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Overview of programming in Serbia in the "rural development" sector

Concept of "innovation" in the rural development sector in Serbia

- The Strategy of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Serbia 2014-2024
- National Rural Development Program 2015-2020
- IPARD Program Serbia 2014-2020

Implementation of IPARD:

- Conferral of management by EC
- Progress has been made in 2015 and 2016 regarding: human resources (part of necessary employees have been employed) and physical requirements (building, and its transfer to capital city Belgrade)
- Audit mission May 2016
- Audit report 2016 shows further progress which Serbia needs to made in order for accreditation/conferral of management

Priority areas of the strategic changes

- Stabilization of income in agriculture
- Financing of agriculture and rural development and risk management;
- Efficient land management and improved accessibility of the land resources;
- Improved physical resources;
- **Improvement of the knowledge transfer system and human resources development;**
- Adjusting to and alleviation of the climate change effects;
- Technology development and modernization of the agricultural production and processing;
- Market chains development and logistic support to the sector;
- Protection and improvement of environment and preserving of the natural resources;
- Preserving of agriculture, human and natural resources in the areas with limited conditions for agriculture;
- Diversification of the rural economy and preserving of the cultural and natural heritage;
- Improvement of social structure and strengthening of the social capital;
- Modernization and adjustment of institutions and legal framework;
- Improvement of the products quality and safety;

Priority Area 5 Improvement of the knowledge transfer system and human resources development

- *“The government must participate in proposing and selection of the scientific projects in which the domestic scientists should create the competitive knowledge and technology in the area of agriculture, that have to be in accordance with the realistic needs of beneficiaries. “*
- *“Reaction is required of the government in terms of providing an efficient framework for creation, promotion and implementation of the modern production practices, as well as **innovations** in the areas that are important for agriculture.”*

Innovation in Serbia: 2 examples

- Project “Fair Oil Serbia: Affordable Green Economy Solutions for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Jobs of Rural Roma”, implemented by partnership: Municipality of Alibunar, Municipality of Kovin, NGO LEADER+ Banatski Karlovac, financed by EU
- Project: IoF2020, BioSense Institute Novi Sad, financed by EU

FairOil Serbia Project

Circular economy + Social Inclusion:

Supporting local Roma CSOs to team up with local public utility companies – transport companies who are providing public transport for schoolchildren- by collecting used cooking oil and processing it to biofuel, to be further used in school buses.

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