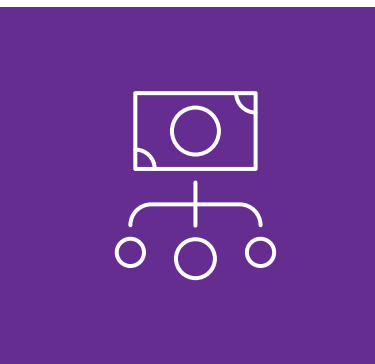




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Foreword



President of the ZAEM
Prof. Dr. Dragan Gjoshevski

This publication is prepared on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment and the beginning of the activities of the Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of North Macedonia (ZAEM). The association was officially registered on March 9th, 1997.

Back in 1997, faculty staff at the Department of Agricultural Economics at the Faculty of Agriculture–Skopje, have set the foundations of the association. They firmly believed that the association would find its place in civil society and will contribute to the establishment of a democratic society that will promote the agricultural economics profession.

This monograph represents a documented material for the continuity of the work and development of the association, including different activities and successes of the association presented through historical facts.

A period of twenty-five years may not be enough time to make major changes, but it certainly implies a step forward in laying the foundations of civic activities in the field of agricultural economics.

After twenty-five years of operation, the association with its own clear goals and work program for the advancement of the agricultural economics profession, has grown into a respected independent organization that is recognized domestically and internationally.

The association is a home for all agricultural economists and other citizens who have an interest for meeting their common interests and needs in the area of agricultural economics.

The exchange of scientific and professional experiences and capacities of all members, as well as their joint commitment to the development of agricultural economics activity in our country, but also worldwide, is a confirmation that the association has grown into an organization with a domestic and international reputation.

With due care, I would like to pay tribute to all the members of the association, who have left their mark since its foundation until today, especially for those who are no longer among us. The legacy we leave will allow the following generations to build on and continue the path of success and development of the association.

About ZAEM

The Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of North Macedonia (ZAEM) is an association of agricultural economists, established with the free joining of citizens, in order to realize and harmonize their professional, scientific and social interests as well as the purpose of performing activities in order to unify and organize its members about the problems associated with the economy in the agro-complex. ZAEM also associates agricultural economists with other interested parties (honorary and accompanying members), to provide advice and ideas on specific economic and political issues in the field of agriculture, food industry, and rural development in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Since its inception in 1997, the citizens are joining ZAEM in order to achieve a wider common interest, which is the development of sustainable agriculture and rural areas in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Objectives and Tasks of ZAEM

The main objectives of ZAEM are:

- Connecting, bringing together, and organizing its members on the issues of economics in the agro-complex and all areas of its activity; for successful development and increasing the effectiveness in the agricultural economics science, practice, and education;
- Cooperation with governmental and other institutions for solving problems in the area of agricultural economics;
- Protecting the common professional, scientific and social interests of members.

To accomplish its goals and objectives, ZAEM:

- Cooperates with government bodies, business enterprises and companies, cooperatives, farms and family

holdings, representatives from the public sector, and non-governmental organizations in the country and its surroundings;

- Initiates legal initiative from the agro-complex;
- Protects the common, scientific, and social interests of agricultural economists;
- Discusses current problems in agricultural economics science;
- Works on spreading democracy, pluralism, scientific criticism, and collegial ethics among agricultural economists;
- Keeps and popularizes the history of this profession;
- Collaborates with universities for raising the level of university education, etc.

Activities

The main activity of ZAEM involves the traditional Conference with international participation every two years, which covers various topics in the field of economics in agriculture, rural development, resources, and the environment, food and consumers, agribusiness, etc.

Other activities include organizing forums, seminars, and workshops, as well as conducting training, as well as scientific and professional research. ZAEM participates in numerous national, regional, and international projects, studies, surveys, etc.

ZAEM supports its members to take part in different events and training, especially when organized by other associations of agricultural economists.

History of ZAEM

ZAEM was formed on 6th of March in 1997, as the Society of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia.

The association was officially registered on March 9th, 1997.

ZAEM has changed its legal structure on 22nd of September in 1999 to Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia.

The next legal change was on 10th of December in 2020, when ZAEM has changed its name to the Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of North Macedonia.

