

## European Network for Rural Development

### Seminar "**Semi-subsistence farming in the EU: current situation and future prospects**"

Sibiu, Romania, 21st – 23rd April 2010

#### **Provisional Programme**

#### **Day 1: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

9.30 – 10.30	Plenary session Chair: <b>José Manuel Sousa Uva</b> , Director, DG AGRI, European Commission
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9.30 – 10.00 Opening remarks and welcome  
- Opening remarks from **Loretta Dormal Marino**, Deputy Director General, DG AGRI, European Commission  
- Welcome from host country, **Mihail Dumitru**, Minister of Agriculture, Romania (tbc)

10.00 – 10.30 Semi-subsistence farming, concepts and key issues. Typology, paths of development, emerging key issues.  
**Sophia Davidova**, Reader in European Agricultural Policy, University of Kent

10.30– 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 12.30	Plenary session Chair: <b>Loretta Dormal Marino</b> , Deputy Director General, DG AGRI, European Commission
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11.00 – 11.30 EU RD Policy and semi-subsistence farming. What current RD tools are relevant for semi-subsistence farming and how are they being used?  
**Antonis Constantinou**, Director, DG AGRI, European Commission

11.30 – 12.30 Discussion, introduction to the parallel workshops

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 17.00 *Parallel Workshops* 1, 2, 3 & 4

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee

Evening: Dinner offered by DG AGRI

#### **Interpretation**

In the plenary sessions, simultaneous interpretation is foreseen from English, French, German, Bulgarian, Polish, Romanian and Italian *into* English, French, German, Bulgarian, Polish and Romanian.

Please note that due to the meeting room/interpretation constraints interpretation in certain workshops will be limited.

## Parallel Workshops

### Workshop 1: Semi-subsistence farming concepts and key issues

**Chair: Nina Dobrzynska**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Poland (tbc)

**Rapporteur: Tomas Ratinger**, independent consultant, Institute of Prospective Technological Studies of JRC Czech Republic

- Concepts and definitions of semi-subsistence farming.
- Understanding the meaning of the term in different Member States, 'hobby' farms, small farms, part time farms.

Presentation 1 The example of smallholders in Ireland. **Jim Kinsella**, University College Dublin, Ireland (tbc)

Presentation 2 Case study: semi-subsistence farming situation and policy - the example of Hungary. **Csaba Forgacs**, Ass. Prof. Dr. habil., Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

### Workshop 2: Wider implications of semi-subsistence farming for society and the environment

**Chair: Aivars Lapins**, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Latvia

**Rapporteur: Gwyn Jones**, Director, European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism

- Social issues and semi-subsistence farming.
- Semi-subsistence farming as a social safety net.
- The role of semi-subsistence farming in land management and protection of the environment (public goods).

Presentation 1 Case study: semi-subsistence farming and the delivery of environmental benefits in Romania. **Nathanial Page**, Director, ADEPT Foundation

Presentation 2 Sustainability and social implications of semi-subsistence farming in Bulgaria, Poland and Romania. Drawn from the outcomes of the S-Farm project, "Sustainability of semi-subsistence farming in new Member States and acceding countries". **Jana Fritzch**, Senior Research Associate, IAMO, Germany

### Workshop 3: Pathways for semi-subsistence farming: Integration into the food chain, diversification

**Chair: Viviana Vasile**, General Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Romania

**Rapporteur: Catherine Darrot**, Researcher, INRA, France (tbc)

- Focus on the farmers' perspective.
- Restructuring patterns of semi-subsistence farming.
- Integration into the food chain, constraints and opportunities.
- Diversification into non-agricultural activities.

Presentation 1 Integration of semi-subsistence farming in the food supply chain – new opportunities or new barriers? **Johan Swinnen**, Professor of Development Economics, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium (tbc)

Presentation 2 Pathways for semi-subsistence farming from experience in EU15: strategies for diversification, pluriactivity, 'exit strategies'. **Elena Saraceno**, ENRD Contact Point

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#### **Workshop 4: Reaching and supporting semi-subsistence farms**

**Chair: Takis Photiou**, Ministry of Agriculture, Cyprus

**Rapporteur: Yanka Kazakova**, Independent consultant, Bulgaria

- Focus on policy RD delivery mechanisms: How are the current policy instruments used in Member States?
- How to reach semi-subsistence farming.
- Impact of rural development policies on semi-subsistence farming.
- Networking and semi-subsistence farms.

Presentation 1 Evolution of policies for semi-subsistence farming in Poland. **Jan Falkowski**, Warsaw University, Poland (tbc)

Presentation 2 Case study, Crofting in Scotland: policies to address semi subsistence farms' needs. (tbc)

#### **Day 2: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

09.30 – 12.30 Repeat of parallel Workshops

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee*

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-17.00 Plenary session: Reports of parallel workshops and closing, chaired by **Loretta Dormal Marino**, Deputy Director General, DG AGRI, European Commission

14.00 – 14.15 Workshop 1: Semi-subsistence farming concepts and key issues.

14.15 – 14.30 Workshop 2: Wider implications of semi-subsistence farming for society and the environment.

14.30 – 14.45 Workshop 3: Pathways for semi-subsistence farming: Integration into the food chain, diversification

14.45 – 15.00 Workshop 4: Reaching and supporting semi-subsistence farms.

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee*

15.30 – 16.30 Discussion with the Panel, moderated by **Rob Peters**, Head of Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission

16.30 – 17.00 Closing speech

**Dacian Cioloş**, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc)

#### **Day 3: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** Field visits

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