

25th Meeting of the Assembly of Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-Eastern Europe

**December 2nd – 7th, 2012
Bernried, Germany**

December 3, 2012

25th SWG Assembly Meeting

The 25th closed SWG Assembly meeting (for SWG delegates only) was chaired by the SWG Assembly President Bekim Hoxha and co-chaired by the SWG Secretary General, Boban Ilic.

The following aspects were discussed:

- Review of realized SWG activities in the period January to December 2012 via SWG Operational Plan, „Capacity Development for the SWG“, Boban Ilic
- Update of SWG membership and discussion on SWG membership fee, Boban Ilic
- Presentation of SWG Annual Financial Report, Andrej Josifov
- Decision on SWG Operational Manual, Boban Ilic
- Overview on operation of SWG bodies (SWG Assembly, Secretary General, Secretariat and Working Groups, Boban Ilic

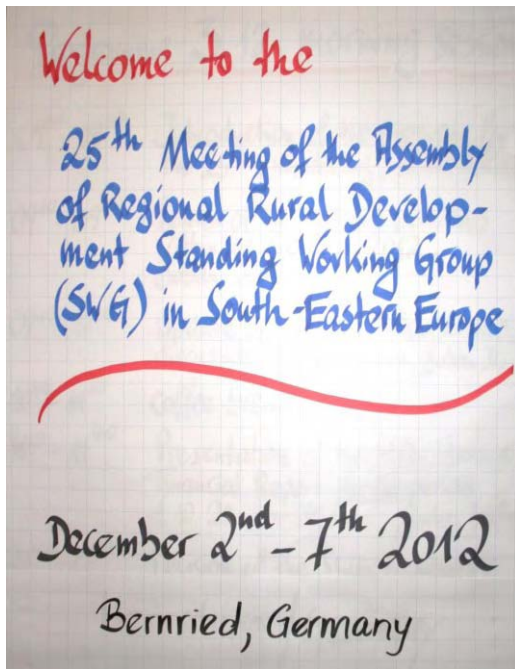
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The 25th open SWG Assembly meeting was chaired by the SWG Assembly President Bekim Hoxha, co-chaired by the SWG Secretary General, Boban Ilic and moderated by Uwe Krappitz.

The following aspects were discussed:

- Update on developments of agriculture and RD in the SWG member states, SWG delegates
- Review of the implemented activities within the SWG in the period January-December 2012, Boban Ilic
- Presentation of the Conclusions of the 6th Annual Working Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE, Katerina Spasovska
- Planning of the SWG activities for the period January-December 2013, Boban Ilic
- Preparation of the SWG Operational Plan for 2013 (ABD), Irena Dzimrevska
- Discussion on the cooperation with the European Commission
- Preparation for an area based development approach in the Western Balkan 2014, Irena Dzimrevska



Programme for the 4 days



25 th SWG Assembly Meeting Programme Structure		
3.12. 2012	09 ⁰⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰ SWG Assembly Meeting - for SWG Delegates only	14 ³⁰ - 17 ³⁰ 25 th SWG Assembly Meeting (open session)
4.12. 2012	09 ⁰⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰ Open 25 th SWG Assembly Meeting Continued	14 ³⁰ - 17 ⁰⁰ Open 25 th SWG Assembly Meeting continued
5.12. 2012	morning Visit to the Bavarian Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry	afternoon Free Afternoon in Munich, Dinner in Munich
6.12. 2012	morning Visit to the TUM - Green Centre of Weihenstephan	afternoon Visit to the world's oldest brewery Weihenstephan
7.12. 2012	see Peter's List Departure of participants	

Detailed Programme for the first day

<u>Programme 3.12. morning session</u>	
09 ⁰⁰ - 09 ¹⁰	Introduction of the program for the 25 th SWG Meeting, Behim Hoxha
09 ¹⁰ - 09 ⁴⁰	Review of the realized activities within the SWG in 2012, Boban Ilic
09 ⁴⁰ - 10 ⁴⁰	Update on the SWG Membership, discussion and decisions, Boban Ilic
10 ⁴⁰ - 11 ¹⁰	Coffee break
11 ¹⁰ - 11 ⁴⁰	Presentation of the SWG Annual Financial Report for the period 1.10.20 - 30.9., Andrej Josifor
11 ⁴⁰ - 12 ⁰⁰	Decision of the SWG Assembly regarding the SWG Operational Manual, Boban Ilic
12 ⁰⁰ - 12 ³⁰	Decisive overview of the operation of the SWG bodies, Boban Ilic
12 ³⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰	Final discussions and decisions

