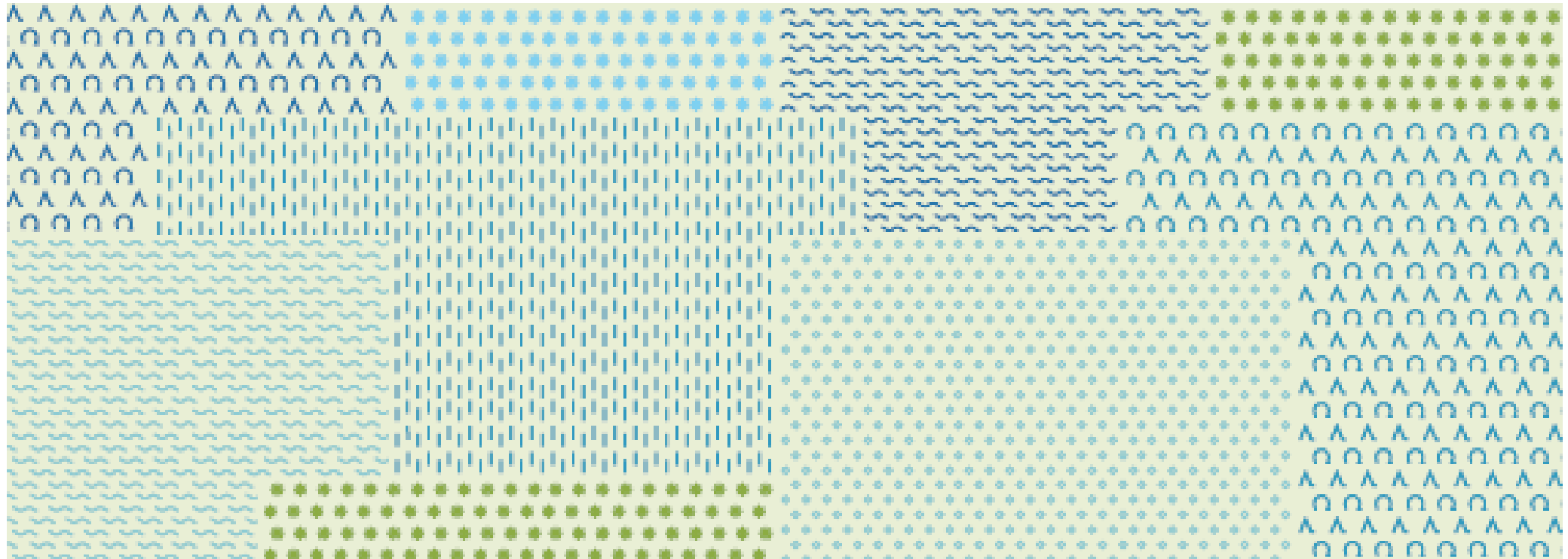




Rural Development through Integrated Forest and Water Resource Management in Southeast Europe - LEIWW



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The LEIWW Project

Commisioned by:

