

Project

“Promoting EU integration through sustainable agriculture and green rural development in the EUSAIR non-EU countries”

International Workshop on Integrated approach for sustainable agriculture and green rural development in the non-EU EUSAIR countries

Hotel BOSNA,
Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Tuesday, 19th April 2023

Objective:

To put together different stakeholders from Bosnia and Herzegovina and other EU and non-EU EUSAIR countries with the aim to support the EU integration process through the sustainable agriculture and green rural development with a particular focus on the adoption of integrated approach based on the EU Green Deal and the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies.

AGENDA

Wednesday, 19th April 2023, Hotel BOSNA, Banja Luka	
9.00-9.30	Registration
	<i>Introductory words, Moderator: Midhat Džemić, Directorate for European Integration of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUSAIR Presidency</i>
9.30-10.00	<p>Welcome addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, MoFTER • Italian Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina • CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Italy, • Regional Rural Development Strategic Working Group (RRD SWG) in South-Eastern Europe, • Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome
Session 1	
10:00-10:20	A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas -Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas – Introductory presentation (TBC)
10.20-11.30	Sharing Rural Pact experiences and learning for the future <i>Introductory presentation (15 min), TBC</i>

	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU DG AGRI (TBC) • CIHEAM Bari • RRD SWG • Ministries in charge of agriculture and rural development from EUSAIR region • Rural Development Networks, ect.
11.30-12.00	Coffee break
Session 2	
12:00-13:30	<p>Green Rural Development - Successful stories from EUSAIR region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Economic and Rural Development, Miodrag Matavulj • Greenways - Visitor Center Pecka, Boro Marić • Family Holding Bajic, Duška Delić • Agriculture Cluster GLS, Bojan Ćikić • Farm Spreča (TBC)
13.30-15.00	Lunch break
Session 3	
15.00-16.30	<p>Integrated approach to rural development in the EUSAIR region</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Gordana Rokvić-Knežić, associate professor at Faculty of Agriculture, University of Banja Luka</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIHEAM Bari • RRD SWG • Ministries in charge of agriculture and rural development from EUSAIR region • Institutes of agriculture • Faculties of Agriculture (University of Banja Luka, University of Sarajevo) • Members of Rural Development Network
16.30-16.45	Coffee break
16:45-17:00	Concluding recommendations
19.30-21.30	Dinner, Restaurant Integra, Banja Luka



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overall objective of the project:

to support the acceleration of the EU integration process of BiH and non-EU EUSAIR countries with a specific focus on the issue of sustainable agriculture and green rural development in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other non-EU EUSAIR countries.

Specific objectives:

OS1: To enhance awareness of the public administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other partner countries to promote innovative start-ups and employment opportunities in rural areas, with particular reference to young people, to fight unemployment and brain drain and promote social cohesion.

OS2: To promote the adoption of sustainable and integrated agricultural practices and rural development in the EUSAIR region, with particular attention to the adaptation to EU regulations of non-EU EUSAIR countries.

Main activities:

- Organization of the **1st Regional Workshop** focussing on Strengthening the promotion of innovative start-ups and job opportunities in rural areas of the EUSAIR countries,
- Organization of the **2nd Regional Workshop** focussing on Integrated approach for sustainable agriculture and green rural development in the non-EU EUSAIR countries,
- Drafting, directing, and releasing of “**A strategic document** on the promotion of sustainable agriculture and green rural development in the non-EU EUSAIR countries”,
- Organization of the **Final thematic event during the 8th EUSAIR Forum** and presentation of the strategic document,
- Drafting, directing and realising the **key messages** from the Final thematic Forum.

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