<u>Programme 3.12. afternoon session</u>	
14 ³⁰ - 14 ³⁵	Introduction in to the programme, Ljive
14 ³⁵ - 15 ¹⁵	Update on developments of agriculture and RD in the SWG member countries, SWG Delegates
15 ¹⁵ - 15 ⁴⁵	Review of the realized activities within the SWG 1-12/2012, Boban Ilic
15 ⁴⁵ - 16 ⁰⁰	Presentation of the conclusions of the 6 th Annual Working Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture from SEE, Katerina Spasovska
16 ⁰⁰ - 16 ³⁰	Coffee break
16 ³⁰ - 16 ⁴⁰	Planning of the SWG activities for the period 1-12/2013, Boban Ilic
16 ⁴⁰ - 17 ³⁰	Preparation of the SWG Operational Plan for 2013 (ABD), discussion on the cooperation with the European Commission, Irena Dzimirska
19 ⁰⁰ - 20 ³⁰	Dinner at the Hotel

Key-words from the Delegates' statements on the current situation in their countries

Development in SWG - Member Countries

BiH

- ▷ Strategy Developments on R1
- ▷ 8/12 JPAA - Start
- ▷ Food Safety : several activities
- ▷ TAIEX - WS on Organic Production

Republ. Srpska

- ▷ Adopted Regulation for Fishery
- ▷ Almost ready : Reg. for Lifestock
- ▷ established Agency

Bulgaria

- ▷ Established thematic WG
- ▷ negotiations for future period
- ▷ R1 : new funds → avoid losses

Croatia

- ▷ In Preparation : Operational Programme
- ▷ JPARI
- ▷ Establishment of Rural Dev. Network
- ▷ Choice of measures for R1 2014
- ▷ Ongoing ex-ante evaluation

MK

- ▷ CBC programme with Kosovo
- ▷ Programme for Agricult. 2013-2017
- ▷ fulfilling requirements for EU accession
- ▷ land consolidation process
- ▷ changes in JPARI programme : machinery eligible
- ▷ new measure : Infrastructure
- ▷ 1st draft : National Progr. Agric & R1

Monte-negro

- ▷ Draft JPARI ⇒ EU
- ▷ Osh nation. Programme as "training" for JPARI
- ▷ pre-structure for Paying Agency
- ▷ Change of Government

Kosovo

- ▷ Cooperation with Albania in Veterinary protection
- ▷ preparation of Programme 2013
- ▷ Credit programme with WB + Danida
- ▷ agriculture census to be started
- ▷ new law on forestry to be finished

Serbia

- ▷ new Minister & management structure
- ▷ R1 : own Department
- ▷ new SWG Delegate : State Secretary
- ▷ new location of Paying Agency
- ▷ Accreditation process for JPARI 2013
- ▷ Law : differentiating Direct Payment and R1
- ▷ LEADER - Project : 24 Initiatives established
- ↳ process to be continued
- ↳ pre-LAGs.

Discussion of the ABD

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- ▷ importance of Secretariate/PMLs in place
 - ↳ before capacity building
 - ↳ national support needed
- ▷ stakeholder meetings
 - ↳ with Mayor's presence twice a year
- ▷ programming : ongoing process, as target moves
- ▷ Regional coordinators to be hired until 3/13
 - + 1 assistant
 - ↳ stakeholder group meetings in 4/13
- ▷ Trainings :
 - ↳ 2 Trainings with 2 topics each
 - ↳ for 1 group = 5-6 days
- ▷ Stakeholders to be more involved in selection process of Region. Coordin.

