

First Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry



**Project for
Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
in Mountain Regions
(SARD-M)**

Vienna, 9-10 July 2007

The Project Addresses Policy Issues and Bolsters Institutions



Strengthening mountain populations' livelihoods with improved policies for sustainable agriculture and rural development

Making SARD Operational

Our Focus



Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development



Mountain Regions: their potentials and constraints



Policies, Institutions and Processes

... In a Participatory Process

Three Interlinked Priorities



Analysis of existing mountain relevant policies for SARD - **P1**

- assessment of the **strengths and weaknesses** of existing mountain relevant policies for SARD - *Policies, Institutions, Processes*



Analysis of mountain externalities – **P2**

- comparative analysis of **positive & negative** mountain externalities



Strengthening of local institutions – **P3**

- capacity building and governance

Country assessments



Approach

-  Examine **policies, institutions and processes**
-  Reflect **cross-sectoral** nature of SARD
-  Reflect **opinions of different stakeholders**
 - i.e. **government** and **civil society**, including private sector
 - at **national** and **decentralized** levels
-  Build on **potentialities** and **constraints** of mountains

Methodological Tools for the Assessments

More **qualitative** in nature

 Literature reviews

 Interviews with key informants

 Discussions with stakeholders at centralized and decentralized levels

Targets

Middle-level practitioners and trainers involved in SARD-M policy making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, from:



Governments, at national and decentralised levels (i.e. ministries of agriculture, environment, rural development, finances, etc.);



Civil society organisations, including local authorities

Expected Output of Policy Assessments



Identification of **problematic areas** and **priority issues** facing a region



Evaluation of the overall **strengths** and **weaknesses of SARD-M policies**



General **recommendations** on improvements needed in policies, processes and institutions involved in policy making and implementation



Proposals for concrete **action-oriented follow-up activities**

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The SARD-M Project

Strengthening mountain populations' livelihoods with improved policies for sustainable agriculture and rural development

Project rationales
Physically isolated, socially and politically marginalized, mountain populations are among the most vulnerable in the world. However, specific policies, legislation and institutions can play a vital role in promoting food security, rural livelihoods and sustainable development in these regions. [\[more...\]](#)



Latest News

Country assessment reports on the strengths and weaknesses policies for SARD in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas and in the Andes
The Bhutan, China and Nepal country assessment reports for the Hindu Kush-Himalayas (HKH) as well as the Colombia, Ecuador and Peru country reports for the Andes are now available. They present the results of the assessments on the strengths and weaknesses of mountain policies, including social, economic, institutional and environmental aspects, in relation to SARD principles. [\[more...\]](#)

Results of policy assessments on the strengths and weaknesses of policies for SARD in the Mediterranean basin
A four-page information sheet and a brief summary presenting the main results of the SARD-M Project activities in the Mediterranean basin mountains are now available. [\[more...\]](#)

Upcoming and recent meetings

First Meeting of the Carpathian Working Group on sustainable agriculture, rural development and forestry (9-10 July 2007, Vienna, Austria)
UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention in collaboration with the SARD-M Project is organising the First Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group



Interviews with Regional Focal Points (produced by FAO Information Division)

- CIHEAM-IAM - Lamberto Lamberti (in English)
- PASOLAC - Manuel Martinez (in Spanish)

More interviews...

- Views from stakeholders

Databases

- Database of policy-related documentation
- Database of organizations,

Local intranet

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