Presidents of ZAEM

First president of ZAEM:
1997 – 2000



Prof. Dr. Todor Galev

President of ZAEM:
2001 – 2003



Prof. Dr. Boris Anakiev

President of ZAEM:
2003–2009



Prof. Dr. Gjorgji Gjorgevski

President of ZAEM:
2009–2011



Prof. Dr. Mile Peshevski

President of ZAEM:
2011–2017



Prof. Dr. Nenad Georgiev

President of ZAEM:
2017–present



Prof. Dr. Dragan Gjoshevski



The Management Structure of ZAEM

The Assembly

The Assembly of ZAEM is the highest hierarchical unit. The ZAEM's Assembly consists of all its members. The Assembly meets at least once a year.

The sessions of the assembly are called up by the President of the Assembly. A session may also be scheduled by the Executive Board of ZAEM or by a written request of one-third of the total number of members of the Assembly. A meeting of the assembly can be called upon a proposal of the Supervisory Board.

The manner of convening the sessions of the Assembly is determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. As a rule, the Assembly adopts the decisions with the majority of votes from the present members.

Executive Board

The Executive Board is consisted of four members:

- Prof. Dr. Dragan Gjoshevski – President
- Prof. Dr. Ivana Janeska Stamenkovska – Secretary
- Prof. Dr. Ana Simonovska – Treasurer
- Prof. Dr. Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska – EAAE National Liaison Officer

Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board is consisted of three members:

- Prof. Dr. Dragi Dimitrievski
- Prof. Dr. Emelj Tuna
- Prof. Dr. Risto Elenov

Membership

Benefits of Membership

The benefits of membership in ZAEM are as follows:

- The membership enables its members to network, unite, and organize in order to act on certain issues in the field of economics in the agro-complex, for the successful development of agricultural economics science, practice and education;
- The membership allows its members to participate in conferences and other events organized by ZAEM.
- The members of ZAEM receive information on future events and news that are of interest to agricultural economists.
- ZAEM's members can share news about events that are organized outside of ZAEM's activity in order to reach out to a mass audience of agricultural economists in the country and beyond.

Types of Membership

A member of ZAEM can be any adult citizen – a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, or a foreigner, with education or practice in the field of agricultural economics, who will voluntarily join ZAEM. These are regular members and pay a membership fee.

In addition to regular members, ZAEM may have honorary and associate members. Associate members are announced by the Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board. Associate members are experts in agricultural economics from other countries, that are interested in permanent participation in the work of ZAEM.

Honorary members are individuals who have special merits for the development of agricultural economics' science and profession, as well as for ZAEM.

Active Membership

ZAEM currently has 31 active members. The current membership of ZAEM consists of representatives from:

- Academic institutions
- Non-governmental organizations
- Governmental institutions
- Intergovernmental organizations
- International organizations
- Private sector.

The detailed representation of the ZAEM's membership is the following:

Institution	Members	
	From the country	From abroad
Regular members	18	1
Associate members	10	1
Honorary members	-	1
TOTAL	28	3

Active members



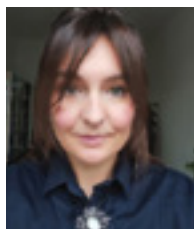
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MSc Goce Georgievski
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MSc Dime Velkovski
Member



BSc Bogdan Gjorgjeski
Member



Prof. Dr. Emil Erjavec
Honorary member



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Angel Sarov
Honorary member



PhD Tilman Reinhardt
Honorary member

Networking Activities


Collaboration with Other Associations in the field of Agricultural Economics

ZAEM is integrated within and collaborates with different networks in the area of agricultural economics, such as:

- **The Regional associations of agricultural economists:** Slovenian Association of Agricultural Economists (DAES), Croatian Association of Agricultural Economists (HAED), etc.
- **The European association of agricultural economists (EAAE):** The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE): Liaison officer with the EAAE is Prof. Dr. Aleksandra Martinovska-Stojcheska.
- **The International association of agricultural economists (IAAE):** The International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE).

Memorandums of Understanding

ZAEM collaborates with different organizations on the basis of mutual interests, and thus, several Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) have been signed with the following partners:

Year	Institution / Organization	Aim of the signed MoU
2018	 Alliance of Microfinance Organizations (MFO)	Confirming mutual interest in promoting mutual cooperation in improving of financial literacy of the population and the degree of financial inclusion in the field of microfinance, including improving the access of citizens to financial services, educating them about their rights and obligations.
2018	 Macedonian Association of Processors (MAP)	Confirming mutual interest in improving the capacities and knowledge of the domestic processing industry in the area of marketing planning and export marketing.

