

# Meeting of the Regional Expert Advisory Working Group on Natural Resources Management (NRM)

Andrevlje, Serbia

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# Political Support for NRM in the WB region

- Agricultural Policy Forum (APF) 2016
- Ministerial Meeting (MM) 2016
- SWG Assembly Meeting Dec 2016
- SWG Assembly Meeting Apr 2017
- APF 2017

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# Tirana Agenda

- “The forum recommends to **increase funding** to small scale investments contributing to economic development and **sustainable use of natural resources.**”
- “The Forum draws attention to the policy challenges of natural resources management... Recognised **key barriers** in evidence based policy making implicate to **fragmented policy frameworks, lack of law enforcement, deficiencies in relevant data and insufficient risk management and planning;**
- The Forum highlights the need for **strengthening water, forestry and soil policy implementation** in the SEE region, particularly WB, to uphold the progress towards EU;
- The Forum advocates towards **proper data collection instruments, access to data** along with fair and transparent sharing of information on natural resource management;
- The Forum affirms the need for **integrated cross-sectoral coordination** among policy areas, levels of governments, civil society and research communities. Such multi-level approach further consolidates regional cooperation for inclusive and sustainable development of SEE countries;
- The Forum advocates for **integrated disaster risk management and planning** reflecting the considerable challenges that natural hazards pose to inclusive socio-economic development of rural areas in SEE.

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# Conclusions of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ministers' Meeting

- **“Rural development and natural resource management are essential for economic prosperity of the region.** Integration of the sustainable management of natural assets across the rural activities reflects to the recognition and greater awareness of the economic, social and cultural value of natural resources (agriculture, soil, biodiversity, water and forestry).”

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# SWG Assembly Meetings

- Dec 2016 and Apr 2017
- Supportive to the activities of the REAWG on NRM

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# APF 2017



11 – 12.10.2017, Podgorica,  
Montenegro

- Plenary session presentation:  
**Management of forest, water and soil within the framework of environmental and rural development policies in Southeast Europe - *Dr. Ratko Ristic, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Belgrade, Serbia***

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