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## National Round Table on GOVERNANCE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Europe House (*Pallati Kongreseve*), February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 14:00 o'clock

The national roundtable on Governance of Agriculture and Rural Development seeks to bring national policies on agriculture and rural development to the core of public discourse from the perspective of rural communities and Albania's European integration. In particular, this roundtable will help to raise stakeholders' awareness on challenges and critical issues of the agricultural and rural development policies and to influence their improvement.

The Albanian Network for Rural Development (ANRD) carried out a nationwide consultation process on governance of agriculture and rural development during October-December 2018. This process brought together about 250 participants, representing farmers, civil society organizations, local authorities, including municipalities and regional councils, agricultural directorates, universities and entrepreneurs in agro-tourism, agriculture, medicinal plants, livestock, beekeeping, etc. A Position Paper on Governance of Agriculture and Rural Development was prepared with feedback solicited from the consultation with the participants.

Mindful that such initiatives represent a contribution to policy-making processes, ANRD will follow up this national roundtable with efforts to extend its advocacy at all levels so as to influence the process of development and implementation of national policies and their respective instruments.

ANRD member organizations, civil society representatives, farmers' and producers' associations, rural entrepreneurs, representatives of national and local authorities, experts, academia, and other interested individuals are invited to attend the roundtable.

Given the importance of the sector, the critical perspective of the collected evidences, and the implications of the proposed policy recommendations on the current national rural agenda, contributions by senior representatives of central institutions are welcomed.

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## THE PROGRAMME

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<b>14:00</b>	<i>Welcoming coffee</i>
<b>14:30</b>	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Sotirag Hroni – Chairman, Albanian Network for Rural Development</i>  <i>Senior representative – Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (TBC)</i>  <i>Grigor Gjeci - Director of Programing and Monitoring of IPARD, Head of Managing Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</i>  <i>Senior representative – Agriculture and Rural Development Agency (TBC)</i></p>
<b>15:00</b>	<p><i>Agriculture and rural development and the national policy framework</i></p> <p>Governance of agriculture and rural development in Albania– Voices from Forums of Arber, Drin, Egnatia, and Vjosa - <i>Evelina Azizaj, ANRD National Coordinator</i>  <i>Razvan Ghitescu – Programme Manager for Agriculture and Rural Development, Delegation of the EU to Albania</i></p> <p>COMMENTERS:  <i>Drini Imami, Agricultural University of Tirana</i>  <i>Rigerta Loku, Farmer</i>  <i>Vitor Malutaj - Expert, Agro Puka</i>  <i>Saida Hasaj - “Jemi zeri i fermereve”(Farmer’s voice) initiative, Qark of Shkodra</i></p>
<b>15:20</b>	<i>Open discussion</i>
<b>16:30</b>	<i>Wrap-up and Closure</i>



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