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Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management in Southeast Europe (LEIWW)

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- The programme with a duration of 3 years (2015-2017)
 - is commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
 - Is a cooperation between SWG and GIZ aiming to build capacities for rural development, sustainable forest and water resource management
 - targets 6 countries in South-East-Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
 - works on regional, national and local level in the Area Based Development (ABD) cross-border regions
 - Lead executing agencies are the Ministries of Agriculture, through their membership in the SWG


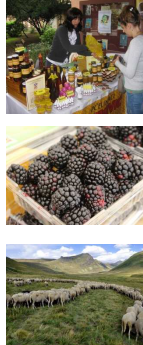


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Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group

- The three central fields of activity are:
 1. Improving coordination between the environment, forestry, water and rural development/agriculture sectors
 - Contribution to multi-stakeholder, regional strategy processes
 - Promotion of regional cooperation, exchange and learning


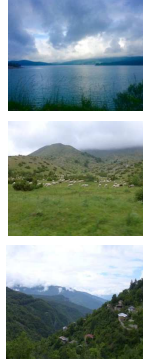



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- The three central fields of activity are:
 2. Integrating environmental objectives in rural development and agricultural policies
 - Policy analysis and evidence-based policy recommendations to incorporate environmental objectives in national policies
 - Advisory services on the harmonization of agricultural and rural development policies with the EU Acquis

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- The three central fields of activity are:
 3. a) Planning of integrated forest and water management approaches in cross-border regions
 - b) Income generation and diversification based on the use of natural resources in cross-border regions
 - Income generation through the sustainable use of natural resources, including economic activities of women
 - Actions for integrated water and forest resources management

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The challenge of the inception phase is:

- ...to develop a inclusive programme strategy, responding to the needs and demands of:
 - Local realities in cross-border-regions
 - National priorities
 - Regional strategies
- ... to use and add value to existing structures and processes
 - Formats and structures of SWG (Assembly, Agricultural Policy Forum, Ministerial Meetings, Expert Advisory Working Groups)
 - The Area Based Development (ABD) approach:
 - The Stakeholder groups (SHG) from cross-border-regions
 - The ABD cross border development plans
 - The grant scheme
 - Capacity building
 - People-to-People actions
 - Promotion of regions and regional products
 - Facilitation of policy dialogue between the local, regional and national level

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