

European Network for Rural Development

Seminar “**Semi-subsistence farming in the EU: Current situation and future prospects**”

Sibiu, Romania, 13 – 15 October 2010

DRAFT Programme

Day 1: Wednesday 13 October

9.30 – 10.30	Plenary session Chair: José Manuel Sousa Uva , Director, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
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9.30 – 10.00 Opening remarks and welcome
- Opening remarks from **Loretta Dormal Marino**, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- Welcome from host country, **Mihail Dumitru**, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania

10.00 – 10.30 Semi-subsistence farming, concepts and key issues
Sophia Davidova, Reader in European Agricultural Policy, University of Kent

10.30– 11.00 Coffee

11.00 – 12.30	Plenary session Chair: Loretta Dormal Marino , Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
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11.00 – 11.30 EU Rural Development (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, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, 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 Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development,

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 the workshops will be limited to fewer languages.

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Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1: Semi-subsistence farming concepts and key issues

Chair: Zofia Krzyzanowska, General Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland

Rapporteur: Tomas Ratinger, Independent consultant, Czech Republic

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

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

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 preserving the environment and the countryside (provision of public goods).

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

Presentation 2 Structural change and social security: 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: Cornelia Mihai, General Director, Managing Authority for National Rural Development

Programme, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania

Rapporteur:

- 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? **Liesbeth Dries**, Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy Group, Wageningen University

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, Director of the Department of Agriculture, Cyprus

Rapporteur: Yanka Kazakova, Independent consultant, Bulgaria

- Focus on RD policy delivery mechanisms: How are the current policy instruments used in Member States?
- How to reach semi-subsistence farmers.
- 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

Presentation 2 Case study, Crofting in Scotland: policies to address semi subsistence farms' needs. **Angus McHattie**, Crofters commission, Isle of Skye, Scotland

Day 2: Thursday 14 October

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.

Chair: **Loretta Dormal Marino**, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, 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 – 15.45 Questions and answers, discussion

Moderated by **Rob Peters**, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee*

16.15 – 17.00 Speech of the Commissioner, discussion

Dacian Cioloș, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development¹

Day 3: Friday 15 October Field visits

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