- ▷ Studies being finalized
 - ↳ Submission to EU
 - ↳ parallel : translation

Some impressions from the meeting









December 4, 2012

25th SWG Assembly Meeting

On the second working day, preparation of the SWG plan 2013 was continued moderated by Uwe Krappitz:

- Core activities of SWG in cooperation with GIZ
- EU reform processes in the field of agriculture and rural development of SEE countries and strengthening of regional cooperation and networking in SEE, Bogdanka Leveska-Gjorshoska
- Strengthening capacity building through networking and regional cooperation in the Western Balkan countries, Katerina Spasovska
- Discussion on the cooperation with FAO
- Streaming of agriculture and rural development policies of SEE countries for EU accession, Irena Dzimrevska
- Discussion on the cooperation with Mediterranean Organic Agriculture Network (MOAN) and CIHEAM Institute for Mediterranean Agriculture – Bari (IAMB), Biagio Die Terlizzi
- Involvement of SWG within the Hungarian presidency with CEI, Laszlo Percze
- Cooperation with BMELV and GIZ , Angela Marx
- Planning of other initiatives and activities (TAIEX, OA, World Ploughing Organization)

Programme for the second day and discussion key-words

<u>Programme 4.12. morning session</u>	
Preparation of the SWG plan for 2013	
09 ¹⁰ -09 ⁵⁰	Core activities in cooperation with G12 "EU reform processes in the field of Agriculture + RD", Bogdanka Leveska-Gjorshoska "Strengthening Capacity Building through networking and regional cooperation", Katerina Spasovska
09 ⁵⁰ -10 ³⁰	Discussions on the Cooperation with FAO, Jrena Dzimevska
10 ³⁰ -11 ⁰⁰	Coffee break
11 ⁰⁰ -11 ³⁰	Cooperation with Medit. Org. Agr. Netw. (MOAN) and Inst. for Medit. Agric. (IAMB), Biagio di Terlizzi
11 ³⁰ -12 ⁰⁰	Involvement of SWG within Hungarian presidency with CEJ, Laszlo Percze
12 ⁰⁰ -12 ⁴⁵	Cooperation with BMELV, Janine Minack and G12 (former JuhEnt), Angela Marx
12 ⁴⁵ -14 ³⁰	Lunch

<u>Programme 4.12 afternoon session</u>	
14 ³⁰ -16 ⁰⁰	Planning of other activities and initiatives ▷ TAIEX activities ▷ Cooperation with OA ▷ World Ploughing Organisation
16 ⁰⁰ -16 ³⁰	Coffee break
16 ³⁰ -17 ⁰⁰	Final discussions and conclusions
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<u>Discussions 4.12.</u>	
▷ SEE Working Group on Vine	Serbia takes the lead
▷ TCP FAO	1 st Nation. Netw. WS 11/12.2 BiH, Croatia, Serbia
07/08 HIG 11/12 MK 14/15 BiH	↳ try to move Networking WS in order not to coincide with MFA-training ↳ ~~7.-17.2~~
▷ Country representatives to be defined and communicated (nominations for National Advisory Boards)	↳ <u>13.12.2012</u> + CVs/Profiles where still missing
▷ NRDN?	↳ Topic for a WG on the APF

▷ WG organic agricult ⇒ facilitation by JAMB
 ▷ but also other topics for cooperation
 ▷ also inviting Ital. Min. for Agric as observer to SWG
 ▷ MoU: unanimous decision of Delegates to sign the MoU
 ↳ topics/ideas to be concretized

▷ CEI: presidency with Hungary
 ▷ SWG Meeting in Budapest
 ↳ + 1 extended day of exchange with other initiatives

BMELV
 ↳ Global Forum 17.1. starting
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 20.1. Cultural Programme
 ▷ SWG / OA - event on 17.1.

GIZ - HCI
 ↳ see PPT by Angela Marx

TAIEX Activities
 Topics:

- ▷ advisory services (copy of BiH application ⇒ SWG)
- ▷ publicity - JPARD: after approval of new JPARD programme

 Σ Topics 6.1 and 6.2. to be prepared, 6.3. and 6.4. for 2nd half of 2013
 ▷ more proposals to come from new WG on wine

Ostausch
 ▷ planning meeting during Green Week
 ↳ SWG Sec. Gen.

WPO
 ▷ Meeting in Canada 7/2013
 ↳ Delegates check Ministers' interest
 ↳ if then SWG participation
 ↳ to be decided in Budapest
 ↳ communication process to be coordinated by SWG Secr.

