



LEIWW Progress Review

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(SWG RRD)

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Output A – Regional Level

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Output B – Regional and National Level

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Output C – Regional and Local Level

Output C: Models for the sustainable use of natural resources are demonstrated in selected CBA

Output D: The SWG Policy Dialogue structure is consolidated and serves as a backbone for common policy recommendations and crosscutting networking activities

Output D – Cross Cutting



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Output A – Regional Level Activities

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SWG RRD input to the design and implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy

Design of national and regional coordination and planning processes

Examples for coordination processes and dialogue platforms

Development of SWG RRD positions for regional Nexus Dialogues

- ✓ Support to the coordination of the regional activities and events of the SEE 2020 Strategy
- ✓ Support to the preparation of measures with regards to the indicators for the SEE Strategy 2020, Pillar Sustainable Growth, Dimension Environment)
- ✓ Integration of the other relevant Ministries into the existing structures and working groups of SWG - Meeting of the Ministries of Environment, Podgorica, April 2016
- ✓ 35th Assembly Session, Ohrid, Macedonia
- ✓ PREPARE Tirana

Forthcoming activities

- Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture, Montenegro
- SWG Agricultural Policy Forums – APF Tirana (agenda)
- 37th SWG Assembly



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Development of the Regional Expert Advisory Groups

National policy analyses, studies and policy recommendations

Dialogue platforms between agriculture and environment

Awareness raising, civil society dialogue, media relations

SWG RRD capacity development (REAWG, networks and multipliers)

- Technical support to the establishment on the Regional Expert Advisory Group on “**Areas with Natural Constraints**”
- Support the activities of the REAWG “**Water and Forest Management**”
- Inclusive and extensive consultation processes and participative approach regarding the national and regional policy design processes
- Development of a study and support to the process of provision of policy recommendations on characterization and mapping of areas with natural constrains in the SEE countries, compatible with the EU methodology and standards.
- Development of evidence-based policy papers to address the current situation and to provide policy recommendations in respect to rural development and forest, soil and water / natural resource management in compliance with the EU policies;
- Initiation of dialogue platforms between agriculture and environment ministries / relevant stakeholders



Development of a study and support to the process of provision of policy recommendations on characterization and mapping of ANC (1)

20 national experts from 6 countries/territories, 1 regional expert and the international experts from CIHEAM IAMB are jointly developing the national chapters and the regional synthesis report. The whole process is closely observed by EC JRC.

The regional synthesis report will provide a common regional platform and enabling environment for delineation of ANC in SEE.

- ✓ The country reports are already drafted, while the regional synthesis report is under finalisation.
- ✓ Due to the extraordinary engagement of the experts, an extra activity was done in the framework of the assignment. The REAWG on ANC managed to prepare one pilot delineation of an ANC area, where all meteorological, soil and the GIS data were merged under a common platform (for municipality of Aleksinac, Serbia).



Development of a study and support to the process of provision of policy recommendations on characterization and mapping of ANC (2)

Next steps:

- Presentation of the outcomes and the recommendation from the assessment on the APF 2016, Tirana
- Dissemination of the assessment and the policy recommendations originating from the study on characterization and mapping of ANC on the Ministerial Meeting 2016, Podgorica
- Further dissemination of the key conclusions and recommendations from the ANC assignment through the SWG delegates of the member countries / territories
- Development of project proposal for follow up activities on ANC in SEE



Development of evidence-based policy papers in respect to rural development and forest, soil and water / natural resource management (1)

14 national experts from the 6 countries/territories, 2 regional experts from the Forestry Faculty of Belgrade and 2 international experts from European Forest Institute, Vienna (BOKU) will jointly develop the national chapters and the regional synthesis report. The whole process is coordinated by the Forestry Faculty of Belgrade.

- ✓ Kick off meeting of the assignment on Forestry, Soil and Water / Natural Resource Management in May 2016 in Goc, Serbia
- ✓ Technical Coordination Meeting held in July in Vienna, Austria
- ✓ Developed and agreed methodology for assessment of the status and provision of policy recommendations for forest, soil and water resource management
- ✓ Developed and agreed outline of the national chapters and the overall synthesis report



Development of evidence-based policy papers in respect to rural development and forest, soil and water / natural resource management (2)

Next steps

- 1st Interim meeting of the REAWG on FWRM will be held in the framework of the APF 2016 in Tirana
- Draft national papers containing the assessment of the status quo, and assessment of the policy, legal and institutional setup,
- Provision of national policy, legal and institutional recommendations for improved mainstreaming of the EU policies relevant for NRM issues
- Provision of regional policy recommendations
- Dissemination of the assessment report and the policy recommendations
- Development of project proposal for follow up activities on evidence based policy development and natural resource management in SEE



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Output C: Models for the sustainable use of natural resources are demonstrated in selected CBA

Analyses of the pilot areas and development of models

Capacity development and project proposal drafting in cooperation with local stakeholders

Methodological and professional capacity development on NRM

Examples for coordination processes and dialogue platforms

Implementation of the ABD Grant Scheme, Implementation of P2P Actions

- ✓ 2 regional and 1 international expert were engaged to support the preparation of the ABD Grant Scheme within LEIWW programme, while 6 local experts were supporting the potential beneficiaries on ground (Drina - Tara, Drina – Sava, Prespa, Sharra)
- ✓ Outcomes of the ABD Grant Scheme Call for proposals launched in May 2016: 45 project proposals received, 72 applicants, 19 partnerships and approximately 180,000.00 EUR will be allocated to this call. Most of the proposals received are from Drina-Tara and Drina Sava.
- ✓ Number of P2P actions focusing on economic, environmental and socio-cultural priorities of the region have been financed: Tera Madre Macedonia, Drini Fishing Day, Flower day etc.

Next steps

- Second Call for proposals for the regions Prespa and Sharra - October 2016
- Models for a sustainable and income generating management of natural resources and project proposals for sustainable management of natural resources are developed



Steering of the LEIWW programme

The First Steering Committee meeting of the LEIWW programme will be held on 14th of October in Tirana (in the framework of the APF 2016).

- A Steering Group (SG) consist of representatives of:
 - SWG (SWG Secretariat, former, current and future SWG Presidency-yearly rotating basis)
 - Representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment
 - GIZ programme representatives and planning officer
 - representatives of partner organizations: e.g. RCC, FAO, DG AGRI, CIHEAM, OECD
 - International and regional consultant



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