

Preparations for organization of the

Agricultural Policy Forum 2012: “Policy perspectives on environmentally sustainable agriculture and rural development in South Eastern Europe”, 16th – 19th October 2012, Ohrid, Macedonia

The Agricultural Policy Forum 2012 will be held in the Republic of Macedonia, Ohrid from 16th – 19th of October, 2012 and will be organized by the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE and the Macedonian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management.

The APF's overall objective is to foster the implementation of EU-like agricultural and rural development policies in SEE with respect to a further integration of the SEE countries as well as their agricultural and rural sectors into the EU. As an outcome, the Forum will formulate an Agenda providing guidelines for suitable agricultural and rural development policies in SEE.

Proposed Program

Tuesday, October 16 th 2012	
evening	Welcoming reception
Wednesday, October 17 th 2012	
a.m.	Official addresses
	Update on developments of IPA and CAP reform post-2013
	Climate change and agriculture
	Thematic speeches: • Strengthening of water resource and forest management cooperation in South Eastern Europe • Implementation of Area Based Development in the cross-border rural areas of Western Balkans • Gap analysis between EC and SEE countries with special attention to agriculture and rural development policy
p.m.	Working group sessions (Parallel working groups on different topics)
evening	Traditional Dinner
Thursday, October 18 th , 2012	
a.m.	Presentation of working group results
p.m.	Formulation of the APF 2011 Agenda
	Field trip
evening	Cultural event
Friday, October 19 th , 2012	
	Departure of participants

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Defined key-note speeches:

- Update on developments of IPA and CAP reform post-2013
- Climate change and agriculture

Defined topics for working group discussions :

- Strengthening of water resource and forest management cooperation in South Eastern Europe;
- Area Based Development in the cross-border rural areas of the Western Balkans within the framework of territorial and regional cooperation;
- Gap analysis between EC and SEE countries with special attention to agriculture and rural development policy.

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Defined field trip program:

- Visit to the Hidrobiological Institute – the participants will watch the fish restocking on the Ohrid lake
- Visit to the National Park Galicica - a round tour of the National Park will be made for the participants
- Traditional Dinner at village Vevcani – participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Macedonian food