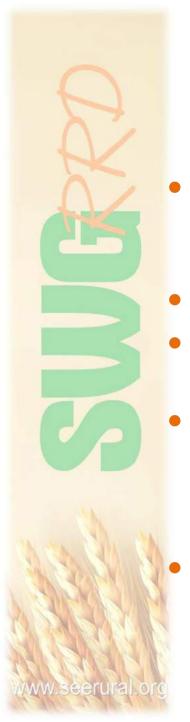


Management of Forest, Water and Soil within the Framework of Environmental and Rural Development Policies in SEE

May 2016 – July 2017





Involved parties

- SWG requested the study based on the expressed needs of the SWG member institutions; took over coordination
- GIZ finances the activities
- 12 national experts from the entire WB region preparing national reports
- 4 regional experts (Forestry Faculty Belgrade) – coordinating the national experts, preparing the national report on Serbia and the regional report
- 2 international expert (BOKU Vienna) backstopping and advising





Main Meetings

(SWG Delegates invited)

- Kick-off meeting May, Goc, Serbia
- First interim meeting October, Tirana, Albania
- Second interim meeting (upcoming)
 - February, 2017
- Final meeting (upcoming) June, 2017



Achieved Results (in early draft version)

- National reports
 - Assessment of the situation with management of NRM in SEE
 - Some national policy recommendations (more coming up)
- Outline of the regional report





Some National Policy Recommendations

Albania

- Awareness rising on the importance of improved NRM
- Establishment of a national working group on coordination on NRM

BiH

- Establishment of Soil Information System (SIS), Forward-Looking Information and Services - FLIS and Shared Environmental Information System – SEIS;
- Strengthen environmental education and long-term relevant research

Kosovo*

- Establishing effective legal basis on land ownership
- Application of financial schemes for private forest owners

Serbia

- Structural adjustment of the forest, water, soil administration, information system developed
- Revitalization of the private forests

Macedonia

- Management should be decentralized
- In NRM all forms of relevant information should be consider, including scientific and indigenous and local knowledge, innovation and practices.

^{*} This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

