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The role of women in agriculture and rural development in the WB

Kick-off meeting

Ohrid, 29 – 30 March 2023



Purpose



To shed light on **women's engagement in agriculture** and their **contribution to rural development** in the region, as well as the opportunities to use their **potential** in the development of **circular economy, green, social and environmental entrepreneurship**.

Specific objectives:

- To provide insights into **women's roles and livelihood** situations in agriculture
- To discover possible implications for supporting women to become more visible as **agents of change** in the sector
- To provide insights into possible solutions for more **informed decision-making** at the policy level.



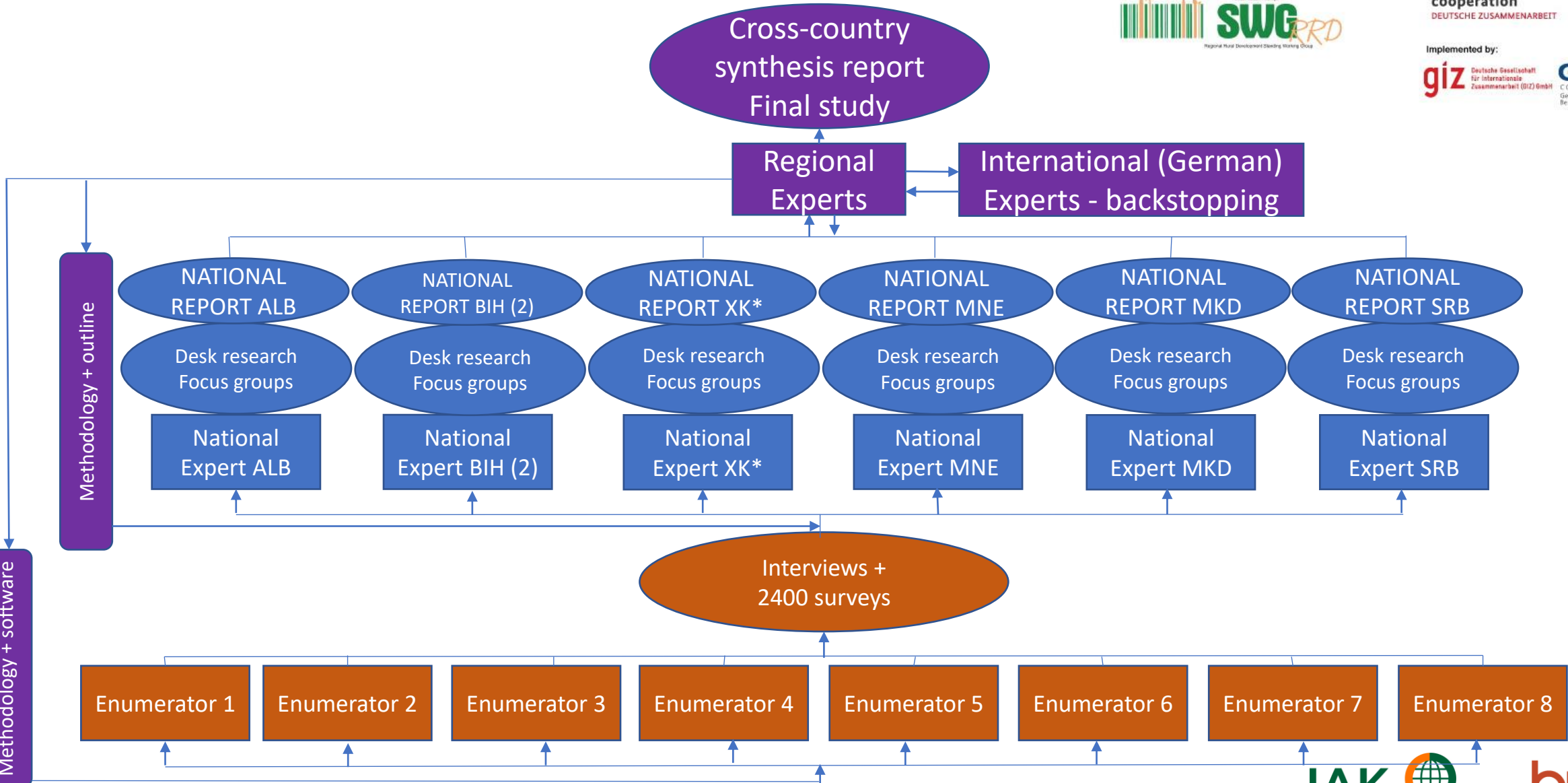
Outputs



- **Database** of relevant data collected through **interviews and surveys** of a selected sample of respondents from all countries/territories of the Western Balkans;
- **Seven national reports** (one for each country/territory of the WBs: Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo*, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina) assessing the situation and the needs of rural women based on a quantitative and qualitative research
- **One regional cross-country report** comparing the findings among the WB countries/territories and providing regional recommendations.



