

## REFORD members participated at The FAO Technical Workshop

From 29 to 31 of October 2013, REFORD members participated at the Technical workshop on the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forest in the context of National Food Security. The workshop was held in Sofia, Bulgaria and it is part of FAO's (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) strategy to raise awareness on the Guidelines and discuss their use and implementation in European regions.



The participants were representatives from various stakeholders including professionals working on the tenure of land, fisheries and forests in public sector, civil society organizations, academia and regional organizations. REFORD was represented by Ms. Albor Kacani from National Federation of Communal Forests and Pastures of Albania and by Mr. Aleksandar Mrkobrada from the Association of Private Forest Owners in Republic of Srpska – Bosnia Herzegovina. The REFORD representatives had the opportunity to promote REFORD as an existing network in the Balkan region.

During the workshop the participants reflected and suggested actions on the use and the implementation of the Guidelines in the regions through the working groups. Among the ideas for action, REFORD was mentioned as an existing regional initiative which can ensure a stronger support mechanism to express the demands of its members through the Voluntary Guidelines. The workshop is a step to build networks of actors to share information, experiences and knowledge on the governance of tenure land, fisheries and forests and regional level.

For further information about the Voluntary Guidelines please check the link below:  
<http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/voluntary-Guidelines/en/>