Year	Institution / Organization	Aim of the signed MoU
2022	 The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE)	Confirming a common interest in: promoting the agricultural and resource economics profession; fostering analytical capacities in all areas relevant for agriculture, the food sector, rural development and natural resources and; promoting the exchange of experiences, ideas and information on research activities between agricultural economists.
2022	 Deutsche Sparkassenstiftung für internationale Kooperation e.V. in Bonn	Confirming mutual interest in strengthening financial literacy in the country, including usage rights of the Business Games of Sparkassenstiftung (Savings Game, Micro Business Game, Farmers Business Game) within the scope of the project "Strengthening Financial Literacy in the Republic of North Macedonia" within the framework of the project "Strengthening Financial Literacy in the Republic of Albania".
2022	 Junior Achievement Macedonia (JAM)	Confirming mutual interest in realization of activities in the scope of financial literacy and innovation, including preparation and implementation of joint projects, mutual promotion of websites and social media, exchange of information and materials, joint events, etc.

Annual Meetings of Agricultural Economists

ZAEM collaborates with universities through their Institutes and Departments of Agricultural Economics, especially in the region. Each year, ZAEM takes active participation in the annual meeting of the Balkan agricultural economists, organized by a different Balkan host institution. The last four gatherings were the following:

Year	Location
2017	Belgrade, Republic of Serbia
2018	Banja Luka, Republic of Bosnia & Herzegovina
2019	Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia
2022	Novi Sad, Republic of Serbia

Events

Symposia

ZAEM is a co-organizer of the International Symposium of Agriculture and Food – ISAF organized by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food – Skopje, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. ZAEM has co-organized the following symposia:

- **ISAF2022:** 4th International Symposium for Agriculture and Food
Ohrid, 12-14 October 2022.
- **ISAF2017:** 3rd International Symposium for Agriculture and Food
Ohrid, 18-20 October 2017.
- **ISAF2015:** 2nd International Symposium for Agriculture and Food
Ohrid, 7-9 October 2015.



International Conferences

ZAEM traditionally organizes conferences with international participation in order to promote the latest research in the field of agricultural economics and rural development. The latest conferences are the following:

- **13th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of North Macedonia**, covered within ISAF 2022: 4th International Symposium for Agriculture and Food, Ohrid, 12-14 October 2022.
- **12th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Changes & Challenges in South East European Agricultural Economics', Ohrid, 01 June 2019.
- **11th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia**, covered within ISAF 2017: 3rd International Symposium for Agriculture and Food, Ohrid, 18-20 October 2017.
- **10th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Policy and Economics for Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development', Ohrid, 12-14 May 2016
- **International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia**, covered within ISAF 2015: 2nd International Symposium for Agriculture and Food, Ohrid, 7-9 October 2015.
- **9th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'The Role of Agricultural Economic Sciences in Agriculture and Rural Development in the Balkan Countries', Ohrid, 24-25 April 2014.
- **8th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'The Access of Producers from the Agrocomplex to the External and Internal Markets', Skopje, 9 December 2005.
- **7th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Condition, Problems and Development Concepts of the Agro-complex in the Republic of Macedonia' Skopje, 2 June 2003.
- **6th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Cooperation of the Balkan Countries in the Development of Agriculture and Food Production', Skopje, June 2002.
- **5th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'The Mid-Term Agriculture Development and the Determination of the Agreement for Stabilization and Association between the Republic of Macedonia and the EU', 23 March 2001.
- **4th International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Forms of Association of Farmers for Faster Development of the Agro-complex, Skopje, 25 February 2000.
- **3rd International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Development of the Agro-complex in the New Socio-economic Conditions', Bitola, 16-17 April 1999.
- **2nd International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia** 'Long-term Development of the Agro-complex in the Republic of Macedonia', Skopje, 6 February 1998.
- **1st International Conference of Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia**, 1997.





EAAE Seminars

Based on experience and tradition, ZAEM has proven its credibility to organize an international seminar within the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE). The seminar was held in 2012 with a large number of participants from the country and the Western Balkans, as well as from the EU countries. Prominent professors took part as plenary speakers.

- **132nd Seminar of the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE Seminar)**, 'Is transition really over?', Skopje, 25–27 October 2012.

Forums and Public Dialogues

ZAEM organized an international rural development forum bringing together researchers from Southeast Europe to discuss the latest methods and research in the area of rural development, social sciences, agriculture, and related policies. Prominent names from the EU research community have increased the value of the forum held. The Forum provided the basis for the establishment of a Network of Researchers in the field of rural development.

- **The Rural Development Forum**, Skopje, 17–18 November 2016.
- **RRPP Round Table**, 16 June 2015.

