Presentation on national best practices of the mountain farming and identification of the priority topics for implementation of the SARD Protocol Ukraine

Carpathian Convention

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Carpathian mountains in Ukraine



 Carpathian mountains in Ukraine occupy the territory of Zakarpattia, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi (oblasts) regions.

 The total area of the mountain system is more than 24 thousand square kilometers.









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Main Strategic Documents

The concept of farms and agricultural cooperatives development for 2018-2020 years. Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from Sept. 13, 2017 No. 664

• The concept of rural development. Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from Sept. 23, 2015 No. 995

• State support for agriculture: Government Programs 2018 190 mln. Euro









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Concept of farms and agricultural cooperatives development for 2018-2020

Main goal: development of farms, family farms and agricultural co-operation

inter alia through creation of favorable conditions for the development of **organic farming**, stimulation of **livestock in farms**, promotion of agricultural co-operation

Directions of support:

Financial instruments (value added production support, credits); **Land relations** (acquisition of land plots by farmer's, mortgage lending on land pledge, providing land for horticulture, viticulture, hop growing and organic farming).









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Concept of rural development

 Main goals: diversification of economic activity; increase the level of real incomes from agricultural and non-agricultural activities in the countryside; Social standards; environmental protection; preservation and restoration of natural resources; development of the institute of territorial communities.

Directions (according to Action Plan):

State support for individual housing construction in the village. Development of network of health facilities and improving medical services.

Development of local programs (physical culture and sports).

Development of regional programs for the restoration and preservation of the cultural and historical heritage of territorial communities of villages and ensuring their financing.

Restoration and modernization of engineering networks and water treatment facilities, etc.









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State Support Government Programs 2018

190 mln Euro total support



livestock development support

support for the development of farms

cost reduction for agricultural machinery

support for horticulture and viticulture

easing of credit





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Farmers in Carpathian Region

Oblast	Quantity	Land area, 1000 ha	Arable land, 1000 ha
Zakarpattia	927	9,3	8,5
Lviv	813	63,1	58,7
Ivano-Frankivsk	516	31,8	29,9
Chernivtsi	587	28,8	27,2
Total	34137	4580,1	4456,0

- As for 01 Nov 2017 the total quantity of farms is 34 137 or 75% from total economically active agricultural entities.
- Farmers cultivate 4,6 million ha.

• Average land area of farmer is 134,2 ha.









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Promising areas of development

Taking into account the natural ecological features of the Carpathian region, the most promising is development of family farms which may produce **eco-foods** and **organic** as well as **agro-tourism** and **gastronomic tourism**.

- Organic production.
- Gls and local brands production.



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Types of production:

Dairy production Honey production Sheep & goat breeding Viticulture & Horticulture Berry growing Plant production (incl., medical plants)

Euro-integration: organic market and GIs



Law on Basic Principles and Requirements for Organic Production, Circulation and Labeling of Organic Products adopted on July, 10 2018

Draft Law on Improving Legal Protection of Geographical Indications –

1st hearing on March, 13 2018









Gls in Carpathian region

On August 31, 2018, the first association in Ukraine was registered, the purpose of which is to promote and protect a domestic product with a geographical indication - the Association of producers of traditional Carpathian Highland cheeses.

It unites more than 20 participants - producers of cheese from sheep's milk with traditional technology

On September 2, the Hutsul brynza festival was held in Rakhiv, with financial support of the EU to promote potentially the first Ukrainian geographical indication for food products recognized in the EU - **Hutsul sheep's brindja**.









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Agro-tourist Cluster

Implementation of regional development projects is supported by the Government of Ukraine

Agro-tourist cluster "GorboGory" - State Support - 1 million Euro

Also, it holds festivals for promotion of the creation of agro-tourist clusters as alternative types of rural entrepreneurship and an example of the sustainable development of rural areas.











Thank You!









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