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## NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON FAMILY FARMING

ALBANIA

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Agriculture contributes with 18.39% to (GDP), and 36.1% of total employment

FF more than 85% of the total farms (380,000)

Important factor for Agriculture & RD in Albania

Small size and fragmented (0.1 – 1 ha), 4.7 parcels

CONTEXT



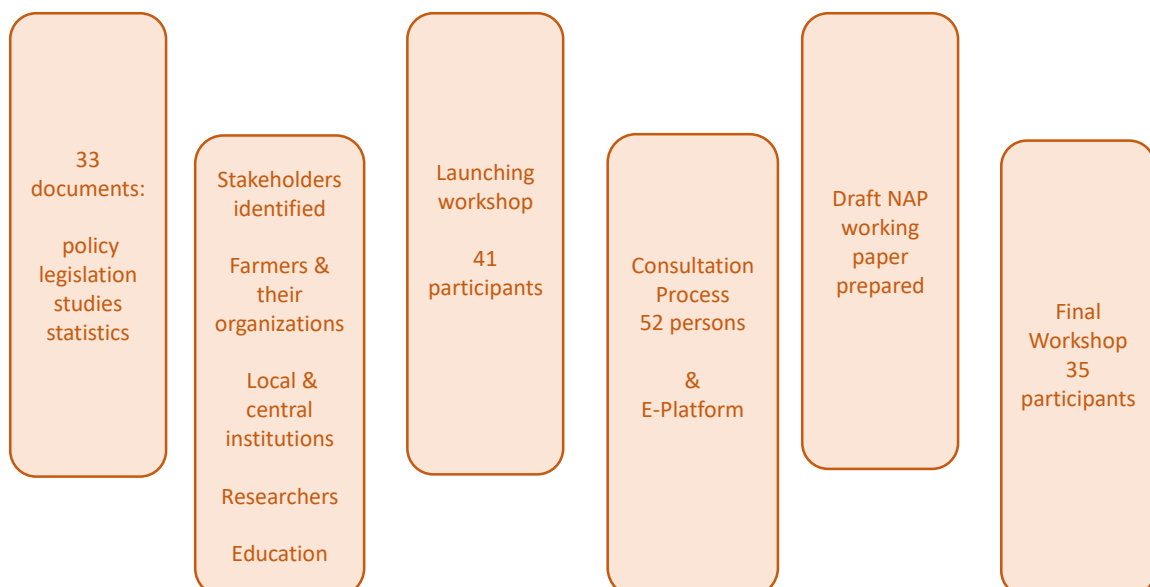
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### Launching Event

First Part

Presentations on:

- overall view on FF
- NAP concept
- situation analysis of FF in Albania

Second Part

Group Discussions: Institutions; Advisory Service & ATTCs; CSO & Businesses

- orientation questions per each group
- group findings shared in a plenary
- Q&A session

Three main priorities identified:

1. Advisory Service
2. Support Schemes, and
3. National Minimum Standards, Traceability, and Food Safety



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### Consultation Process

A total number of 52 people from advisory service, farmers, researchers, academia were consulted.

Questions developed on the three main priorities identified

An e-Platform was used to pose questions on challenges faced by FF. Responses considered.

In cooperation with FAO/Gender, Rural Equality and Tourism (GREAT) Project



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### Draft NAP Working Paper

Considered:

Findings & suggestions from:

- Launching event
- Consultation process

Draft NAP Working Paper shared in a Final Workshop

In the light of NAP document, suggestions provided to MARD in the preparation of the draft Strategy for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries (SARDF) 2021-2027



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### Related to Land

- land titles & property rights
- size and fragmentation



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### Related to Formalization

- Access to market
- Traceability, Food Safety, Standards
- Inputs quality



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### Related to markets

- Inputs (quality, information, advice from input traders conflict of interest)
- Sale - direct access or through middlemen
- Poor or no price negotiation power
- Infrastructure

Poor road infrastructure

Market information weak

Lack of contract farming





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### Related to finance and support schemes

In general risk for banks

National support schemes

- thresholds exclude
- procedures (FIFS), bureaucratic procedures

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### Related to access to services

- Advisory service (low number of field advisors, lack update know-how & information, working methods and conditions)

AKIS not always respond and address issues faced by FF.

