QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SURVEYING THE FARMERS’ KNOWLEDGE AND NEEDS

This questionnaire is part of the project “Empower the powerless: Visegrad experience for small scale family farms in the Western Balkans”. The aim of the questionnaire is to assess the knowledge and needs among farmers producing in the sites of the Emerald network in Serbia. Results of the questionnaire will be used to plan capacity building and networking activities.

Thank you for your willingness to participate!

A. general information on the small scale family farm

- Family name
- Location
- Contact person
- Telephone/email

- What is the main agricultural practice on your farm?
- What is the main product of your farm?
- What is the main characteristic of your farm?

B. Knowledge, capacities and needs

Current capacities

- Are you familiar with the importance and the international recognition of the small scale family farms and their role and position in Serbia?
- Do you have any knowledge on biodiversity and nature protection in relation to agriculture in general and to your farm site in particular?
- Do you have any experience and knowledge on agricultural practices and agro-environmental schemes in the EU?

Are there any activities/capacity building programmes that you have participated in about nature protection in agriculture or developing economic potential of farming (e.g. branding, developing products, cooperation, etc.)?

Cooperation

- Do you cooperate on nature protection in the protected area where you live? If yes, could you explain shortly how?
- Do you participate in any networking activities among farmers on local level (e.g. being part of an association)? If yes, please list some examples.
Needs on capacity building

If the opportunity to learn more would be given to the representative of your farm, what topics would you choose? (you can choose more options)

a) Developing products
b) Branding and labelling
c) Access to markets
d) Setting up cooperatives
e) Requirements for good agricultural and environmental conditions from EU examples
f) Requirements for good agricultural and environmental conditions from national and local policies and regulations
g) Competitiveness and environmental performance
h) Other topics:
i) Interest to exchange experiences with farmers and NGOs from EU (Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic)? Please specify the topic, if possible

Thank you for your cooperation!