



Rural Credit Guarantee Schemes

A Financial Instrument for Agriculture and Rural Development

Budapest, 12 and 13 January 2006
FAO SEUR, Main Conference Room

Agenda

Thursday, 12th January, 2006

Moderator: Mr. André Douette, AECM, Secretary General

Morning	Arrival of Participants (welcome with refreshments, coffee, tea, buffet lunch)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Welcoming notes</i> AECM, Mr. André Douette, Secretary General FAO SEUR, Ms. Maria Kadlecikova, FAO Subregional Representative for Central and Eastern Europe AVHGA, Mr. Zoltán Németh, Chairman of the Board EAST AGRI, Ms. Nada Zvekcic, FAO Investment Centre (TCIE)
14:00 – 16:00	Technical session: Credit guarantee schemes <i>Short presentations by participating rural finance institutions (1)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fondo Interbancario, Mr. Giorgio Venceslai, Director (Italy)2. Lithuanian Rural Guarantee Fund, Ms. Danguole Cukauskiene, Director3. Hungarian Rural Credit Guarantee Foundation, Ms. Anikó Ulrich, Managing Director4. Romanian Rural Credit Guarantee Fund, Ms. Iulia Cristescu, Guarantee Officer5. Estonian Rural Development Foundation, Mr. Rain Vändre, Member of the Board of Directors6. Fonds de Garantie Wallonie (Belgium), Mr. Jean-Paul Clerin, Director7. Swiss Guarantee Facility (Bulgaria), Ms. Venceslava Yanchovska, National Program Officer8. SPGM, Mr. MJ Sousa Branca, Director General <i>Discussion</i>
	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
16:30	Visit to Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development <i>Meeting with Mr. Fülöp Benedek, State Secretary</i>
19:30	<i>Official Dinner</i>

Friday, 13th January, 2006

Moderator Morning session: FAO SEUR, Mr. Tomasz Lonc, Policy Officer

Moderator afternoon session: Agricultural Economics Research Institute, Mr. József Popp, Director of Agriculture Policy

09:00 – 10:45	<p>Technical session - continued</p> <p><i>Relevance, economic and financial additionality of Guarantee Schemes for agricultural and rural development (2)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Audit Office, Hungary, Mr. Gábor Pósch, Senior Counsellor - AECM, Mr. André Douette, Secretary General - Lithuania, Ms. Danguole Cukauskiene, Director - Portugal, Mr. JF Figueiredo, Chief Executive Officer <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
10:45- 11.00	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
10:45-12:45	<p><i>Specific risks in agri-business: their assessment and monitoring (3)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hungarian Bank: Mr. Péter Cserfalvi, MKB Rt. - Belgium: the Walloon Agricultural Guarantee Institute. <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:45-15:30	<p><i>Public Policies : moderators of structural risks in the area of rural development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perspectives and actions from FAO (Mr. Calvin Miller, FAO) - EU Policies: Sapard, Structural Funds (Ms.Christine Meisinger, EU Commission) - The opinion of a practitioner (Mr. P. Crivellaro, Agricultural Confidi Federation - Italy) - The practice of a joined action (Ms. I. Cristescu, Romania) <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:30	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
15:45-17:00	<p><i>Public policies: how much state support is requested (5)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hungary: Ministry, Mr. Zoltán Szentirmay, counsellor. - Italy: Mr. G. Venceslai, Fondo Interbancario, Italy - Prospects in the revision of EU State Aid Rules: Ms. Meisinger, EU Commission <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
17:00	Conclusion and summary of discussions (Mr. André Douette, Mr. Tomasz Lonc, Mr. József Popp)

Workshop Venue:

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