ZAEM takes active participation in the National Convention on the European Union in Republic of North Macedonia, implemented by the European Movement in Macedonia and Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association in Bratislava, and financially supported by the SlovakAid and USAID. The aim of the Convention is to convene an EU integration process policy dialogue on important issues related to agriculture and rural development between different stakeholders. So far, there we 10 working sessions i.e. policy dialogues organized.

- **National Convention on the EU**, Skopje, 2018 – present.

Tasting of Young Wines

Since 2012, ZAEM traditionally organizes event for tasting of young wines that are produced in domestic conditions. Wines produced by wineries are not eligible for the event. The event is organized each year i.e. each third week in November. The wine tasting is assessed by a Committee, which is responsible to give assessment grades and recommendations for further improvement of the production technology of the wines.



Training

Human Capacity Development of ZAEM

ZAEM actively participates in workshops, training, and courses. ZAEM members have been trained through the following training programs:

- **Training of trainers in Farmers Business Game by the German Sparkassenstiftung** for certifying trainers in financial literacy, Online, 16–26 January 2023
Trainers: Susanne Schuster and Stefan Bunte
- **Training of trainers in Savings Game by the German Sparkassenstiftung** for certifying trainers in financial literacy, Online, 23 February–4 March 2022
Trainers: Susanne Schuster and Stefan Bunte
- **Training in Econometrics: Time Series Analysis and Panel Data in Eviews** for the academic staff at the Institute of Agricultural Economics at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food–Skopje at UKIM in Skopje, Skopje, 29–31 May 2012
Trainer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Dragan Tevdovski, Faculty of Economics, UKIM.
- **Training in Econometrics: Regression Analysis – Theory and Applications** for the academic staff at the Institute of Agricultural Economics at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food–Skopje at UKIM in Skopje, Skopje, 17–20 April 2012
Trainer: Prof. Dr. Yves Surry, Department of Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences – SLU.
- **Training in Econometrics: Regression Analysis in SPSS** for the academic staff at the Institute of Agricultural Economics at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food–Skopje at UKIM in Skopje, Skopje, 6–9 April 2012
Trainer: Assist. Prof. Dr. Dragan Tevdovski, Faculty of Economics, UKIM.
- **Training in Constructive Alignment: Tool for Teaching and Learning Improvement** for the academic staff at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food–Skopje at UKIM in Skopje, Skopje, 21 September 2010
Trainer: Natalie Jellinek, SLU Uppsala.
- **Training in Academic Writing** for the academic staff at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food–Skopje at UKIM in Skopje, Skopje, 15–26 June 2009
Trainer: Dr. Sonja Andonova.

Training Organized by ZAEM

ZAEM actively organizes training, confirmed by the following list:

- **Training in Farmers Business Game** by German Sparkassenstiftung, March 2023, Online
Voluntary engagement
- **Training in Farmers Business Game** by German Sparkassenstiftung, February 2023, Online
Voluntary engagement
- **Training in Savings Game** by German Sparkassenstiftung, June 2022, Online
Voluntary engagement
- **Training in Savings Game** by German Sparkassenstiftung, May 2022, Online
Voluntary engagement
- **Training in Savings Game** by German Sparkassenstiftung, April 2022, Online
Voluntary engagement
- **Training for women-entrepreneurs for business planning**, August 2020, Prespa
Financed by: CNVP Macedonia
- **Training for women-entrepreneurs for marketing**, August 2020, Prespa
Financed by: CNVP Macedonia
- **Training for women-entrepreneurs for cooperative**, August 2020, Prespa
Financed by: CNVP Macedonia
- **Training for women-entrepreneurs for financial aspects and project planning**, August 2020, Prespa
Financed by: CNVP Macedonia
- **Training for young farmers and women from rural areas for business planning, marketing and accounting**, Gostivar,
August-September 2014
Financed by: FFRM
- **Training for valuers of agricultural assets**, Skopje, 2014
Financed by: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy

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Projects

1. Engagement within the project: “Agricultural Policy Dialogue Germany Western Balkans

Financed by: the Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South–Eastern Europe (SWG).

Short description: Prepare a method and regional study on the situation and the needs of rural youth based on a quantitative and qualitative research in the Western Balkan countries and territories, and prepare a national study on the situation and the needs of rural youth based on a quantitative and qualitative research in the Western Balkan countries and territories.

Date: November 2022 – present

2. Engagement within the project: “Germany – Western Balkans Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD–WB)“

Financed by: the Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South–Eastern Europe (SWG).

