



EU and WB Green Agenda

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The reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP)

- The **new CAP** aims to foster a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector that can support the livelihoods of farmers and provide healthy and sustainable food for society, as well as vibrant rural areas.
- Agriculture and rural areas are central to the **European Green Deal**
- The new CAP will be a key tool in reaching the ambitions of the **Farm to Fork** strategy and **Biodiversity** strategies



Sofia Declaration

- The **Green Agenda** for the Western Balkans have been **endorsed - 10th November 2020**;
- The Leaders from the **Western Balkans** expressed their **commitments to implement actions in the five pillars**:
 1. climate, energy, mobility;
 2. circular economy;
 3. depollution;
 4. sustainable agriculture and food production;
 5. biodiversity.



Action Plan for implementation of the Sofia Declaration

- The **Action Plan** structured to reflect the **7 components** of the **Sofia Declaration**:

1. Climate Action;
2. Energy;
3. Transport;
4. Circular Economy;
5. Pollution;
6. Sustainable Agriculture and
7. Nature and Biodiversity Protection

grouped into 5 pillars.

- Includes measures to reach **58 commitments (objectives)** from the **Sofia Declaration**



Action Plan for implementation of the Sofia Declaration

The **SWG** will support the process of **implementation** in the following pillars:

3. Depollution

- Integrate soil protection in other policy areas and establish a regional soil partnership to improve knowledge exchange and identify examples of best practices for soil protection from pollution and degradation – **focus on soil.**

4. Sustainable Agriculture:

- Align the agri-food and primary production sector with the EU standards on food safety, plant and animal health and welfare and environment, and address effluent, manure and waste management;

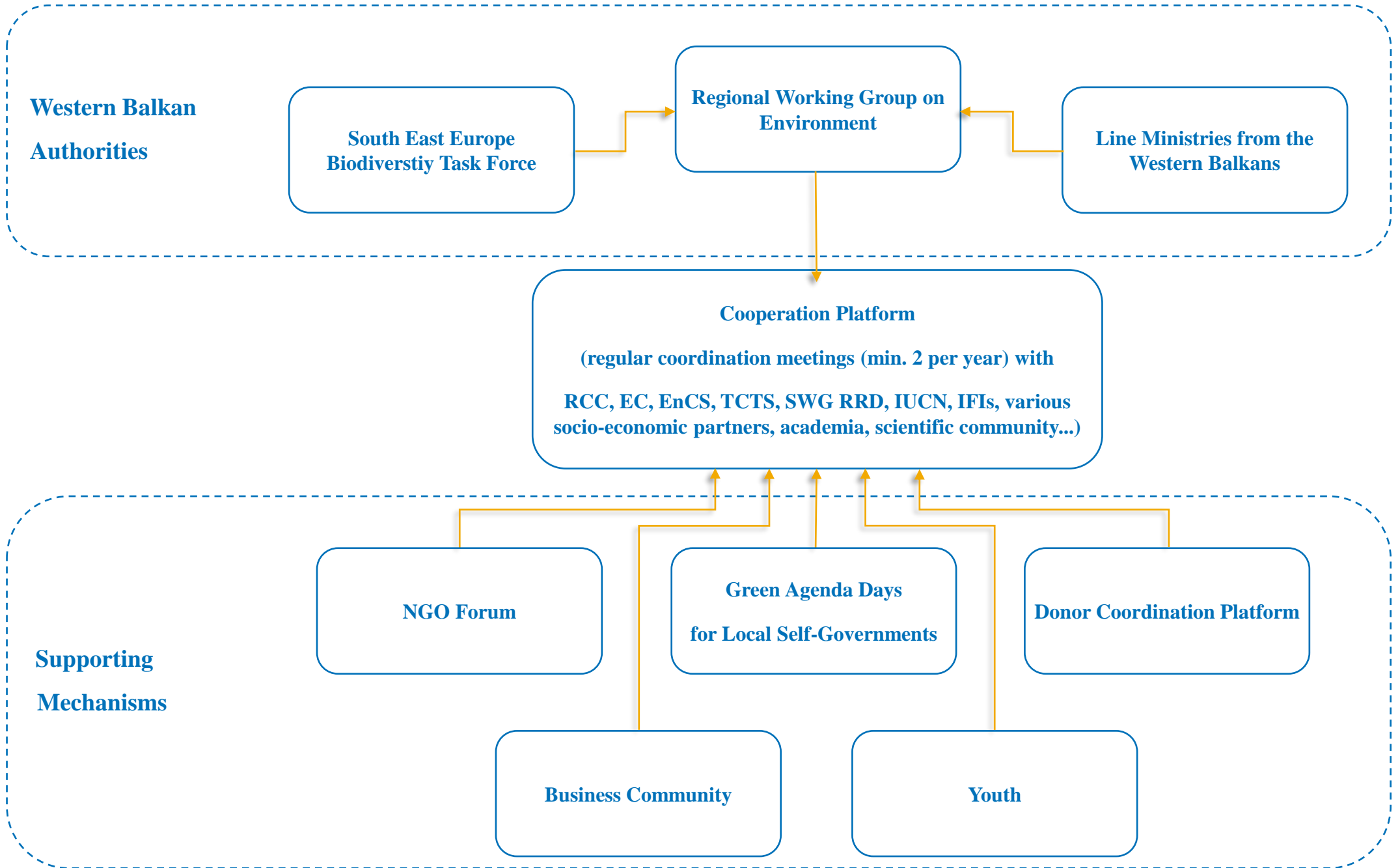


- Strengthen the official sanitary controls along the entire food chain and improve the traceability and labelling of food products – **focus on wine, animal and plant products**
- Promote environmentally-friendly (zero pollution) and organic farming and reduction of synthetic chemical products used in food production – **focus on organic agriculture;**
- Cooperate with scientific, education, business and agricultural holdings to facilitate transfer to innovative and environmentally friendly technologies and farming methods – **focus on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System AKIS;**
- Devise actions to reduce waste in rural and coastal areas;

- Step up efforts for sustainable development of rural areas with implementation of LEADER;
- Support investments in renewable energy production and technologies as well as GHG emission reductions and adaptation to climate change measures in agriculture;

5. Protection of Nature and Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Monitoring and Evaluation Framework - **focus on Agrobiodiversity**



Brdo Declaration of the EU Leaders

- Acknowledging the commitment of the Western Balkans leaders to fully implement the **Green Agenda**;
- WBs welcoming the agreement on the related **Action Plan** for the implementation of the **Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda**;
- Confirming that in line with the **Green Deal**, the Agenda is a key driver for the transition to **modern, carbon-neutral, climate- resilient and resource-efficient** economies;
- The **EU** will continue to **support the region** in the **implementation of the Green Agenda**.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!