

Agricultural Policy Developments and EU Approximation Process in the Western Balkans Countries (APDAP-WB)

Land Market Development and Small Farms' Access to Land in the Pre-accession Countries (LMSF-AC)

Kick - off Meeting

14 – 15 December 2017

Skopje, Macedonia



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Objectives, approach, workplan



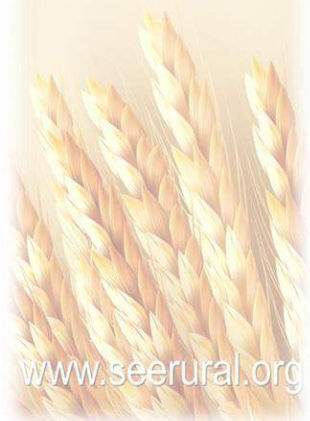
Overall objective

To collect information on agricultural policy developments in the Western Balkan (WB) countries and to conduct comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policies and their state of harmonisation with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)



Specific objectives

- Collect **information** on most recent developments of **agricultural policy** in the WB countries;
- Provide a **comparative cross-country analysis** of the agricultural policy instruments and support levels for producers and processors;
- Provide an analysis on the **state of harmonization** of agriculture and rural development policies of the WB countries with the **CAP**



Target countries/territories

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Republic of Srpska
- Macedonia
- Kosovo*
- Montenegro
- Serbia

**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*

Task 1: Collect information on agricultural policy developments in the WB countries

- Collect agricultural policy data in the WB countries from relevant national policy documents and legislation;
- Review policy strategic documents on the future development of national policies in the WB countries;
- Provide an overview of the existing policy framework to ensure compliance with EU standards in primary production and processing;
- Provide a cross-country harmonized and consistent database of the support level by policy instruments;
- Provide a cross-country harmonized and consistent database, which aggregates the support level of the individual policy instruments by type following the international classification of agricultural support.

Task 2: Provide country case studies on agricultural policy developments in the WB countries/territories

- Provide country specific analysis of agricultural policy developments and the EU accession process for all WB countries/territories based on policy information collected in Task 1;
- Identify major changes in policy instruments adopted in last years in the WB countries/territories;
- Discuss the implications of adopted agricultural policies for the farming sector.

Task 3: Provide a comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policy developments in the WB countries

- Provide cross-country comparison of agricultural policies in the WB countries/territories based on the policy information collected in Task 1 and country specific analysis in Task 2;
- Evaluate the EU approximation process of WB countries/territories;
- Identify main successes and failures of agricultural policies;
- Draw policy recommendations.



Deliverables

- *Deliverable 1: Interim report*

Preliminary results of Task 1 and outline of further steps for Task 2 and 3

- *Deliverable 2: Final report*

Results of Tasks 1, 2, 3, consisted of 3 separate sub-reports:

- **Cross-country** harmonized and consistent **policy database** (based on the work done in Task 1);
- **Country case studies** (based on work done in Task 2);
- **Cross-country comparative policy analysis** in the WB countries/territories (based on the work done in Task 3).

Meetings

- *Kick-off meeting (14 – 15 December 2017, Skopje, Macedonia)*
 Refining the scope of the work, research questions, and discussing the overall approach and work plan.
- *Interim meeting (tentatively 13 April 2018, place TBD)*
 Discussing the interim report, technical details for performing Tasks 2 and 3 and improving Tasks 1.
- *Final meeting (tentatively 20 August 2018, Brussels, Belgium)*
 Discussing all tasks
- *Other meetings (as needed)*
 For ex: video conferences

Team Composition

Coordination team

- Senior Adviser (SA) – Boban Ilic
- Regional Project Coordinator (RPC) – Dori Pavloska – Gjorgjieska
- Technical Assistant (TA) – Oliver Pop-Arsov

Research team

- International Experts Team (IET):
 - University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, represented by Emil Erjavec
 - Tina Volk
 - Miroslav Rednak
- National Academic Experts (NE):
 - Albania – Edvin Zhlima
 - BiH – Sabahudin Bajramovic
 - Republic of Srpska – Zeljko Vasko
 - Kosovo* - Mihone Kerolli - Mustafa
 - Macedonia – Dragi Dimitrovski
 - Montenegro – Mirsad Spahic
 - Serbia – Natalija Bogdanov



Workplan

SWG
RRD

Task	Who	Activity	Deadline
	SWG, IET, NE	Kick-off meeting (scope of work, research questions, workplan, methodology)	14-15 Dec'17
	SWG	Submit Minutes of the kick-off meeting	28 Dec'17
1	IET	APM, total transfers to producers (TTP) and country report templates	15 Jan'17
1	NE	Country paper 1, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the policy strategic documents on the future development of national policies in the WB countries Overview of the existing policy framework to ensure compliance with EU standards in primary production and processing 	8 Mar'18
1	NE	Collect agricultural policy data in the WB countries from relevant national policy documents and legislation (APM for all, plus TTP for BiH)	20 Apr'18

Legend: SR = Senior Researcher; NE = National Experts; RPC – Regional Project Coordinator



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Task	Who	Activity	Deadline
	IET	Contribution to first draft interim report (results of Task 1, outline for Task 2 and 3)	25 Apr'18
	SWG	Submit first draft Interim Report (APM database + TTP database for BiH + Country paper 1) to JRC	27 Apr'18
	NE, IET, SWG	Interim meeting (discuss interim report, improve Task 1 , plan Task 2 and 3)	11 May'18
1, 2	IET	Feedback on the first draft country reports	11 May'18
3	IET	Methodology (templates and guidelines) for country case studies on agricultural policy developments and comparative cross-country analysis of the agricultural policy developments in WB countries/territories	11 May'18
	SWG	Submit Minutes of the Interim Meeting	25 May'18
	NE	Provide improved Task 1 (APM database, TTP database, country paper 1) per the IET feedback	25 May'18
2	NE	Country paper 2, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country specific analysis of agricultural policy developments and the EU accession process for all WB countries based on policy information collected in Task 1 Identified major changes in policy instruments adopted in last years in the WB countries Implications of adopted agricultural policies for the farming sector 	25 May'18
	IET	Provide input to the second draft interim report	3 June'18

Workplan (continued)

Task	Who	Activity	Deadline
	SWG	Submit second draft Interim Report (Final APM database + final TSA database + final country paper 1)	6 Jun'18
3	IET	First draft final report, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-country comparison of agricultural policies in the WB countries based on the policy information collected in Task 1 and country specific analysis in Task 2• Evaluation of the EU approximation process of WB countries• Identification of the main successes and failures of agricultural policies	7 Jul'18
1, 2, 3	SWG	First draft Final report to JRC	5 Aug'18
1, 2, 3	NE, IET, SWG	Final meeting (discuss Task 1, 2, 3)	20 Aug'18
1, 2, 3	NE, IET, SWG	Final report and Databases	15 Sep'18

Legend: IET – International Expert Team; SR = Senior Researcher; NE = National Experts



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