



Fifth annual EU conference on EAFRD financial instruments for agriculture and rural development in 2014-2020

Bucharest, 4 – 5 June 2019

Programme







Agenda

Date: Bucharest, 4 – 5 June 2019 (Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday)

Venue: JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel, Calea 13 Septembrie 90, 050726 Bucharest, Romania

Language: The main language of the event will be English; simultaneous interpretation to and from French, English,

German, Italian, Romanian and Spanish will be provided.

Moderator: Ms Katrina Sichel, fi-compass expert

Day 1: 4 June 2019 (Tuesday afternoon)

13:15 Doors open, registration and welcome coffee

14:30 - 15:00 Welcomes and introductions

Welcome statement from

Mr Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

Host welcome and policy statements from

Mr Petre Daea, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romanian Presidency

of the Council of the EU

15:00 - 15:55 EU Farm policy statements on the future of EU and Romanian agriculture and its investment

needs

Mr Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General of COPA - COGECA

Mr Florentin Bercu, President, UNCSV Followed by Q&A and discussions

15:55 - 16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15 - 16:45 Introductory statements from EIB and EIF

Mr Christoph Kuhn, Director Mandate Management, Operations Directorate,

European Investment Bank

Mr Marco Marrone, Deputy Director Mandate Management, European Investment Fund

16:45 - 17:45 Support to the Romanian agriculture with EAFRD financial instrument

Ms Adela Ştefan, EAFRD Managing Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,

Romania

Ms Liliana Rodean, Mandate Manager, Northern and CEE, European Investment Fund

Followed by panel discussion with financial intermediaries and a final recipient under the Romanian

financial instrument

Mr Catalin Cepisca, Manager, Structured Finance and Syndications / Credit Products,

Raiffeisen Bank, Romania

Mr Marius Nadolu, Head of Treasury Department, ProCredit Bank, Romania

Mr Adrian Broanar, Milkcom, Romania (final recipient)

17:45 End of day 1 of the conference

Day 2: 5 June 2019 (Wednesday)

8:45 Welcome coffee

9:15 - 9:30 **Opening**

Ms Florentina Tudor, General Director of the Managing Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural

Development, Romania

9:30 - 10:45 Advancing with CAP Strategic Plans and financial instruments

Preparing for post-2020 – advancing with CAP Strategic Plans

Ms Silvia Michelini, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development,

European Commission

Invest EU

Ms Merete Clausen, Directorate-General of Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission







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9:30 - 10:45 Combining grants and financial instruments

Mr Aivars Lapins, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Latvia

Financial instruments preparation in Czech Republic Ms Alena Kubů, Managing Authority, Czech Republic

Followed by Q&A and discussions

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee and networking

11:15 - 12:15 Supporting rural infrastructure by using EAFRD financial instruments

New DG AGRI – EIB pilot technical assistance initiative

Mr Michael Pielke, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development,

European Commission

Challenges for investing in infrastructure at local and regional level

Mr Peter McGoldrick, Economist, European Investment Bank

Followed by Q&A and discussions

12:15 - 13:45 Lunch and networking

13:45 - 14:45 Support to small municipalities, JESSICA Holding Fund, Sardinia, Italy

Mr Marco Naseddu, ERDF ROP Managing Authority, Sardinia Region, Italy

Mr Andrea Bua, European Investment Bank

Broadband network development in white rural areas of Greece on PPP basis

Mr Nikos Mantzoufas, Special Secretary for PPPs in Greece at the Ministry of Economy and Development and President of the Investment Board of JESSICA financial engineering instrument,

Greece

Followed by Q&A and discussions

14:45 - 15:15 Coffee and networking

15:15 - 16:30 Experiences of EAFRD managing authorities in using financial instruments

Presentations from managing authorities of their EAFRD financial instruments

Mr Krešimir Ivančić, EAFRD Managing Authority, Croatia

Mr Juan José Lozano Barriuso, Managing Authority, Castilla y León, Spain **Mr Stéphane Molinier**, Directeur Général Délégué, La Région Occitanie, France

Video presentation of a final recipient Followed by Q&A and discussions

16:30 Closing remarks

Mr Michael Pielke, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development,

European Commission









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