Standing Working Group for Regional Rural Development in SEE (SWG)

Operational Plan January 2016 - December 2016

3/8/2016

	Description of the activity		Beneficiary/Target group	Location of implementation	Foreseen Outcomes	Relation to the SWG objectives	Date of execution	Time Frame											
								Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	D
1	**General SWG /Head Office Activities**																		
1.1	Steering and facilitation of political/policy discussions regarding SWG	Serbia -April, MNE-April, Albania - beginning of May, Kosovo - HCD2- april, onward - SEF 2	Ministries of Agriculture in SEE	N/A		SWG Objectives 1,2,3,4	throughout the year												
1.2	Fund raising and contacts with donors/partners		Donor community, implementing agencies, governments and EC	N/A			throughout the year												
1.3	Preparation of new SWG regional project proposals	WFM + Biodiversity proposals and budgets - during April	SWG Member Institutions/countries	SWG Head Office			throughout the year												
2	**CORE ACTIVITIES Assembly meetings, Policy and Political Forums, Working Groups, executed in cooperation with GIZ (SEF 2 and HCD 2)**																		
2.1	35th SWG Assembly session (assessments of achievements, replanning of activities)		SWG assembly and partner institutions	Macedonia	Preparatory activites for APF, MM, and post 2016		11th-14th April												
2.2	36th SWG Assembly Session (assessments of achievements, replanning of activities)	end of June - draft program and invitations - deadline 10th July	SWG assembly and partner institutions	Montenegro	Preparatory activites for APF, MM, and post 2016		13th - 16th September												
2.3	37th SWG Assembly session (annual reporting, financial reporting and SWG Assembly decisions)		SWG assembly and partner institutions	Hungary	Preparation of Operational Plan 2017	SWG Objectives 1,2,3,4	5th - 8th December												
2.4	Agricultural Policy Forum 2015	end of June-location, announcement	SEE ministry representatives, academics and various stake holders	Albania	Preparation of the APF Agenda		11th-14th.October												
2.5	Annual meeting of Ministers of Agriculture from SEE	end of June - location, announcement, topics, preliminary budgets	Ministers of Agriculture from SEE, EC and supporting governments	Montenegro	Preparation of Conclusion of the Ministers for Agriculture from SEE		15th-18th November												
2.6	Kick off - SEE Water and Forestry - SWG expert advisory group		SWG REAWG Members	Serbia		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	May												
2.7	1st interim meeting - SEE Water and Forestry - SWG expert advisory group		SWG REAWG Members	Albania		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	October												
2.8	SEE Working Group on Wine - SWG expert advisory group		SWG REAWG Members	Montenegro		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	May												

2.9	Kick-off SEE Working Group on ANC - SWG expert advisory group	email Darko, list of experts, topics for cooperation, drafting program, invitations during 1st week of May, arrangement with hotel in Arandjelovac, Darko to prepare the second day-visit, Boban email to delegates	SWG REAWG Members	Macedonia		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	February
2.10	First interim SEE Working Group on ANC - SWG expert advisory group	email Darko, list of experts, topics for cooperation, drafting program, invitations during 1st week of May, arrangement with hotel in Arandjelovac, Darko to prepare the second day-visit, Boban email to delegates	SWG REAWG Members	Serbia		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	June
2.11	Second interim SEE Working Group on ANC - SWG expert advisory group		SWG REAWG Members	Montenegro		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	September
2.12	Final presentation of the results and policy recommendations within APF 2016		SWG REAWG Members	Albania		SWG Objectives 2,3,4	11th-14th.October
2.13	Study on ANC's in SEE	ongoing	SWG REAWG Members	SEE		SWG Objectives 1,2,3,4	February 2016 start
2.14	SEE Strategy 2020	ongoing	SWG Member Institutions/countries	SEE countries	Strategy for the SEE region for the period 2014-2020	SWG Objectives 1,2,3,4	throughout the year
2.15	Global Forum for food and agriculture 2016 - trade and global food security		SWG Member Institutions/countries	Berlin, Germany	SWG stand at the coopraiton market and Pannel Discussion participation	SWG Objectives 1 and 4	13th-17th January
2.16	Roundtable on agriculture and rural development in the Western Balkan (WB) countries and Turkey, Berlin		SWG Member Institutions/countries	Berlin, Germany	Strenghtening the regional cooperation; Facilitating Cross-boarder cooperation; Key issues on IPARD	SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	17th of January
2.17	Trilateral Ministers Meeting (Montenegro, BIH and Serbia)		SWG Member Institutions/countries	Vishegrad BIH		SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	Begining of June
2.18	Networking		SEE	WB countries		SWG Objectives 1,3 and 4	throughout the year
2.19	People to people actions	Reggata - rafting - EUR 1000	SEE	WB countries		SWG Objective 4	throughout the year
2.20	Planning for cooperation on Rural Development, Food Safety with Ireland	GA - subaccounts 1st option Belgrade - waiting for response	SEE Ministries of Agriculture	TBD		SWG Objective 1,3 and 4	TBD
3	**GIZ-Rural Development on water and forest management Program**						
3.1	Completion of Inception phase for the project impementation		SEE	SEE	engagement of experts and definition of operaitonal plan	SWG Objectives 1,3,4	January