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Budget | Duration

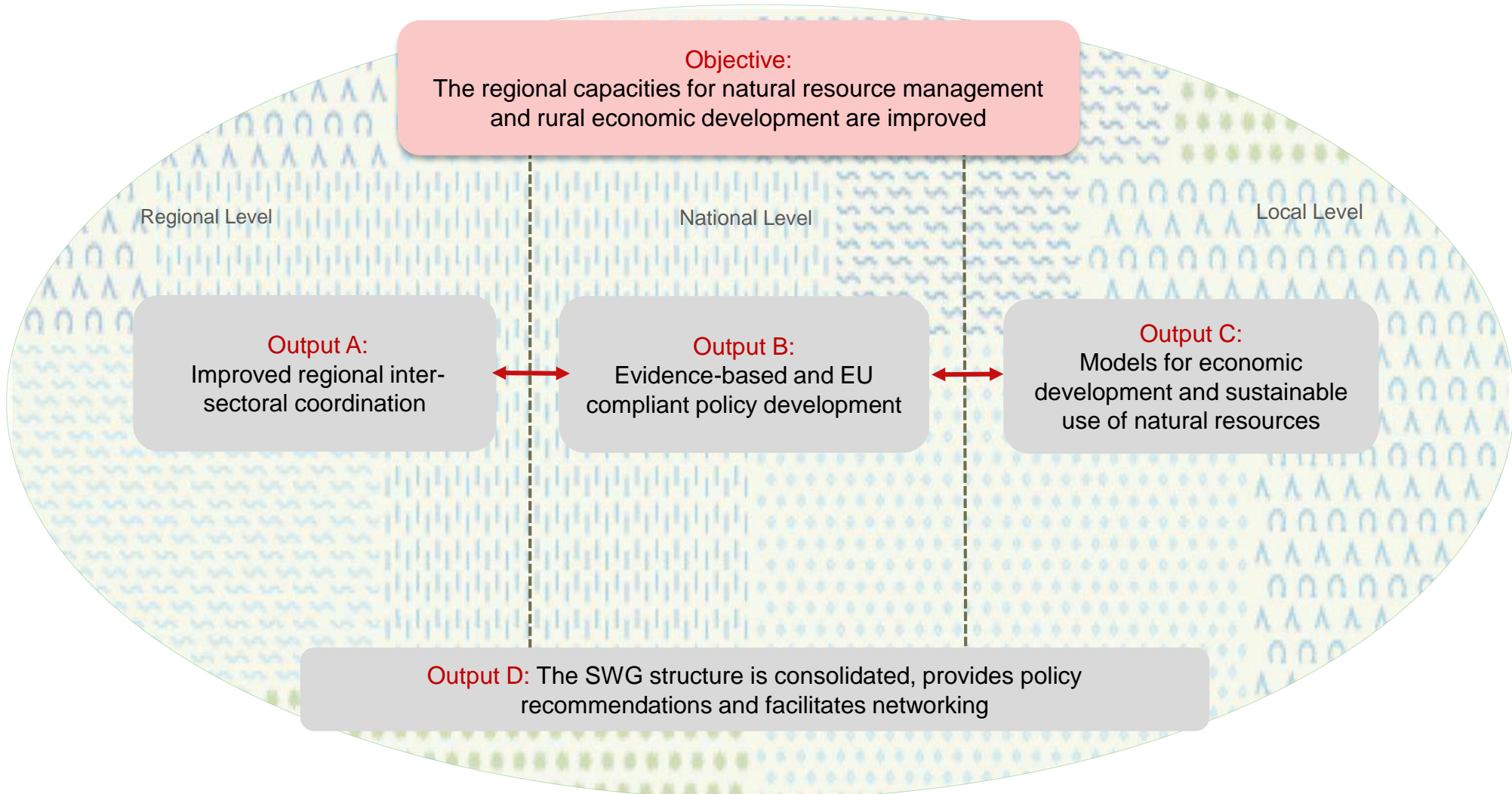
3.5 Mio. EUR + 0,5 Mio. EUR topping up out of the BMZ returnee programme | 3 years (2015-2017)

Main partners

SWG / Ministries of Agriculture in SEE

Target countires

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia





Regional Level

Objective

Development of joint regional positions

Output A:

Improved regional intersectoral coordination

Intersectoral coordination processes



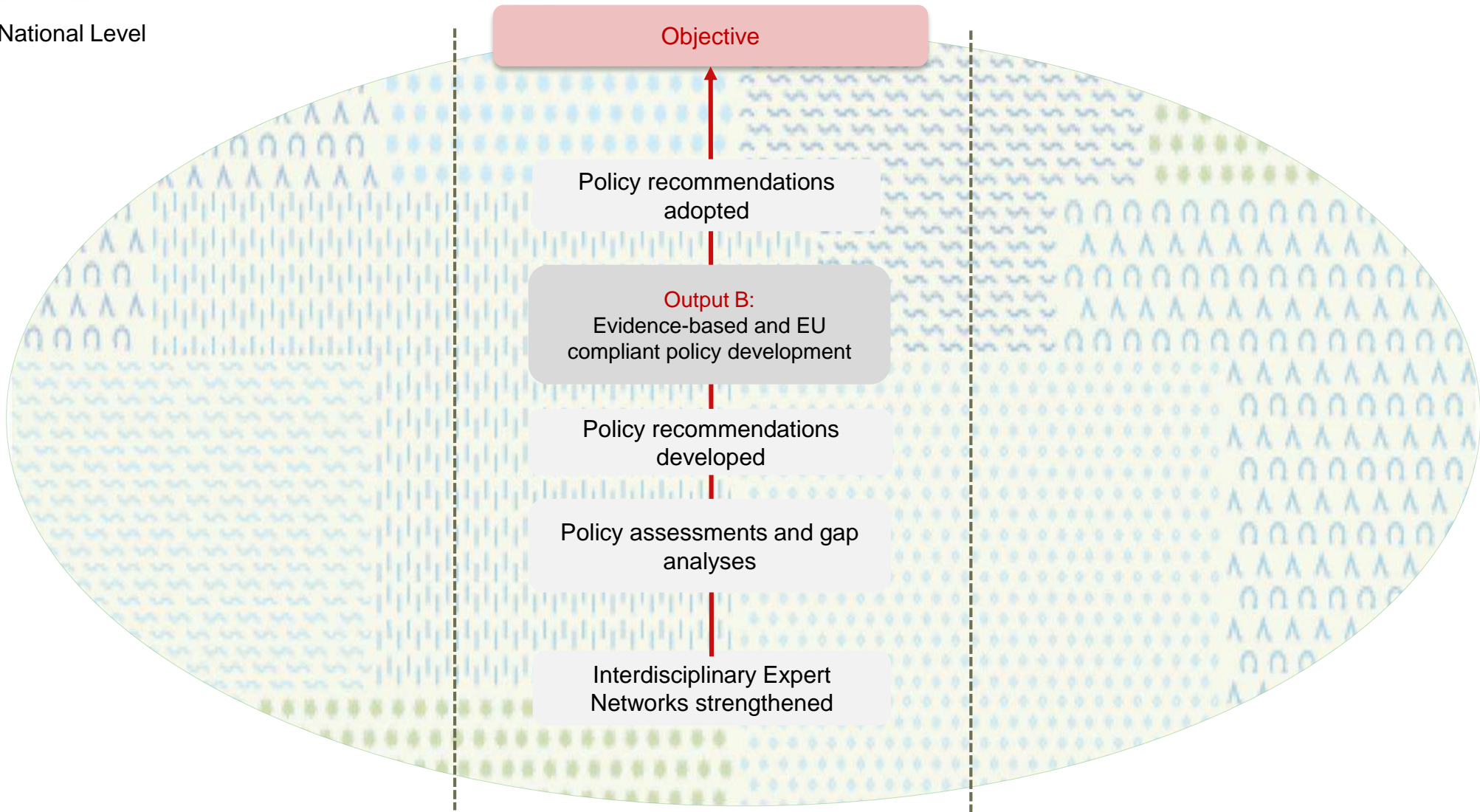
Progress review

Output A: Improved regional inter-sectoral coordination

- Objectives of output A) **achieved**:
The Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) integrated agriculture and rural development in the Programming Document 2017-2019, that has been endorsed in March 2017
- **Ongoing** support to SWG for:
 - the coordination of regional activities of the SEE 2020 Strategy
 - the preparation of measures of the SEE Strategy 2020
 - Support to the
 - Meetings of Ministers of Agriculture of SEE,
 - Agricultural Policy Forums,
 - SWG Assembly Sessions
 - further regional exchange formats