Experts' Organization



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

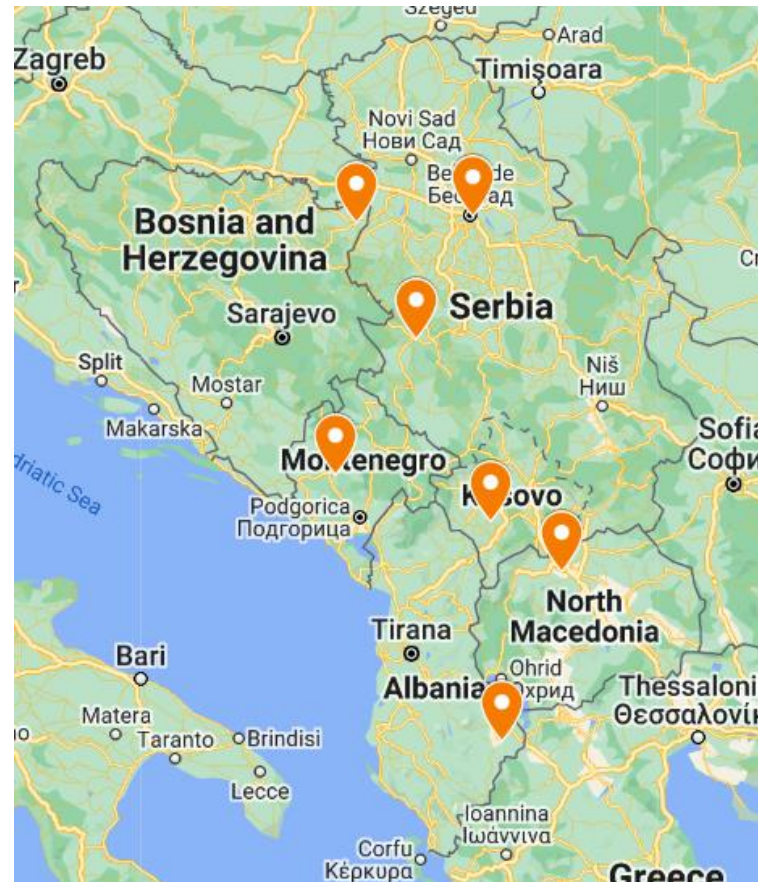


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Workplan 2023/24

	What	Who	When
1	Kick-off meeting	All	29 - 31 Mar
2	Preparation of the outline for the study (draft by 15 Apr, feedback by 20 Apr)	Regional Experts (RE), supported by International Experts (IE)	25-Apr-23
3	Define the methodology for the selection of participants for the interviews, for the focus group discussions and for the surveys (15 Apr, feedback by 20 Apr)	RE, supported by IE	25-Apr-23
4	Preparation of the guiding questions for the focus group discussions and the qualitative interviews	RE, supported by IE	20-Apr-23
5	Template for interview and focus group summary report to be provided	RE, supported by IE	20-Apr-23
6	Conduct qualitative interviews	SWG Regional Offices (RO), supported by (IE)	25-May-23
7	Conduct focus group discussions	National Experts (NE), support by ROs	25-May-23
8	Preparation of interview and focus group summary report	SWG RO, NE	5-Jun-23
9	Conduct a desk research analysing relevant statistical data and recent publications related to rural women issues as well as taking stock of all relevant policies and policy trends (e.g. IPARD policies)	National Experts (NE)	5-Jun-23
10	Interim meeting	All	6 - 8 Jun 2023, RS
11	Preparation of the survey questionnaire	RE, supported by IE	20-Jun-23
12	Translation of the surveys in the local languages	SWG RO	5-Jul-23
13	Prepare translated versions of online questionnaires	IE (IAMO)	12-Jul-23
14	Test the questionnaire	RE, supported by IE	30-Jun-23
15	Instructions for tables to be extracted	RE, supported by IE	15 Jan 2024
	Conduct a rural women survey , 1200 online and 1200 field	SWG RO	1-Feb-24
16	Cleaning of data	IE (IAMO)	10-Feb-24
17	First draft national reports	NE	10-Mar-24
18	Feedback to the first draft national reports	RE, supported by IE	1-Apr-24
19	Final draft national reports	NE	15-Apr-24
20	Submit the first draft of the study - based on the national reports	RE, supported by IE	15-May-24
21	Final report	RE, supported by IE	30-Jun-24
22	Disseminate the results of the study at the Agricultural Policy Forum	RE	31-Oct-24
23	Editing, proofreading, design, publishing	SWG	31-Oct-24