



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 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*
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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- 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**
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



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