

RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

A PERSPECTIVE ON RYH BY AGIA-CIA

20-24 June 2022

The Albanian Network for Rural Development (ANRD) believes in the important role of Albanian youth in the development and progress of our country. Since December 2019, ANRD started to form the **Rural Youth Hub (RYH)** platform to express the voice of young people in rural Albania by promoting self-activation of young people in these areas. Thus allowing young people to get involved in the sustainable development of the country, and in particular in the transformation of their rural communities.

In this context, I would like to inform you that the ANRD and its partner organization Volontari nel Mondo RTM will receive in Albania in June two of the highest representatives of the organization AGIA-CIA (Association of Young Agricultural Entrepreneurs of the Italian Confederation of Farmers), President Mr. Stefano France and Deputy-President Enrico Calentini. AGIA-CIA, one of the most prestigious networks in Italy and Europe, founded in 1977, represents more than 900,000 Italian farmers and rural entrepreneurs. It includes associations, agencies and companies that provide services to all categories of operators in the rural and agricultural sector.

Considering the important role of AGIA-CIA in the agricultural and rural sector in Italy and Europe, ANRD and RTM will organize several activities to listen to the unique experience of AGIA-CIA and to exchange and discuss with them, focusing in the challenges of the sector reform processes, especially in involving young people to play an active role in improving the well-being of rural communities.

Visit of AGIA-CIA representatives in Albania

20-24 June 2022

The first day, Monday 20 June 2022	
17:40 - 19:15	Departure from Bologna (Italy) and arrival in Rinas, Tirana Accommodation in Tirana and briefing with the Project Team
The second day, Tuesday 21 June 2022	
10:30 - 11:00	Welcome meeting at UBT with Deputy. Rectors of UBT. Introduction of AGIA-CIA, future cooperation opportunities between these institutions.
11:00 - 11:45	Place: Agricultural University of Tirana, Conference "Hall Skender Xhiku" No. 108, Agronomy Building - Open Lecture: Rural and Agricultural Development - A Perspective on Youth in Rural Areas by AGIA-CIA - Speakers: Stefano Francia and Enrico Calentini
11:45 - 12:30	- Interaction with participants, Q&A
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch: "Fustanella Farm", Petrelë
14:30 - 16:00	Place: "Fustanella Farm", Petrelë" RURAL YOUTH TALKS: AGIA-CIA Italian experience for RYH, ANRD and member organizations on the thematic priority of rural youth: youth needs and priorities in sustainable rural development in Albania.
16:30 - 17:30	RYH in support of rural youth in agricultural and rural development - Lessons from the AGIA-CIA experience (organization, structure, approaches, etc.)
17:30-18:00	- Closing session
19:30 - 21:00	Diner: Pizza Time (in Tirana)
Third Day, Wednesday 22 June 2022	
10:30 - 11:30	Place: "Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development" Trilateral meeting with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr. Enio Civici: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - AGIA CIA - ANRD. • Partnership between Albania and Italy in support of rural youth.

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10:00	Place: Artificial Lake of Tirana Meeting of RYH members in the Lake area. Discussion on structure and possible organizational roles.
11:30 - 13:30	Youth advocacy for sustainable rural development - the needs, interests and aspirations of young people for dynamic rural communities.
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch: "Mullixhiu reastaurant"
15:00	Return trip (for RYH members)
Fourth day, Thursday 23 June 2022	
	Visit to the North of Albania for AGIA-CIA on farms and activities led by RYH members
Day Five, Friday 24 June 2022	
10:30 - 11:30	Debriefing with the Project Team
15:20 - 17:05	Travel from Rinas, Tirana and arrival in Bologna (Italy)