

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

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