

Preparation of the 6th Annual Working Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture 2012

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- **ORGANIZERS:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of Kosovo* and the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-Eastern Europe
- **DATE:** November 15th – 17th, 2012
- **PLACE:** Pristina, 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*

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OBJECTIVES:

- The aim of the meeting is to discuss the future of regional cooperation and reforms in the sector of agriculture and rural development in the process of EU approximation of the SEE region.
- In addition, it will be an opportunity to discuss the regional territorial cooperation in South – East European countries within the Area Based Development concept.

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PROPOSED TOPICS:

- Reforms of the Common Agriculture Policy and Rural Development Policy of the EU for the period 2014-2020;
- EU integration and the future of the pre-accession assistance in the field of agriculture and rural development;
- Strategic outlines of the future regional cooperation in the SEE in the agro and food sector within the SWG framework; and
- Regional territorial cooperation in South-East European countries within the Area Based Development concept.

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WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- Three coordinative meetings between SWG Secretariat and Ministry of Agriculture
- First announcements sent in July 2012
- Invitations sent on September 6th, 2012

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 5th October, 2012 – Deadline for submission of the Registration Form;
- 1st November – Deadline for submission of written versions of Ministers` addresses;
- 15th November, 2012 – Arrival of participants;
- 16th – 17th, November, 2012 – Meeting days;
- 17th November, 2012 – Departure of participants.

Note: Presentation of the programme - Word document