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BIO.RE.GOAL

To enhance the institutional and regulatory framework for organic food production in Albania

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN WESTERN BALKAN AREA

“Perspectives and challenges connected to the implementation of the new EU regulation”

February 3, 2023 - Tirana (Albania)

Venue: Rogner Hotel – Antigonea 1

AGENDA

- 9:30 – 10:00** Registration of the participants
- 10:00 – 11:00** Welcome Address
- **H.E. Frida Krifca**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Albania
 - **H.E. Fabrizio Bucci**, Ambassador of Italy in Albania
 - **Maurizio Raeli**, Director CIHEAM Bari
 - **Pietro Gasparri**, Director of the PQAI I, Organic Agriculture office, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry (MASAF)
 - **Eduardo Cuoco**, Director IFOAM EU ORGANICS
- 11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break and networking
- 11:30 – 11:45** Presentation of the project “BIO.RE.GOAL - To enhance the institutional and regulatory framework for organic food production in Albania”, *Ami Çarçani*, Director of Directorate for Implementation of Priorities and Statistics and *Francesco. G. Ceglie*, BIO.RE.GOAL project coordinator
- 11:45 – 12:00** The BIO.RE.GOAL project outcome: lessons learnt and future perspectives of the organic agriculture in Albania, *Irfan Tarelli*, General Director of Policies and Programs of Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development
- 12:00 – 12:15** Overview of the initiatives on organic agriculture carried out in the Western Balkan area, *Dušan Nešković*, SWG representative
- 12:15 – 13:15** Updates, perspectives, and challenges of organic agriculture in the Balkan area and Italy
- Albania, *Rudina Cakraj*
 - Bosnia Herzegovina, *Elda Hodžić-Isović*
 - Croatia, *Gita Đurković*

- Italy, *Pietro Gasparri*
- Kosovo, *Valdete Avdiu*
- Montenegro, *Merisa Čekić*
- North Macedonia, *Elizabeta Makrevska Krstevska*
- Serbia, *Jelena Milic*
- Slovenia, *Maja Žibert*

13.15 – 13:30 Q&A

13:30 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Technical session

14:30 – 14:45 Imports from Third Countries, *Giuseppe Paesano* - MASAF

14:45 – 15:00 Group Certification in the EU regulation, *Emanuele Busacca* – IFOAM Organics Europe

15:00 – 16:30 Round table on the implementation of the new EU regulation on organic farming, facilitated by *MOAN Secretariat* and *IFOAM Organics Europe*

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