National Level



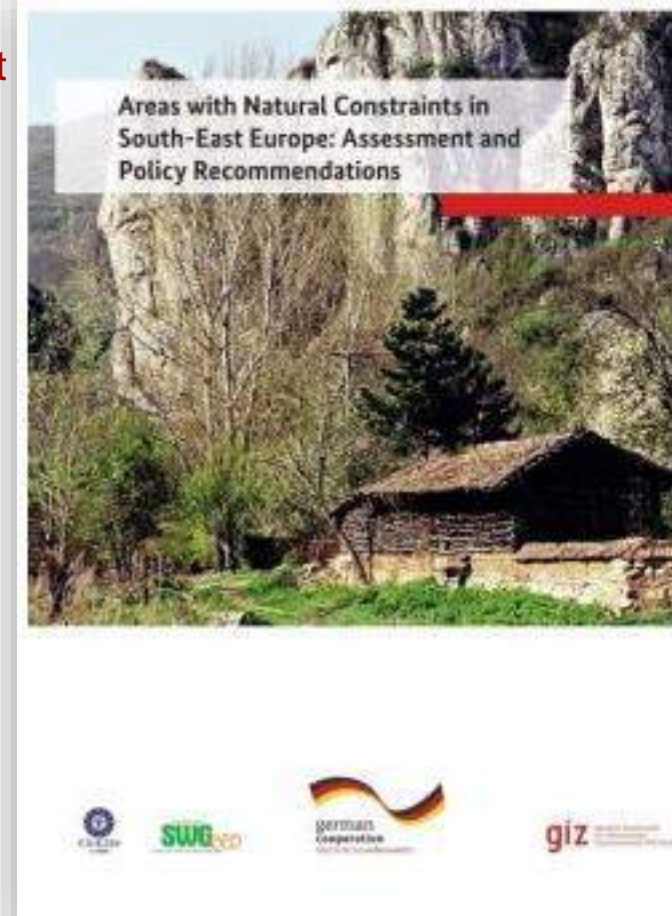


Progress review

Output B: Evidence-based and EU compliant policy development

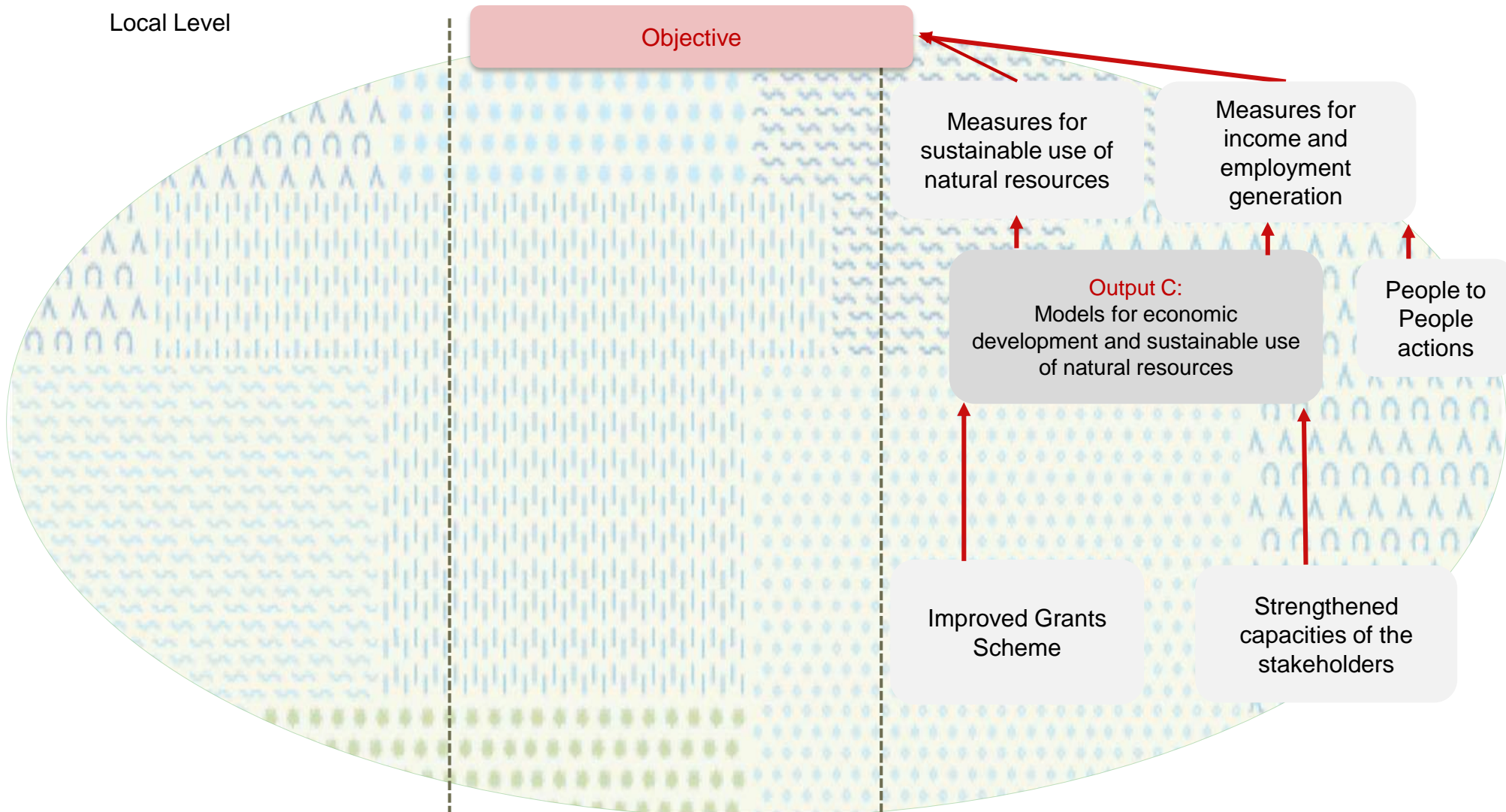
Regional Expert Advisory Working Groups (REAWG) supported to assess policies on national and regional level

