

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS SECTORS IN ALBANIA

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Abstract

For more than two decades Albania is implementing and developing the market economy parameters. During this period the whole sectors of the Albanian economy, the agriculture and agro industry inclusive, underwent big changes. Actually, even in the framework of the Albanian integration in the European Union, the sectors of agriculture and agro industry have become basic parts of various policies and reforms with the aim of being developed in accordance with the European standards, thus making competitive productions internationally. This paper is a sort of literature review and aims primarily at giving a general picture of these two sectors of strategic importance in the Albanian economic development, and at the same time making a SWOT analysis of both of them. Generally speaking, the problems that the Albanian agriculture and agro industry faces nowadays do not differ much from those in the region. To be mentioned are the great number of farms and their small capacities, the low level of mechanisation and technology, poor infrastructure, weak quality standards implementation and the plus. However, both agriculture and agribusiness sectors in Albania have potentials to grow. Continuous support through EU programmes and governmental actions can strongly contribute to further development of these sectors.

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