

Barriers for innovation in NWFP sector in Macedonia

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Introduction

Methods

Discussion / Conclusion

Macedonia – in transition period;

Privatization of the NWFP sector;

Aim to join EU – harmonization of legislation;

Long tradition of utilization of NWFP

Main financial source —own resources

Possibility for rural population

Goals: Integration of innovation in NWFP sector and identification of the Barriers for innovation

Case study - innovation project part of MP

Qualitative data

36 interviews (semi-structured) with owners of companies

Content analysis of the main policy documents

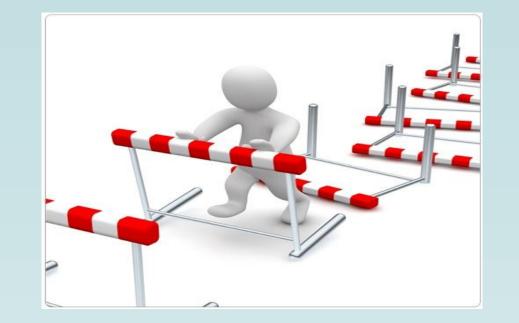
Inadequate legal framework (rulebook, licenses and permissions) and overlapping between two Ministries)

Unfair competition,

Strong dependence of weather condition;

■ Mature equipment and mechanization (60% of the companies);

Innovation and start-ups not properly integrated in the policies





Results

- □ History development of the companies;
- □ Innovative activities;
- □ Utilization of credit lines;
- □Challenges;
- □Subvention;
- □Relevant policies;
- □ Implementation of innovation

- The final results identified three barriers:
- •Institutions;
- Information;
- •Informality (irregularity),

Research Questions

- To what extend the innovations in NWFP sector are integrated?
- What are the hampering factors for innovation in NWFP sector in Macedonia?
- What are the roles of institutions and actors?





Recommendations

- •Possibility for innovation exists more focus on institutions (rules of the game);
- •Improvement of the informational instruments;
- Provision of financial instruments;
- •Integration of start-ups and innovation in policies,

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