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Work Package 2: Priority setting to structure  
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## **Consultation session in the field of Agriculture/Food/Biotechnology**

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### **RESULTS**

During the consultation session on AgroFood in the frame of the WBC-INCO.NET project, **two main regional research priorities** of common interest were agreed upon among the participants. The meeting was attended by national expert delegations from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244), Montenegro and Serbia, as well as external experts from research institutes from EU Member States. Furthermore, the regional research priorities were specified at a more detailed **specification level**. The specific interest of the Western Balkan countries was highlighted.

The regional research priorities in the field of AgroFood are given in the table below:

- 1. Food / feed safety and quality, food biotechnology**
  - Preservation of indigenous species and traditional food products (in WBC/SEE)
  - Combined exposure of food and feed to environmental pollutants
- 2. Biodiversity**
  - Investigation of regional genetic resources in the WBC (plants, animals and microorganisms)
  - Interdisciplinary field: Land use impact in agriculture on biodiversity (Topic: renewable energy production in the agricultural sector and biodiversity conservation)

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