

**Third Meeting of the Project Steering Group (PSG) of the SWG EC Project:  
“Fostering regional cooperation and balanced territorial development of Western Balkan  
countries in the process towards EU integration - Support to the Regional Rural  
Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South-East Europe”**

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Premises of DG NEAR in Brussels, Belgium**

**PROPOSED PROGRAMME**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Monday)**

- Arrival of the participants

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (Tuesday)**

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Chair: Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Secretary General

13:30 – 13:40	Official opening and introduction to the topics for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> PSG Meeting
13:40 – 14:10	Up-date on the status of implementation of the Action <i>Discussion</i>
14:10 – 14:50	Area Based Development Approach (ABDA) in the Western Balkan (WB) countries: – Cross-fertilization of ABDA with IPA II Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes (current status, experiences/obstacles and opportunities); – Overview of the SWG role in the context of rural development support in WB countries, incl. empowering rural stakeholders and facilitation of the ABD approach in the cross-border regions.  <i>Discussion</i>
14:50 – 15:10	Coffee break
15:10 – 15:40	Financial and reporting issues related to the implementation of the Action. Exchange of views on necessary steps to smoothly carry out the planned tasks.
15:40 – 16:00	Final discussion and agreement on the future steps and activities