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The Ninth Interim Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group - REAWG on Organic Agriculture within the "Agriculture Policy Dialog Germany - Western Balkan" Project

07th – 09th October 2024
Belgrade, Serbia

PROGRAMME

(TOPICS: ORGANIC AGRICULTURE, LEGAL HARMONISATION, TRANSPOSITION, CERTIFICATION, ORGANIC MARKET DEVELOPMENT)

October 7th, 2024 (Monday)

- *Arrival of participants in Hotel M in Belgrade*
- *Welcome greetings and information regarding the meeting schedule*
- *Welcome dinner*

October 8th, 2024 (Tuesday)

- *Breakfast*

- 08:30 - 10:30 Visit the Institute of Chemistry, Technology and Microbiology laboratory - *ICTM.*
Gide - Mr. Branislav Raketec
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 - 11:15 Introduction to the topics of the meeting and insights from the **18th Annual Working Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture 2024**
Mr Boban Ilic SWG Secretary General
- 11:15 - 12:55 A brief overview of the country/territory progress in the completion and adoption of the Organic Law aligned with the EU Regulation 848/2018, (**Representatives of the Ministries**) - tour the table - up to 5 minutes each):
- Albania
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Federation of BiH;
 - Republika Srpska
 - Kosovo*
 - Moldova
 - North Macedonia
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- 12:15 - 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 15:00 - Brief inside from EZ **Introduction (Mr. Thomas Zebunke)**
- Review recent sector events (e.g. Kosovo Organic Conference; Roundtable discussion Banja Luka)
Moderation Mr. Richter Toralf
- 15:00 - 15:30 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 - 16:45 - The current state of discussion for the development of National Organic Action Plans
Moderation Mr Richter Toralf
- Progress report on the development of the National Organic Action Plan (**presentations**):
 - Albania – **Ms. Klodiana Balla**
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federation of BiH – **Mr Alen Mujcinovic**
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republika Srpska – **Ms Vida Todorovic**
 - Moldova **Mr. Boris Boincean,**
 - North Macedonia – **Mr. Zoran Dimov,**
 - Montenegro – **Mr. Zoran Jovovic,**
 - Serbia – **Mr Branislav Raketec,**
 - Implementation of activities from the Acton Plan in Kosovo*
 - Input – **Mr. Faton Nagavci,** National Expert
- 16:45 - 17:00 A Common EU Organic Day in future with events on the same day also in all Western Balkan countries **Mr. Dusan Neskovic**
- 17:00 - 17:15 Summary of the first-day discussion **Mr. Dusan Neskovic**
- 19:00 *Dinner*

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October 9th, 2024 (Wednesday)

- *Breakfast*

09:00 - 09:10	Wrap up and summary of the discussion of the day before and introduction to the topics of today's program.
09:10 - 09:30	Legal regulation on the collection, processing, and dissemination of data on the import and export of organic products Representative of the Customs Service of the Republic of Serbia
09:30 - 09:40	Discussion
09:40 - 10:30	The role of the Control Body - Organic Control System LLC, Serbia Organica, Chamber of Commerce in organic market development in Serbia Moderation Mr Branislav Raketic
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Planning Summer School (topics, venue) Mr Thomas Zebunke
11:00 - 12:00	Collecting requests to the EU Commission towards a better and more direct exchange of information (wish list) Moderation Mr Richter Toralf
12:00 - 12:30	Final discussion and next steps of the REAWG on Organic Agriculture, overview training needs, and possible planned visits to Biofach in 2025 Mr. Dusan Neskovic
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	Departure of the participants

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