Short description: Strengthening the knowledge and innovation transfer structures as basis for a regional Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) to support innovations in agriculture and agri–food services and products in the Western Balkan.

Date: November 2021 – present

3. Organization of Career Days at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food – Skopje: Connecting students to employers (S–2–E) – Meet your future employe(r)e

Financed by: Palladium International LLC Skopje – Increasing Market Employability.

Short description: Organization of a joint thematic event at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food – Skopje for connecting students to employers: Organization of Career Days at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food – Skopje.

Date: November 2021 – December 2022

4. Creation of a Country Report on the Status of Organic Production, Processing and Trade in North Macedonia

Financed by: EkoConnect e.V.

Short description: Preparation of a country report on the status of organic production, processing and trade in North Macedonia.

Date: February 2022 – September 2022

5. Preparation of a Study for Analysis of the Policies in the Grape and Wine Sub-Sectors

Financed by: GIZ.

Short description: Preparation of a study for analysis of the policies in the grape and wine sub-sectors.

Date: March 2022 – August 2022

6. Comparative analysis of agricultural sectors and rural areas in the pre-accession countries

Financed by: Wageningen Economic Research, the Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South-Eastern Europe (SWG).

Short description: Performing comparative analysis of agricultural sectors and rural areas in the pre-accession countries: agricultural policy developments, situation of the agri-food sector and economic context in the Western Balkans and to the extent possible in Turkey.

Date: November 2021 – June 2022

7. Comparative analysis of agricultural sectors and rural areas in the pre-accession countries

Financed by: Wageningen Economic Research, the Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South-Eastern Europe (SWG).

Short description: Performing comparative analysis of agricultural sectors and rural areas in the pre-accession countries: agricultural policy developments, situation of the agri-food sector and economic context in the Western Balkans and to the extent possible in Turkey.

Date: November 2021 – June 2022

8. Research, innovation and technology transfer in the agri-food sector in the Western Balkan Countries: Phase II

Financed by: the Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South-Eastern Europe (SWG), Joint Research Centre of EU (JRC) and the European Commission.

Short description: Identification of the needs, capacities and the lack of research, innovation and technology transfer in the agri-food sector in the Republic of North Macedonia, to contribute to improvement of the current condition and to investigate opportunities for participation of the researchers and networks in EU projects and Networks (such as Horizon Europe and COST).

Date: October 2020 – October 2021

9. Contract for small services UNOPS-SIDAPRO-2021-S-004

Financed by: UNOPS RSMCO.

Short description: Evaluation of terminated projects, financed by UNOPS.

Date: April 2021 – August 2021

10. Development and implementation of capacity development programme for the members of the newly established legal entity in Prespa area–North Macedonia

Financed by: CNVP Foundation

Short description: The primary aim is to conduct and training assessment and accordingly training sessions to the members of the newly formed legal entity in the Prespa region for enhancing its human capacities and to assist the entity in preparation of its operational plan.

Date: January 2020 – December 2020

11. Study on the research, innovation and technology transfer capacities and on the recent agricultural policy developments in the context of the EU approximation process in the pre-accession countries

Financed by: the Secretariat of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South–Eastern Europe (SWG), Joint Research Centre of EU (JRC) and the European Commission.

Short description: To analyse the agriculture development in the Republic of North Macedonia and to assess the condition in regard to research, innovations and technology transfer in the agri–food sector.

Date: November 2019 – September 2020

12. Labour Costing Analysis in the Conventional Agriculture Sector in Macedonia

Financed by: Paladium International LLC, (IME)

Short description: The main aim is to perform a labour cost budgeting in the production and processing of the fruits and vegetables, as well as to identify the benchmarks. The specific goal is to conduct a survey and analysis for the value of the relevant indicators and multipliers for calculation of the IME's intervention impact in the conventional production with a focus on the sub–sectors fruit production, vegetable production and wine production.

Date: December 2019 – January 2020

13. Network aspects of the relations and information channels among the actors in the supply chain for organic products

Financed by: the Swiss Contact Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation

Short description: Mapping of information diffusion in the organic production and distribution channels, or: 1) On horizontal level – farmers' decisions to be involved in organic production or to convert the conventional into organic production, 2) On vertical level – the information along the organic value chain (traders and distributors).

