



**Republic of Macedonia**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy**

# **Sector Working Group**

**Donor coordination follow up**

**23.04.2018**

# ***First meeting on foreign assistance coordination held on 22.02.2018***

*“In order to ensure a full integration and synergy between national policies of the Government and the use of foreign assistance by donors and creditors to the Republic of Macedonia, Sector Working Groups will perform inter-ministerial co-ordination tasks for programming, monitoring and evaluation foreign assistance”*


# ***Outcomes of the first meeting***

A decorative graphic featuring a yellow sun with rays, a green hand reaching up, and a blue hand reaching down, symbolizing support and collaboration.

- National strategy presentation and priorities of the Government in the sector presented;
- Need for separate meetings per area of intervention was identified;
- Donor presented their field of work and willingness to support and assist the Ministry.

# ***Setting the priorities - Areas of intervention in the sector***

- Land consolidation;
- Rural development ( cooperatives, extension services and LEADER);
- Water management;
- Common market organizations
- Paying Agency;
- Food and veterinary issues;
- Phytosanitary issues and
- Forestry.



For each of the set priorities  
separate meetings were held in  
the period 16.03.2018-  
26.03.2018



The outcomes of separate meetings  
per priority- intervention area are  
presented in the following slides



# ***Land consolidation***



## Ongoing support:

- Ongoing IPA 2015 project implemented by FAO
- duration until 2020
- Project funds: 2,61 mill euros

## Donors:

- No direct donor interest shown in regards to land consolidation activities

# ***Rural development***

## ***Ongoing support:***

- IPA 2015 project- “Support to Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Macedonia” -1,98 mill euros
- 2018 programme-National measures on LAG’s registration and support

## ***Donors and stakeholders :***

- Swiss contact could assist in organic advisory services
- USAID through EPICENTAR and FFRM to assist in public debates-presentations on Farm Advisory System



# Water Management



## Ongoing support:

- Two IPA 2013 and IPA 2015 projects on small-scale irrigation schemes
- 1.7 mil euros – feasibility studies for 8 projects
- 3 mill euros for construction

## Donors and stakeholders:

- **Swiss contact and Swiss embassy** highlighted the need for data monitoring, education of farmers and introduction of new technologies

# ***Common market organizations***



## ***Ongoing support:***

- IPA 2015 Introduction and implementation of Common Market (Organization measures in Republic of Macedonia) - tendering phase -0.7 mil euro

## ***Donors and stakeholders:***

- USAID has Pilot programme (Contract farming model) to be shared with MAFWE

# ***Paying Agency***



## ***Ongoing support:***

- IPA 2015 project “Improvement of interoperability and effectiveness of IACS in AFSARD” –tendering phase- 1,5 mill euros

## ***Donors and stakeholders:***

- National convention on EU ( conclusions from meeting on agri and rural dev) :
- Improvement of structural conditions for IPARD2 program
- Facilitating the conditions for providing technical documentation;
- Introduction and accreditation of new measures in the program;
- Improvement of the capacity of the institutions;
- Better information and communication regarding the program

# ***Food and veterinary issues***

## ***Ongoing support:***

- IPA 2012 tw project “Further development of the competent authorities’
- IPA 2015 construction of buildings for performing veterinary and phytosanitary control at the Border Inspection Post Blace -1.1 mil euro
- Service contract for strengthening the capacities of the services competent for food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy 1.1 mil euro
- IPA 2015 oral vaccination of foxes against Rabies 1.2 mil euro

## ***Donors and stakeholders :***

For rendering plant the WG has been established (by Deputy Prime minister), and coordinator should be the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and water Economy. The activities and working meetings will begin soon – to find a donor?

# *Phytosanitary issues*

## ***Ongoing support:***

- IPA 2012 twinning project “Further development of Competent Authorities’ control systems to protect the human, animal and plant health” – ongoing
- IPA 2015-Supply of equipment for the authorities competent for phytosanitary policy- 400.000 euro

## **Donors and stakeholders:**

- UNDP to provide estimation on costs for establishing monitoring network aiming to forecast and prognoses of presence and spread of the harmful organisms and FAO to provide support on establishing the monitoring network
- Swiss contact and EPICENTAR could assist in drafting bylaws



# Forestry



## ***Ongoing support:***

- No IPA support
- FAO technical support facility on forestry inventory ( project proposal drafting)-ongoing

## ***Donors and stakeholders:***

- Forest Genetic Resources Information System can be realized under Horizon 2020.
- Further support is needed for inventory has been indentified



# What are the SWG next steps?

1. Continued coordination!
2. Donor data base updated
3. Performance assessment framework

4. IPA 2019 programming

# *Priorities to be supported (1)*

- ***Land consolidation***

- Supporting the farmers, raising the awareness of necessity for land consolidation to continue-  
*More active role of farmers organization and relevant stakeholders needed*

- ***Rural development***

- ***Advisory services*** to be strengthened as they are the backbone for successful agriculture-  
*Donors can provide technical support in legislation ; IPA 2019 ?*

- ***Cooperatives*** – *additional support should be considered*

# *Priorities to be supported (2)*

- ***Water management***

- Preparation of Strategy for development of irrigation and drainage sector –*IPA or donor assistance?!*

- *IPA 2019* continuation of construction of Small Scale Irrigation System

- ***CMO***

- further alignment with common market measures to enhance sector competitiveness

# *Priorities to be supported (3)*

- ***Paying Agency***

- Upgrading of the IACS for IPARD electronic application- IPA 2019
- Regional offices upgrade- IPA 2019

- ***Food and veterinary issues***

- Rendering plant to be established- IPA 2019
- Swine fever plan, prevention and vaccination- IPA 2019
- Quality of milk to be improved -

# *Priorities to be supported (4)*

- ***Phytosanitary issues***
  - Phytosanitary Information System (PIS) further developed – *IPA 2019*
  - Monitoring network on forecast and prognoses of presence / spread of the harmful organisms – *(FAO)*
- ***Forestry***
  - General plan on forest management – *IPA 2019*
  - Macedonian Forestry Information System – *IPA 2019*



# New priority –Market measures



- Establishment of regional purchase centers for agricultural products- donor or IPA 2019?
- Market infrastructure- donor or IPA 2019?
- Supply chain of niche product, traditional specialties and organic farming- donor IPA 2019?





Thank you for your attention

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