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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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, Chief Executive Officer, Occitanie Region, 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