- Areas with natural constrains, **completed**
- Water and Forest Management, **completed**
 - Travelling Workshop in Sweden
- LEADER, **ongoing**
 - Exposure visit to Austria
- Agro-Biodiversity, **ongoing**
- **Excuse**: Engagement of Experts
- **Excuse**: Involvement of Ministries, Civil Society and national dissemination of results





Local Level





Progress review

Output C: Models for the sustainable use of natural resources are demonstrated in selected cross-border pilot regions

- The SWG ABD Approach serves as platform to support income generation / diversification and integrated natural resource management
- To improve the procedures of “Area Based Development” Grant Scheme 2 regional and 1 international expert were engaged, while 6 local experts were supporting potential beneficiaries in Drina - Tara, Drina – Sava, Prespa and Sharra
- Two ABD Grant Scheme Call for proposals were launched in 2016
- Selection and contracting of the projects
- Finalisation –in course of 2017
- Projects worth around 100.000 EUR are approved and are in process to be funded by the topping up through returnee programme
- Screening for additional projects providing start-chances
- Communication of results through a promotional video, fact-sheets and posters



Progress review

Investment



513.348,67

total investment (EUR)

Grants



334.718,50

total SWG - GIZ grant (EUR)



Revenue



2.098.559,35

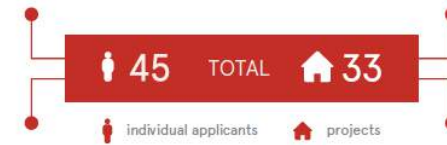
total expected revenue (EUR)

Employment



37

37 new employments



GET INVOLVED

If you live in DRINA-SAVA, DRINA – TARA, SHARRA or PRESPA region get involved in the Area Based Development to contribute to the sustainable growth of your area. The "Rural development through integrated forest and water resources management in Southeast Europe (LEIWIN)" is a project of the German Cooperation Implemented in Partnership by the Regional and Development Standing Working Group in South-East Europe (RSWG) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).



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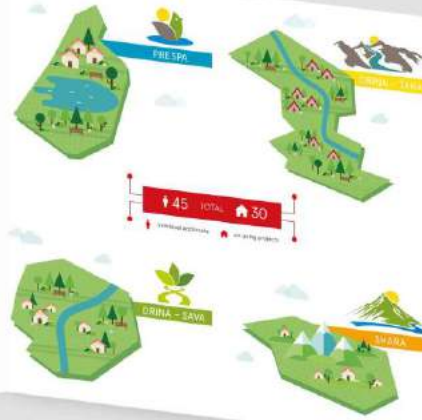
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DRINA - SAVA REGION FUTURE

Rural areas here potential to provide opportunities for economic activities to young educated people. One of them is Predrag Miso, who decided to move from the capital to rural area. Konak Miso is a place where innovative solutions are combined with traditional values. His dream came to life with the help of ABDA Programme. Now in his household people can learn about the benefits of the new energy sources.



Predrag Miso, Trsic, SERBIA

DRINA - TARA REGION COOPERATION

One of this stories is the Beekeepers Association Matka in Pijevlje. People here connected the nature with economic activities. Utilizing the natural resources on a sustainable way, contributing to preservation of biodiversity, the members of the BA Matka produce honey with extraordinary quality and with the new equipment the beekeepers improved their production efficiency too.



Beekeepers Association Matka in Pijevlje, MONTENEGRO

SHARRA REGION PROGRESS

Dusko Matosi who lives in the Shara region well aware about preserving the nature in his region. That's why he used the grant into production of electrical energy from renewable sources. With his project he reduced the usage of diesel fuel for production electricity with photovoltaic solar panels. Keep the food fresh, but keep the air fresh too...that's a really good motto for the taverna Bozujhal Biver.



Dusko Matosi, Gostinjska Balyjhal Biver, Village Balwinjhal, Jugo-zapadni, MACEDONIA

PRESPA REGION DEDICATION

Alma Cenok is farmer from this region. She changed the conventional use of herbicides with a new eco-friendly machinery which helps her to control the unwanted plants around her agriculture products. After the implementation of the herbicide, she's producing higher quality products, attracting increased number of buyers and higher profit from her business.



