

International Workshop

**Dairy sector development in Central
and Eastern Europe**

on the occasion of

**International Green Week,
Berlin**

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10:00 to 17:00**

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The dairy sector of non EU countries in Central Europe and countries in Eastern Europe has during more than a decade undergone a major transition phase.

Recent trends indicate a growing domestic demand for quality milk products, an increasing reorganisation of the agricultural sector, and a progressing consolidation of the dairy value chain. This indicates a promising development pattern, and at the same time highlights continuous challenges for further improvements of the efficiency and quality in the dairy sector.

These country specific and regional trends are partially linked to global developments of the dairy market. The FAO/HUB workshop on 18.01.2009 at the occasion of the International Green Week in Berlin will discuss the trends and challenges with invited experts of the dairy sector from FAO and the respective Eastern and Central European countries.

The workshop will identify the competitiveness of the respective dairy sector, current trends and needs for investments, needs and sources of new technologies and collaboration, product quality concerns, the position of small dairy producers, regional niche markets, and environmental concerns in dairying.

Results of this workshop should be of interest to expert participants from Eastern European countries present at the Forum International Green Week and all parties interested in collaborating with the dairy sector of these countries

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Draft Programme

10:00

Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Andriy Rozstalnyy, FAO Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe, Budapest

10:15

Report session

Chair: Prof. Kurt J Peters

Key note

Milk production, processing and marketing- a global perspective on major driving and development factors in successful dairy development

By FAO AGAP

Country reports:

Pathways, Challenges and Opportunities in the development of the dairy sector

11:00

1. Russia

Evgeny Smirnov, Analyst, Russian Dairy Union,

11:30

2. Belarus

Michail Romanovich, IFCN Dairy, Kiel

12:00

3. Ukraine

Olga Kozak,
National Scientific Centre "Institute of Agrarian Economics"

12:30

4. Caucasus region

Tamar Kartvelishvili, Georgia

13:00

5. Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia

Lunch 13:30 to 14:30

14:30

Discussion session

Chair: Dr. Andriy Rozstalnyy

Issues of the discussion

Milk production systems: competitiveness in a global market

Investing in the milk sector - institutional development

Provision of new technology and skill development - role of cooperation

Milk quality and safety

Importance of small-scale dairying for rural employment

Niche markets such as specialised milk products and organic milk

Environmental concerns in dairying

16:45

Synthesis and Conclusions of the workshop

Prof. Kurt J Peters

17:00 End of workshop