ACTION PLAN

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**FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOFIA DECLARATION ON THE GREEN AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS 202**

**SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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| **Action** | **The main regional coordinator(s)** | **Indicative timeframe** | **Comment** |
| 44. Align the agri-food and primary production sector with the EU standards on food safety, plant and animal health and welfare and environment, and address effluent, manure and waste management. | SWG RRD | 2026. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 45. Strengthen the official sanitary controls along the entire food chain and improve the traceability and labelling of food products. | SWG RRD | 2027. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 46. Promote environmentally-friendly (zero pollution) and organic farming and reduction of synthetic chemical products used in food production. | SWG RRD | 2026. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 47. Cooperate with scientific, education, business and agricultural holdings to facilitate transfer to innovative and environmentally friendly technologies and farming methods. | SWG RRD | 2026. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 48. Devise actions to reduce waste in rural and coastal areas. | SWG RRD | 2030. | Waste management requires extensive financial means to execute and/or implement the target measure. |
| 49. Step up efforts for sustainable development of rural areas with implementation of LEADER. | SWG RRD | 2026. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |
| 50. Support investments in renewable energy production and technologies as well as GHG emission reductions and adaptation to climate change measures in agriculture. | SWG RRD, EnCS | 2027. | Continuous improvement by 2030. |

**INDICATORS**

#### No. Indicator Data source

1. Share of the area under organic farming in the total utilised agriculture area. Environmental Protection Agencies

State of the Environment Reports.

1. Share of land under management requiring reduction in chemical input.

**Sustainable Agriculture**

1. Mean organic carbon content in agricultural land. Environmental Protection Agencies State of the Environment Reports.
2. Production of renewable energy from agriculture.
3. GHG emissions from agriculture (tonnes of CO2 eq). Environmental Protection Agencies State of the Environment Reports.
4. Number of farms and food processing enterprises receiving (IPARD) support to align with hygiene and animal welfare standards.

