
- Reaffirmed on providing political, financial and technical support to the initiatives and activities taken on behalf of the SWG;
- tasked the Secretary General and SWG Assembly into further building the SWG for fulfilling its essential core tasks;
- tasked the Secretary General and the SWG Assembly through the SWG to further impel the processes of EU reforms pro regional cooperation in the field of its framework;
- support the Secretary General and the acting SWG Presidency on the continues work with the European Union on the further development and application of the Area Based Development in the rural cross-border areas of South Eastern Europe.

Present institutions during the meeting

SWG member institutions

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection - Republic of Albania
- Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry - Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food – Republic of Bulgaria
- Ministry of Agriculture - Republic of Croatia
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy - Republic of Macedonia
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - Montenegro
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development – Kosovo*

SWG Observers

- Ministry of Rural Development - Republic of Hungary
- Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection – Federal Republic of Germany

Other Ministries non SWG Members

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs – Republic of Turkey

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