3.2	Strenghtening Regional Capacities for RD through integrated forest and water resources management in SEE - LEIWW Program		SEE	SEE		SWG Objectives 1,3,4	Feb 2016 - Dec 2017
	European Commission						
4	**EC -Forstering regional cooperation and balanced territorial developemnt of WB countries in the process towards EI integration**						
5.1	Facilitation of the economic development of the WB region throught intensive political and policy discussions		Ministries of Agriculture and WB cross-border areas	WB countries	policy papers	SWG Objectives 1, 2,3 and 4	
5.2	Implementation of capacity building measures for preparation of relevant projects with adequate quality		WB cross-border areas	WB countries	training material and project proposals	SWG Objectives 2,3 and 4	
5.3	Provision of consultancy support to stakeholders for preparation of project proposals for different calls with special emphasis on Calls within IPA II		WB cross-border areas	WB countries	project proposals	SWG Objectives 2,3 and 4	
5.4	Performance of publicity activities related to available funding		WB cross-border areas	WB countries	informative documents, project proposals	SWG Objectives 2,3 and 4	
5.5	Organization of people-to-people actions		WB cross-border areas	WB countries	reports, promotional material, MoUs, contracts etc.	SWG Objectives 2,3 and 4	
5.6	Participation in meetings with other regional structures		WB cross-border areas	WB countries	reports	SWG Objectives 2,3 and 4	
5.7	Assessment of the situation, development potentials and strategic planning of the economic development of three additional cross border areas		WB cross-border areas	"Neretva", "Prokletije" and "Pcinja"	baseline analysis and strategic developemnt frameworks	SWG Objectives 2,3 and 4	
5	**JRC - "NATIONAL POLICY INSTRUMENTS AND EU APPROXIMATION PROCESS: EFFECTS ON FARM HOLDINGS IN THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES (EUEWB)"**						
5.1	Kick-off meeting and training on IFM CAP	ongoing	WB countries	Ljubljana, Slovenia	study of agriculture and RD policies and recommendations for their alignment with	SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	18-22 January
5.2	First Interim meting		WB countries	Andrevlje, Serbia			21 April

5.3	Second interim meeting		WB countries	TBD	EU CAP 2014-2020		September	
6	**TAIEX**							
7,3	Producers Groups - legal framework, organization structure, roles, good practices		Representatives of the SWG member institutions	Macedonia		SWG Objective 3 and 4	TBD	
7.5	Registration of plant varietes		Representatives of the SWG member institutions	TBD		SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	TBD	
7.6	Wine Regulation - PDO, PGI		Representatives of the SWG member institutions	TBC		SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	TBD	
7.7	Organic Agriculture - new EU regulations		Representatives of the SWG member institutions	TBC		SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	TBC	
7.8	Definition of areas with natural constraints		Representatives of the SWG member institutions	TBC		SWG Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4	TBC	
8	**GIZ Solid Waste Management in SEE**							
8.1	Collection of experiences and best practices from EU member states for ISWM in the cross-border rural and coastal areas	Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment	Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment	SEE countries and EU member states	Experiences and best practices from EU member states for ISWM have been collected and integrated into the developed models		31 January 2016	
8.2	2nd DP session for consultation of initial findings and proposal of the ISWM model in pilot regions	Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment, NALAS	Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment, NALAS	SEE countries - pilot regions	Stakeholders provide recommendations on the proposed ISWM models and the models have been		DP NALAS week of 01-05 February 2016, DPs for SWG week 08-12 February 2016	
8.3	Development of measures and regional policy recommendations (Joint workshop)		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment, NALAS	SEE countries	Based on the developed models and DP session feedback from stakeholders, measures and policy		Join workshop to be held in the period 29 Februry - 04 March 2016. Final recommendations to be done	
8.4	Dissemination of the developed models for SWM in rural and coastal areas as well as the measures and policy recommendations at national and local level		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment, NALAS network, GIZ, other partner organizations/institutions	SEE countries	The policy recommendations and developed ISWM models have been distributed via SWG and		in the course of April 2016	
8.5	Send the measures and policy recommendations (firs week of April 2016)		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment, NALAS network, GIZ, other partner organizations/institutions		The policy recommendations and developed ISWM models have been distributed via SWG and NALAS		8th-11th April	

8.6	Pilot measures for soild waste management models		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, local and central governments and related governing bodies	Drina-Tara/ Drina Sava/ Sharra Region	Pilot measures of the developed ISWM models have been implemented on the ground as a motivation and		in the course of April and May 2016	
8.7	Pilot measures to be implemented in the course of April till Middle of May		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, local and central governments and related governing bodies	Drina-Tara/ Drina Sava/ Sharra Region	Pilot measures of the developed ISWM models have been implemented on the ground as a motivation and awarness		in the course of April and May 2016	
8.8	Drafting project fiches from the developed models		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment	Drina-Tara/ Drina Sava/ Sharra Region	Regional project proposals and fiches for future model implementation have been		in the course of May 2016	
8.9	Drafting project fiches in the cource of May		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment	Drina-Tara/ Drina Sava/ Sharra Region	Regional project proposals and fiches for future model implementation have been		in the course of May 2016	
8.10	Final project conference		Stakeholder groups from the pilot region, Municipalities of the regions, Ministries of Agriculture, Water and Forest Management and Environment, NALAS network, GIZ, other partner organizations/institutions, donor	Vishegrad BIH or Ohrid Macedonia-TBD	Presentation of project results, developed models and possible funding for		6-7 June 2016	
10	**Other Activities**							
10.1	World plowing competition		SWG Member Institutions/countries	UK		SWG Objective 4	8-11 September	

Explanation of the different colors

Preparation period		
Execution period		
Time for follow up activities after the execution		

Ongoing Activities
Finished Activities
Cancelled activities
Long Term activities
Postponed activities
New activities

SWG Objectives:

1 To improve the common understanding of EU agriculture ar

2 To assist the improvement of implementation structures and systems for agriculture and rural development in rural areas, with specific emphasis on cross border cooperation

3 To improve the understanding and use of implementation tools for agriculture and rural development

4 To identify and share information and application of good practice in agriculture and rural development to broaden the rural agenda

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