Alma Cenok, Farmer, Deval, ALBANIA

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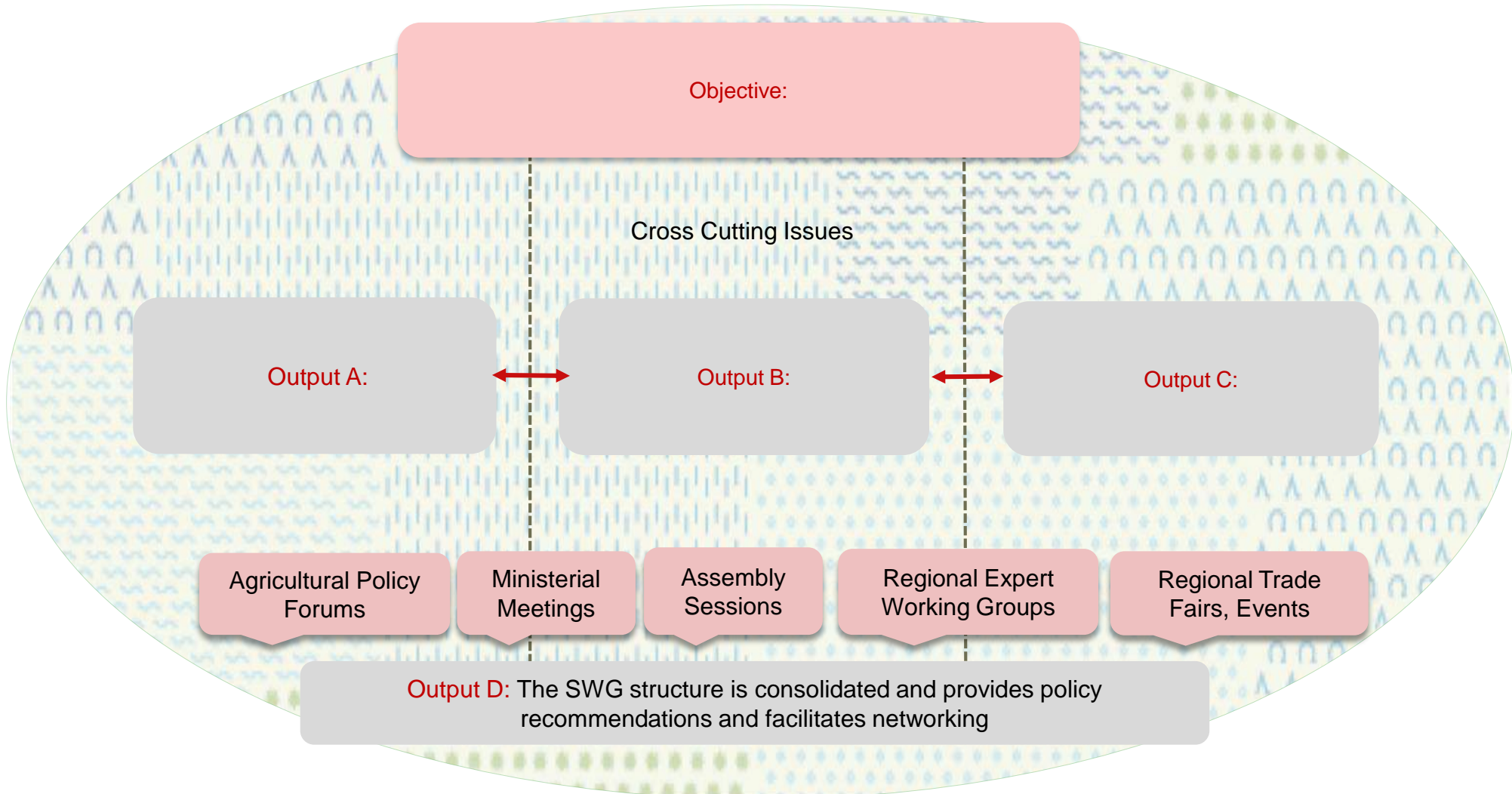
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Progress review

Output D: The SWG structure is consolidated and provides policy recommendations and facilitates networking

- Ongoing support:
 - to SWG Assembly Sessions
 - to SWG Agricultural Policy Forum
 - to ministerial meetings of the Ministries of Agriculture
 - for coordination with / and support to regional initiatives
 - for numerous “People-to-People” actions focusing on economic, environmental and socio-cultural priorities of the regions have been implemented



