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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

- 09:30 – 10:00** Registration of the participants
- 10:00 – 11:00** Welcome Address
- **H.E. Frida Krifca**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Albania
  - **Luigi Mattiolo**, Vice Ambassador, Embassy of Italy in Albania
  - **Patrizia Pugliese**, Scientific administrator, CIHEAM Bari
  - **Pietro Gasparri**, Director of the PQAI I, Organic Agriculture office, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry (MASAF)
  - **Eduardo Cuoco**, Director IFOAM Organics Europe
- 11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break and networking
- 11:30 – 12:00** Presentation of the project “BIO.RE.GOAL - To enhance the institutional and regulatory framework for organic food production in Albania” outcomes, lessons learnt and future perspectives of the organic agriculture in Albania, *Ami Çarçani*, Director of Directorate for Implementation of Priorities and Statistics and *Francesco. G. Ceglie*, BIO.RE.GOAL project coordinator
- 12:00 – 12:15** Overview of the initiatives on organic agriculture carried out in the Western Balkan area, *Dušan Nešković*, RRD 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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