



Regional Advisory Services Network - South East Europe (ASN-SEE or SEASN) Initiative

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Background

Initiatives, opportunities and the needs for some form of networking and cooperation of agricultural extension services of the Western Balkans/ SE Europe, were:

- FAO , 2011.
- GFRAS Conference, Berlin, 2013.
- FAO Conference, Sarajevo, 2013.
- IALB Strategy meeting, 2013 and IALB Steering committee, 2014.
- Conclusion: different regions in Europe should, similar to the IALB, establish associations on the regional actors level.
- Regional networks could be represented in EUFRAS.
- The first meeting of the Initiative, held in Belgrade in April 2014.
- Participants were representatives of AS from Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo*, Hungary, Macedonia and Serbia.
- Slovenia, Romania and Montenegro supported meeting.
- Also, representatives of international organizations participated: IALB, EUFRAS, USDA and U.S. Embassy in Belgrade.

ASN SEE Objectives

- Increasing the efficiency of agricultural advisory services in contributing to the development of agriculture and rural area in the region.
- Dynamical exchange of knowledge and experience in terms of working method and financing.
- Sharing of experiences, knowledge and information more easily, on a common local language.
- Easier cooperation with related regional and European associations, for example: IALB, EUFRAS...
- Collaboration on regional projects.
- Regular Contact and correspondence.

What has already been done?

- Establishment of Work group for preparation of the draft Statute,
- Recommendation for Initiative members to inform its relevant Ministries on Initiative.
- ASN-SEE presented Initiative on SWG-RRD meeting (Sarajevo, May 2014).
- Document "Expression of Interest for participation/membership at ASN-SEE" was prepared and distributed to regional Advisory.
- ASN-SEE core group consultative meeting in Slovenia/ Austria (May 2014).
- ASN-SEE presented Initiative on EUFRAS meeting (Croatia, June 2014).
- Also, ASN-SEE presented and develop Initiative on IALB meeting, under specialized Workshop (Croatia, June 2014).

Next steps

Defying issues on ASN-SEE:

- 1) Seat (center),
- 2) Funding,
- 3) membership and the membership fees,
- 4) Language, etc.

Establishment of ASN SEE Organizing Committee.

Adoption of the ASN-SEE Statute

Establishment of ASN-SEE structure, bodies and administration.

Stronger linking within the Network and with other international and regional organizations.

Next steps

Preparation of Regional Conference, November 2014, Serbia

6th Conference of the Agricultural Extension Service of the Republic of Serbia &

1st Regional Conference of Agriculture Advisory Services of Southeast Europe

Serbia, Zlatibor, 18-20.11.2014.

Transfer of knowledge and innovation - key factors of regional productivity growth and competitiveness of agriculture

Main Conference Topics for ASN-SEE:

Adoption of the ASN-SEE Statute

Regional Colaboration

Development of common ideas for EU Projects (Horizon 2020...)

Preparation for Network Constituent Assembly Meeting in 2015.

Next steps



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We started together, let's continue together

