

A summary of the report and the policy brief for the national government

This document contains a Policy Brief that has been conceived as a background paper to a round table and multi-stakeholder workshop for Agriculture and rural development – perspectives and experiences (24th April – Skopje and Prilep, 25th April - Bitola), and a brief report about the implementation and the results of this workshop.

By addressing the key constraints to the development of the agricultural and rural development sectors, the overall objective of this Action is to contribute to making farming a more profitable and sustainable activity.

Successful implementation of the proposed good practices from Austria will significantly strengthen the capacity of the various institutions responsible for the determination and implementation of agriculture and rural development.

Sustainability of other identified priorities linked with agriculture and rural development will depend on the extent to which the rural agricultural community takes advantage of the improvements from land consolidation, farmers' organization, invest in new barns and technology, implementation of new practices, improvement of quality and quantity of the products, improved seed and breed availability, but it will also depend on the extent to which agriculture becomes self-sufficient and less dependent on direct payments as an incentive.

Improvements in the nature of direct payments to better realize the desired impacts on competitiveness and profitability, supported by the National Programme, will also improve sustainability as they should initiate investment and changes to activity that are viable without continuing financial support, but this will require the adoption of a policy to regard such payments as temporary encouragement rather than an embedded element in agricultural enterprise viability.

Sharing good practices from EU countries with which NRM has similarity in the agricultural sector could have a significant impact on the development of agriculture and sustainable rural development. Taking in consideration similarities that the Republic of North Macedonia has with the Republic of Austria in field of cattle breeding and agribusiness in milk and meat production, the involved organizations from Austria with their significant knowledge and experience can give the right insights for further development of agriculture in North Macedonia.

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



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Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

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