Date: January 2018 – March 2018

14. Conservation of Biodiversity in Mountain Grazing Areas of Shara

Partner with: Milieukontakt Macedonia (MKM) and Public Enterprise on Pastures (PEP)

Financed by: UNDP CO

Short description: The projects aims to renew the biodiversity of the pastures at the Sharr Mountain and to generate new employments and opportunities. The project's objectives are: 1) Strengthening the capacities for sustainable management of the pastures, 2) Demonstration of effects from the conservation of the biodiversity of the pastures with implementation of sustainable practices, 3) establishing markets for local products and enhancement of the livelihood of the local population, 4) Raising the awareness for the conservation of biodiversity with sustainable management of the pastures and development of ecotourism/agrotourism.

Date: May 2018 – September 2019

15. Impact Assessment of selected IME programme interventions in the Green Economy Sector

Financed by: the Swiss Contact Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation

Short description: Preparation of report for assessing the impact of the IME project in its intervention in the organic production in line with assessing the created jobs in the sector, income improvement etc.

Date: December 2018 – March 2019

16. Impact Assessment Report on IME's Interventions: on beneficiary level and market level

Financed by: the Swiss Contact Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation

Short description: The impact assessment report included different tasks, including desk research on the organic farming condition in the RM, and conducting surveys to organic farmers and traders. The final report included analyses on the impact of IME's interventions, assessed on two levels: a) beneficiary level – organic framers, and b) market level – traders of organic produce.

Date: October 2017 – March 2018

17. Network aspects of the relations and information channels among the actors in the supply chain for organic products

Financed by: the Swiss Contact Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation

Short description: Mapping information diffusion/identifying information networks regarding organic production and distribution channels i.e.: i) Horizontal level – farmer's decision to involve in organic farming, or transfer the conventional production into organic; ii) Vertical level – information provided by the distribution and trading partners in the organic value chain.

Date: January 2017 – March 2017

18. Labour costing analysis for producing fresh organic products in Green Economy Sector of IME programme

Financed by: Swiss Contact Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation

Short description: The main aim is to determine the work done for adding value at farm level in regard to organic production with development of calculation method for labour and other input costs in the organic production in line with the IME's objectives, categorising the benchmarks at the processing level, especially emphasising the impact on job creations.

Date: December 2016 – February 2017

19. Establishing rural development network for joint research cooperation

Financed by: the Regional Research Promotion Programme in Western Balkan Countries, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Short description: Organisation of a Forum for establishment of rural development network and preparation of a Contact Book of researchers from South-east European countries working in the field of rural development.

Date: July 2015 – November 2016

20. The Impact of Socio-Economic Structure of Rural Population on Success of Rural Development Policy

Financed by: the Regional Research Promotion Programme in Western Balkan Countries, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Short description: Support socio-economic development in rural areas by understanding the motivational factors behind farmers' actions and their networks.

Date: July 2014 – June 2015

21. Utilization of agricultural land and development of agriculture in the Bregalnica river basin

Financed by: Agency for spatial planning of Republic of Macedonia

Short description: Expert elaboration of agricultural land and its utilization in the period after Macedonian independence, and possibilities for agricultural development.

Date: March 2014 – June 2015

22. Business planning, marketing and basic finance for farmers

Financed by: Federation of Farmers of Republic of Macedonia – IPA Cross border project

Short description: Training for young farmers and women in rural areas of Polog and Pelagonia from Macedonian, and Dibra and Elbasan from Albanian side.

Date: April 2014 – November 2014

23. Capturing Agricultural Land Market Data in Macedonia, two phases

Financed by: World Bank Macedonia

Short description: Opinion based survey for functioning and transparent market for agricultural land in Macedonia.

Date: November 2013 – June 2015

24. Business Startup handbook for young farmers

Financed by: US embassy Skopje – Democracy Commission Small Grants – Office for public affairs, US Embassy Skopje

Short description: Streamlining the agro-economic education into a practical and user-friendly guide (handbook) for young farmers on how to start a business in agriculture.

Date: October 2013 – April 2014

25. Expertise for preparation of National Strategy on Agriculture and Rural Development (NSARD) 2014–2020

Financed by: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Short description: Expertise for preparation of National Strategy on Agriculture and Rural Development (NSARD) for the period 2014–2020, aiming for improvement of the efficiency and the competitiveness of the Macedonian agriculture and food products as well as alleviation of the rural poverty.

Date: November 2013 – March 2014

26. Strengthening capacity on strategic and policy planning of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE)

Financed by: AgBiz – USAID

Short description: Help the Minister's cabinet and relevant departments to develop strategic documents and thus creating a solid foundation for enhanced competitiveness of the value chains. The AAEM was involved in development of national strategies, laws and regulations, as well as trainings for EU integration of Macedonian agricultural sector.

Date: October 2011 – April 2013



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