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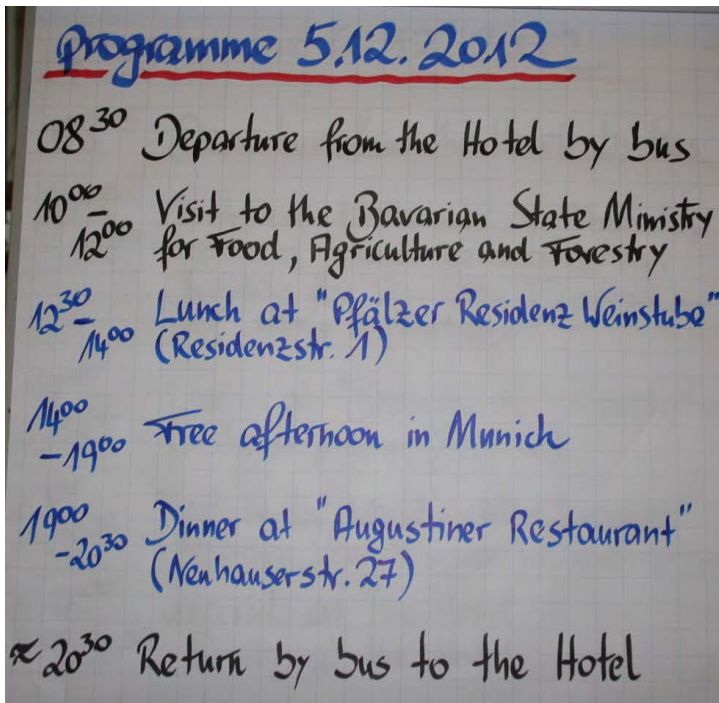


Study Tour within the 25th Meeting of the Assembly of Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-Eastern Europe

**December 5 and 6, 2012
Munich, Germany**

December 5, 2012

Visit to the Bavarian State Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry



The delegates were welcomed by Mr Schuessler, International Relations.



Ms Iris Gerhard, Department of Key Issues of Agricultural Policy, presented the Programming Process 2014-2020.

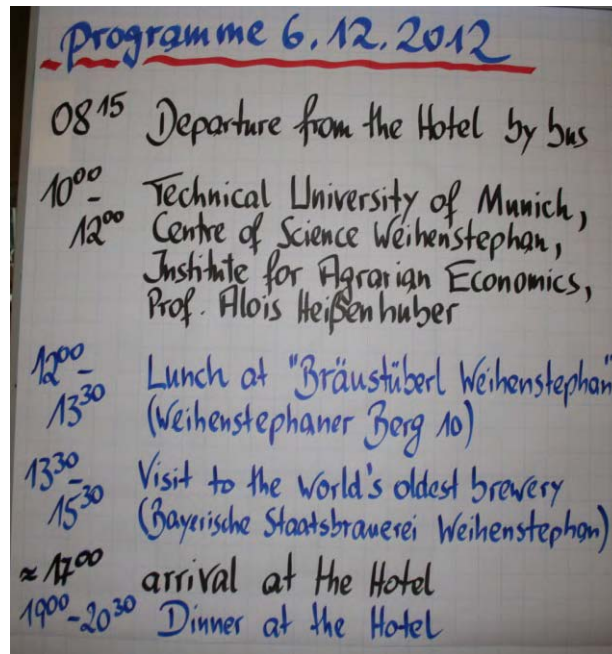
The discussion focused on the following aspects:

- General details on Bavaria, especially agriculture and forestry
- Key issues, such as:
 - Improvement of competitiveness of agriculture and forestry
 - Improvement of environment and landscape
 - Quality of life in rural areas and diversification of rural economy
- LEADER
- BayZAL (financial plan) 2007-2013
- Priorities of the programme 2014-2020
- European Innovation Partnership „Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability“
- EU strategies for the Danube region
- CAP and cohesion policy
- Europe 2020 strategies
- SWOT analysis
- Rural Development programs
- Indicative time frame for program planning 2014 to 2020



December 6, 2012

Visit to the Technical University of Munich- Weihenstephan



Prof. Heissenhuber, Dean of Agrarian Economics, gave a presentation on the enhancements of direct subsidy payments after 2013.



The presentation mainly focused on:

- Development of producer prices for selected agricultural products
- Changes in EU agricultural expenditure
- Subsidy payments in general
- Structure of the CAP
- Direct payments in Germany
- Cross Compliance
- 2 scenarios of land use – production-oriented and multifunction-oriented
- Possible changes in the structure of direct subsidy payments
- 3-step model of payment scheme
- Reasons for a 2013+ CAP reform
- Legislative recommendations of EU Commission for direct payments
- Challenges and expectations of the Europeans



Afterwards the world's oldest brewery was visited. The Weihenstephan brewery dates back to 1040 and was founded by monks.