AUT – Not properly responsive

- Inputs (quality, advice by traders conflict of interest)
- Mechanization (difficult, not efficient)



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### Related to climate change and natural disasters

FF most exposed to climate changes and disasters:  
location in disadvantaged areas prone to such risks.

Difficult to insure into insurance institutions



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- Evidence based policies, strategies and support measures conditioned by:
  - Definition of FF/smallholders and farm typology (how to target the segments/strata of FF)
  - Agriculture Census - collection of accurate, reliable, and gender disaggregated data
- Formalization – develop land market, better access to purchase inputs/sale products, finance, services, ensure traceability, food safety, quality and standards.
  - Develop policies and strategies that will lead to formalization of farms, and investments in line with EU regulations, i.e. Farm Register, Incentive Schemes, Land Parcel Information System (LPIS), Animal Register, Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN).
  - Inclusive procedures - (no one left behind), simple, and with no or little costs affordable by all.
- Design special measures in support to FF
  - Review schemes
  - Review procedures
  - Facilitate students enrolment

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- National Minimum Standards
  - Prepare Manual on National Minimum Standards (NMS) and piloting
  - Manual available to advisory staff to enhance farmer's capacities in line with NMS.
  - Product labels - reflecting ingredients in a reliable way (content and percentage)
  - Prepare requirements and Standards on *Traditional Products (TP) and Geographical Indication (GI) Products* (simple & understandable) for FF.
- Inputs, and standards of residues
  - Prepare protocol on input use and set residue standards.
  - Available to advisory service through them to FF
  - Responsible institutions strengthen control on inputs quality.

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- Empower advisory service and improve farmers capacity building
  - Establish a pool of young advisors
  - Strengthen advisors capacity
  - Improve service facilities (equipment, mobility).

### *Approach*

- group cooperation
- economic analysis on FF according to sub-sectors – from self-subsistence to market oriented
- progressive farmers as agents of change- open model farms.
- farm diversification linked with processing, adding value, orientation to niche products.
- Agriculture digitalization: e-learning platforms; social media; national TV



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### Logical Framework

*Focused on main areas:*

- (i) Policy Actions;
- (ii) National Support Schemes;
- (iii) NMS, Traceability and Food Safety; and
- (iv) Advisory Service - Knowledge and Information.

DESCRIPTION	INDICATORS (TBD)	PROPOSED POLICIES/POLICY ACTIONS	LINKAGE WITH THE 7 PILLARS OF GAP	RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS
<b>1. POLICY ACTIONS</b>				
1.1. Legal definition of FF	Meaningful and Agreed definition should be approved through MCD	Definition on Family Farm will be provided, in order to enable proper supporting measures to FF. The definition will be based on reliable statistical data analysis regarding size, income, employment or other alternatives.	Pillar 1	MARD, INSTAT, Experts, Donor(s)

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### National Committee on Family Farms (NCFF)

- *Establish NCFF - platform for political dialogue to promote policies in support to FF.*
  - oversee the implementation of proposed actions in the NAP
  - monitor & evaluate projects derived (prepared and implemented) based on NAP
  - review the NAP document periodically in line with the agriculture sector developments
  - share, discuss, provide solutions on FF critical issues
- *Composition*

Inclusive bringing together different stakeholders combining knowledge, skills and expertise on FF

  - agriculture organizations,
  - -ATTCs
  - public institutions,
  - FF businesses.

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### *Task Force (TF)*

*The TF - instrument to deal with the main identified priorities of FF:*

- (i) TF on legislation- law changes/ improvements, policies and strategies on FF;
- (ii) TF on knowledge & capacities -define training & capacity building programs;
- (iii) TF on socio economic issues-elaborate mechanisms to ensure social protection and economic empowerment for FF in general and women and youth in particular.
- (iv) TF on Climate changes - address climate change mitigation measures. Financial and insurance mechanisms.