

WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

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MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP

- The member organizations of the working group are guarantee institutions specialized in agriculture
- Currently working together in the group:
 - Agrogarante (Portugal, member of SPGM)
 - FGCR – Romanian Rural Credit Guarantee Fund (Romania)
 - Garfondas – Agricultural Credit Guarantee Fund (Lithuania)
 - SGFA – ISMEA (Italy)
 - Rural Credit Guarantee Foundation - AVHGA (Hungary)
 - VDB (Germany)
 - Slovenian Regional Development Fund (Slovenia)
- Three main areas of interest: 1 State aid 2 Financial instruments 3 cooperation

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **State aid**

- Achievements:

1. higher de minimis for agriculture
2. the scope of ABER is extended to processing and marketing

- **Financial instruments**

- Main questions: 1 what kind of financial instruments agricultural companies need? 2 what is our role in that?
- Involvement in EAFRD-specific events under fi-compass: one or two speakers at each conference (Dublin in June 2015, Vienna in October 2015, Riga in October 2015, Madrid in May 2016, Rome in June 2016)
- Status: Estonia: operating, five others are planning to introduce

MAIN ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

Cooperation with other institutions

- DG Agri: omn state aid, financial instruments etc
- DG ECFIN: main institution to design financial instruments
- EIB, EIF: debt instruments
- OECD: project to define a Credit Guarantee Scheme for Agribusiness SMEs in Ukraine
- EBRD: contact with the agricultural directorate
- Others: European Network for Rural Development (ENRD), Copa Cogeca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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