

1st Interim Regional Expert Advisory Working Group Meeting on Soil

14th – 16th March 2022

Bar, Montenegro

PROGRAMME

(TOPICS: SOIL DEGRADATION, REGIONAL SOIL PARTNERSHIP, SOIL HEALTH, SOIL MANAGEMENT)

March 14th, 2022 (Monday)

- Arrival of participants
- Dinner

March 15th, 2022 (Tuesday)

- Breakfast

09:00 – 09:20	Welcome introduction to the topics of the meeting (tour the table)
09:20 – 09:45	Introduction to the topics of the program meeting. Reaffirming the need for regional cooperation on soil health and sustainable soil management Mr. Boban Ilic, SWG Head Office/Secretariat
09:45 – 10:00	Towards a Western Balkan Subregional Soil Partnership Mr. Rainer Baritz, European Environmental Agency
10:00 – 10:30	Summary of the outcomes of the Andrevlje meeting. Presentation of the Initial Regional Assessment on Soil (Questions, comments, discussions) Ms. Dragana Vidojevic, Regional Expert
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break

- 11:00 – 12:45 Presentation of state of art in soil degradation status, pressures and trends with the example of good practices in SEE countries/territories (15 minutes each participant and discussion)
- 12:45 - 13:15 Regulation and practice of soil protection in Germany – experience sharing and suggestion for the Western Balkan countries/territories actions
Christian Wiese, Environmental Office of Stendal Distric
- 13:15 - 14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 – 15:15 Open discussion: Is a regional assessment of soil degradation feasible: what methodology to follow? Are the needed soil data available? Who should lead the proces'? In what GIS platform?

Possibilities for establishment of the regional Soil Platform for data storing and data sharing.
- 15:15 – 16:00 What are the capacities of the Western Balkans countries for the implementation of the new Soil Strategy for 2030:
- Topic includes: Soil protection legislation framework, policies, programmes, strategies, related action plans and their shortcomings in implementation. (discussion)
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:00 Effects of climate change on Agriculture in the Western Balkans
Daniel Müller, IAMO
- 17:00 – 17:15 Discussion and wrap up of the day
- Dinner

March 16th, 2022 (Wednesday)

- Breakfast
- 09:00 - 09:15 Wrap up and summary of the discussion of the day before



- 09:15 - 10:45 Developing a roadmap towards a Western Balkan Soil Partnership by the end of 2022 (**Discussion moderated by Mr. Rainer Baritz, EEA**)
- 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:00 Discussion and drafting operational plan and actions of REAWG soil and defining the goals and expected deliverables for the next meeting
- 12:00 - 13:00 Discussion and agreement on roles and responsibilities, communication and dissemination
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Departure of participants