Tasks ahead

- Output A)
Continuous support to regional inter-sectoral coordination processes and SWG
- Output B)
Definition of future activities on ANC and NRM in SEE;
- Finalisation of the assessments and policy recommendations in regard to
 - LEADER / community led local development approaches in SEE
 - Agro-Biodiversity, possibility of a Agro-Biodiversity exposure visit currently assessed
- Output C)
Finalisation of the ABD Grant Scheme and P2P
- Drawing models for rural economic development and management of natural resources in cross-border regions
- Development of a proposal for Phase II (06.2018 – 05.2021)



Project Evaluation

In April 2017 the project evaluation took place:

- Overall, the TC measure is rated successful with a total of 11,6 out of 16 points.

Criterion	Score	Rating
Relevance	16	very successful
Effectiveness	13	successful
Impact	8	rather unsatisfactory
Efficiency	11	rather successful
Sustainability	10	rather successful
Average rating for all criteria	11,6	
Overall rating for the project	successful	



Project Evaluation

- **Relevance**
 - Regional cooperation is an important instrument in the context of peace and conflict.
 - The LEIWW-project is relevant for the Berlin process, which started in 2014 and provides new opportunity for the EU integration of the SEE countries.
 - There is a clear relevance for the SDGs 2 and 15
 - Relevance for the BMZ strategies: Natural Resources Management, Biodiversity Conservation.



Project Evaluation

- **Effectiveness**
 - The indicators are likely to be fulfilled during LEIWW lifetime
 - But the Indicators do not sufficiently measure the achievement of the project objective.
 - The project objective is not achievable in its present general and overly ambitious formulation.
 - The key concepts of the project objective: NRM, rural economic development are not significantly addressed by the contributions of LEIWW in the ABD intervention area
 - Achievements beyond the objective include building up informal relationships as an important condition for formal arrangements



Project Evaluation

- **Impact**
 - LEIWW contribution to ABD through local grants: too early in the process to identify impact
 - Impact expected at national level: policy analysis and policy formulation.
 - The SWG with its outreach is potentially an up-scaling mechanism of the project



Project Evaluation

- **Efficiency**
 - The project is 100 % aligned with the partner system.
 - LEIWW became efficient by using existing structures:
 - ABD, PMU, local stakeholder groups
 - Assembly sessions for steering
 - The APF
 - The REAWGs as a modality
 - Project grant schemes for ADB: high transparency of procedures and decisions. But imply high transaction costs and little expected effects.
 - The cooperation with other German TC projects is not well developed



Project Evaluation

- **Sustainability**
 - The question of sustainability of positive results has limited importance for regional TC projects.
 - Some positive results of the LEIWW are likely to continue with the continuation of the work under the SWG.
 - E.g. further development of the SEE 2020 by incorporation of the project strategy development
 - Sustainability of positive results of local grant schemes for rural development very much in question



Key recommendations for the follow up phase

- The follow on measure focus on rural socio-economic development This is demanded by both, the BMZ and the SWG RRD.
- Project Objective: Capacities of the 6 SEE countries for the diversification of the rural economy are improved
 - Output 1: Promotion of sustainable agricultural and agro-tourism value chains in selected ABD regions
 - Output 2: Access to financial means for the diversification of the rural economy
 - Output 3: Regional cooperation between SEE countries and between SEE countries and the EU for the diversification of the rural economy
- The number of geographic areas / projects in cross border areas, should not exceed 4.
- The stakeholders should include private sector, municipalities, civil society organizations, cooperatives and producer associations.
- Priority should be given to agro-based products as well as medical and aromatic plants, agro-based Value Chains and agro-tourism VCs.
- The national ministries of those countries which are involved in the proposed cross border projects, should co-finance the contributions from GIZ.



Steps for the development of the proposal for Phase II

- PEV report key information to stakeholders of SWG
- GIZ (James Macbeth, Benjamin Mohr) having BMZ talks with desk officer Mr McCormack to reconfirm the focus of phase II
- Commitment of SWG / MoA for matching of grants for 4 for cross border projects of around 25%
- Signed Agreed Minutes of the Mission / Aid Memoire between SWG and GIZ
- Commission clarity by BMZ for LEIWW II
- Finalisation of the project proposal
- GIZ quality control
- Preparation and analysis for the selection of value chains and pilot projects in the ABD regions
- Preparation and analysis for the output access to financial means
- Expected budget and duration: 2,5 Mio. EUR - June 2018 – May 2021



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