

5TH MEETING OF THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL on Agriculture and Rural Development

Agricultural research and innovation Best Western Congress Hotel Yerevan, 4-5 October 2017

Wednesday - 4 October 2017

Stimulating agricultural research, innovation and knowledge exchange with farmers in agriculture: which policy approaches and instruments?

What can be done to improve the enabling environment in terms of policies and capacity development?

9.00 - 09.30 Welcoming

09.30 - 09.40 Introductory words by the host

Ignati Arakelyan, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia

09.40 - 09.50 Introductory words by the European Commission

Susana Marazuela Azpiroz, Head of Unit A5 Neighbourhood and enlargement, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

09.50 - 10.20 Keynote speech: Impact of digitalization on the agricultural sector

Armen Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia

10.20 – 10.50 Harmonized approach to e-agriculture: moving from a project approach to a strategy approach.

Sophie Treinen, Information and Knowledge Management, FAO

10.50- 11.10 **Coffee break**

11.10 – 12.30 Roundtable – stimulating research and innovation and transferring the knowledge to the farmers: challenges in Eastern Partnership.

Feedback from the Governments and NGOs

12.30 – 13.00 EU strategic approach: CAP and research policies in synergies/EIP-AGRI/multi-actor approach/long-term thinking & investment.

Marc Duponcel, Research and innovation, DG Agriculture and Rural Development , European Commission

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.30 Incentivising research and innovations. Case study: Poland and the regional cooperation between Vysehrad countries.

Justyna Cieřlikowska, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland

14.30 – 15.00 Incentivising research and innovation. Case study: Ireland

prof. Tom Kelly, Agriculture and Food Development Authority (Teagasc), Ireland

15.00 – 15.30 Financial mechanisms and incentives to engage private sector in innovations for public good.

Leah Soroka, Program Manager, ECA Agricultural Financial Services, World Bank

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 16.15 Bringing together the specific needs of the farmers and the work of researchers and innovators.

Valentina Haćić, Apple and wine producer and processor, Advisor at the Regional Development Agency, Croatia

16.15 – 16.45 Integrated information program to help protecting the nature-rich, farmed landscapes of Transylvania and to support the traditional farming communities.

Cristi Gherghiceanu, Executive President, Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania, Romania

16.45 – 17.15 Putting best agricultural practices into work through demonstration farm network.

Marek Krysztoforski, Agriculture Advisory Center, Poland

Evening:	Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia
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Thursday – 5 October 2017

Session 2: Farm innovations for resilient small and medium farmers

9.30 -10 .00 Increasing productivity and quality in organic farming: how to start innovations with a strong link to farmers and a relatively low budget.

Orsolya Papp, Deputy Director, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture

10.00 – 10.30 Precision farming.

prof. Tom Kelly, Agriculture and Food Development Authority (Teagasc), Ireland

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee break**

10.45 – 11.15 Diversity of local pig breeds and production systems for high quality traditional products.

prof. dr. Marjeta Čandek-Potokar, Agricultural Institute of Slovenia

11.15 – 11.45 Precision farming tools for wine growers.

Caterina Santachiara, ABACO SpA

11.45 – 12.15 Innovations for improving the drylands: improved varieties of cereals and legumes, cropping systems diversification, on-farm water saving technology, conservation agriculture, GIS' application in agro-ecology analysis.

Ram C. Sharma, Head, CGIAR Program Facilitation Unit for Central Asia and the Caucasus, Regional Coordinator, ICARDA - International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas

12.15 – 12.45 Innovations in family farming.

Maira Dzelzkalēja Burmistre, Vice Chairwoman, Farmers Parliament, Latvia

12.45- 13.15 Transformation of agricultural research and innovation systems: participatory approaches from FAO-assisted Eastern Partnership Countries (EPC).

Nevena Alexandrova, Agricultural innovation systems and Knowledge sharing Officer, FAO

13.15 – 14.00 Lunch

Afternoon: Field visits

TUMO, a digital media learning centre in Yerevan: a good demonstration on how children at young age are engaged into learning new technologies in Armenia.

Yerevan Brandy Factory - the largest and most recognized brandy production in the region.