



**38th Meeting of the Assembly of Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group
(SWG) in South Eastern Europe,**

**April 09th – 12th 2017
Ljubljana, Slovenia**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

April 9th, 2017 (Sunday)

- Arrival of the participants at the Hotel

19:00 Welcome reception hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry at the Hotel “Lev”,
(standing reception)

April 10th, 2017 (Monday)

SWG Assembly Session - Open Meeting

Venue of the meeting: Hotel Continental

Chair: President of the SWG Assembly

Co-Chair: SWG Secretary General

08:40	Departure from Hotel “Lev” to the Hotel “Continental”
8:45 – 09:00	Arrival and registration
09:00 - 09:05	Introduction to the program
09:05 - 09:15	Official address on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of Slovenia
09:15 - 09:35	Rural Development Program of Slovenia for the period 2014 - 2020
09:35 - 10.10	State of play of the operational structure of IPARD II programme <i>(per beneficiary country/territory)</i>
10:10 - 10.30	Introduction of the Rural Network in Slovenia
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Presentation of the Rural Networks in SEE countries/territories
12:00 – 12:30	Review of the main features and activities of Balkan Rural Development Network
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:45	Elaboration and update on the cooperation with GIZ
	<p><i>SWG - GIZ: “Rural development through Integrated Forest and Water Resources Management in Southeast Europe (LEIWW)”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update of the project activity on evidence-based policy in respect to rural development and sustainable resource management of natural resources in the framework of LEIWW Programme</i> • <i>Summary of the Policy recommendations related to assessment on “Areas with Natural Constraints in the Balkans”</i> • <i>Update on the assessment/study of the application on LEADER approach in the Western Balkan countries</i>
14:45 – 18:00	Presentation and discussion of the draft findings of the PEV mission within the GIZ Regional Project “Rural Development through Integrated Forest and Water Resources Management in Southeast Europe (LEIWW)”
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
18:00	Final discussions and conclusions
20:00	Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Hotel “Lev”

April 11th, 2017 (Tuesday)

(Closed Meeting - for SWG Delegates and Observers)

Venue of the meeting: *Hotel Continental*

Chair: *President of the SWG Assembly*

Co-Chair: *SWG Secretary General*

12:30 – 13:30	Departure on the field trip organized in cooperation with the Slovenian Local Action Group –LAG “Living together urban and rural areas” (“ <i>Sožitje med mestom in podeželjem</i> ”).
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch at the Agri tourism Farm
16:00 – 16:30	Presentation of the Local Action Group LAG- “Living together urban and rural areas” (“ <i>Sožitje med mestom in podeželjem</i> ”).
17:00 – 19:30	Presentation of good practice, presentations of 2 LEADER projects, including Dinner
20:30	Departure to the hotel “Lev”

April 12th, 2017 (Wednesday)

- Departure of the participants