



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

Bucharest, 4 – 5 June 2019

Preliminary programme





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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 Emil Dumitru, President, PRO AGRO
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 Ștefan, 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
- 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**
Representative, ERDF ROP Managing Authority, Sardinia Region, Italy
Representative, 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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