

Review of the activities preformed for the year of 2012

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Key facts and figures

- Participation of more than **250 Ministry representatives and stakeholders on technical discussions for organic agriculture**, International Pre-Accession Assistance in Agriculture and Rural Development (IPARD), integrated water and forestry management etc.
- More than **120 Ministry representatives and stakeholders participated on study trips for establishment of EU** Regional Policy and Efficient Use of Structural Funds and Best Practices on Regional Rural Development.
- More than **60 Ministry representatives and stakeholders have been trained on Managing Regional Rural** Development and Regional Marketing: Branding of Products and Regions.
- More than **5 educational material on organic agriculture** production, implementation of Global Gap 4.0 food safety standard, (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) were prepared and printed by the SWG.
- **Four Stakeholders Groups in the cross-border areas** "Drina- Tara", "Drina- Sava", "Prespa" and "Sharra" were established with active participation of approximately 150 stakeholders.

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- Preparation of **Feasibility study on Joint Water and Forest Management in SEE.**
- Over **40 companies were provided with consultancy** services related to implementation of requirements for implementation of Global GAP 4.0, HACCAP and organic standards.
- More than **5 rural events and people to people actions** for promotion and preservation of rural cultural heritage have been organized and/or supported.
- Promotion of SWG at more than **10 Conferences and events.**
- Organization of **Agricultural Policy Forum 2012 with** participation of approximately **90 Ministry representatives and relevant agriculture and rural development stakeholders resulted** with Ohrid Agenda 2012.
- Organization of the **6th Annual Working Meeting of the Ministers` of Agriculture from South-East Europe 2012 with the** Conclusions of the Ministers for the accomplishments to be made by the SWG for 2013 and onward as the meeting outcome.

Networking

Area Based Development	Support of Regional Events - SEE	Expert Advisory Group Meetings	Enhancing Regional Cooperation
• Stakeholders group meetings in Drina-Tara Region; • Stakeholders group meetings in Drina-Sava Region; • Stakeholders group meetings in Sharra Mountain Region; • Stakeholders group meetings in Prespa Lake Region.	• Traditional Mowing on Rajac; • World Plowing Contest; • Agrobiodiversity Fair.	• Managing Authorities; • Paying Agencies; • Joint Water and Forest Management in SEE; • Organic Agriculture.	• Conference on Regional Cooperation and Networking in Water and Forest Management in SEE; • Joint Statement on Water and Forest Management in SEE; • Regional Conference on the Role of the Civil Sector in Rural Development of the WB; • Parliamentary Seminar on Modernization of Agriculture and Implementation of CAP.

Capacity Building

Advisory	Study Trips	Trainings/Workshops	Publication of Technical Material
Over 40 companies were provided with consultancy services related to implementation of requirements for implementation of Global GAP 4.0, HACCAP and organic standards.	- Over 120 Ministry representatives and rural stakeholders participated on study trips for: - EU regional policy and efficient use of structural funds; - Rural Development; - Best practices on cross-border cooperation.	- Over 80 Ministry representatives and stakeholders have been trained on: - Local Action Groups and LEADER Approach; - Regional Marketing: Branding of Products and Regions; - Best practices in Green Jobs; - Fruit and Vegetables Quality and Inspection Service; - Assesment of Ecosystem Services - Harmonization of Fruit and Vegetables Quality Assesment.	- Publication of a feasibility study on Joint Water and Forest Management in SEE; - Preparation of Educative Material for Food Safety and Quality Systems and Standards; - Survey/profiling on agriculture and food-industry in South Eastern Europe.

Advocacy and Resource Mobilization

Event/Conference Participation	Established Partnership	Prospects for Partnership	SWG Members/ Observers
• Presentation of SWG at the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture and the International Green Week in Berlin; • Twenty-eight FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC); • Export possibilities of organic and other crops.	• German International Development (GIZ); • United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); • European Commission (EC)– DG Agriculture and DG Enlargement; • Central European Initiative (CEI); • Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations (OE); • Regional Cooperation Council (RCC).	• European Environmental Agency-EEA; • Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark; • Mediterranean Organic Agriculture Network (MOAN); • CIHEAM Institute for Mediterranean Agriculture – Bari (IAMB); • Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).	• Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry; • Federal Republic of Germany, Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection; • Ministry of Rural Development of Hungary.

Policy Analysis

Workshop/Conference	Agricultural Policy Forum in SEE	Annual Ministers Meeting
• Informal-“No Tie” Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE; • Regional Networking Workshops on: “Streamlining of agriculture and rural development policies of SEE countries for EU accession”.	• Agricultural Policy Forum 2012 organized on 16th – 19th October 2012 in Ohrid, Macedonia; • Participation of approx. 90 Ministry representatives and relevant agriculture and rural development stakeholders; • Result - The Ohrid Agenda 2012; • APF 2013 to be organized in Kosovo*.	• 6th Annual Ministers’ Meeting organized 16th of November, Kosovo*; • Results of the Agenda - Conclusions of the Ministers for the accomplishments to be made for 2013 and onward.

Kosovo* - “This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence”

Information Exchange

Event/Conference Participation	SWG Website	Promotional Material	Communication
• Regional Working Meeting on Solidarity Development and Strengthening the Social Dialogue in Agriculture in SEE; • Conference on Export Possibilities of Organic and Other Crops to Germany; • Round table on Specific Role of Civil Society in Lobbying and Implementation of National Action Plan for Organic Agriculture in the Western Balkan Region.	• Improvements made on the presentation side of the website – new IT communication instruments added; • Complete information added for all SWG related activities and events from content side; • Forum for SWG delegates established for internal communication.	• Publishing of new (updated) SWG promotional materials: flyers, brochures, posters, banners; • Promotional material of the Ministries regarding technical issues supported by SWG (reports, strategies, technical announcements and sector oriented promotion materials).	• Transparency among the SWG Member Institutions, SWG Head Office/Secretariat and Partner Organizations a priority; • Engagement of SWG PR staff for communication with media in the SEE region for SWG visibility.

Achieved results in 2012

1. Gradual implementation of Strategic and Operational Plan 2011-2015;
2. Increased capacity of Human Resource;
3. Decision on gradual increase of the Members contribution for adequate funding of the operations;
4. Satisfactory decision making representation in the SWG Assembly;
5. Start up of decentralized operations in the SWG Member Countries;
6. Increase of SWG Membership and Observers.

Thank you!

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