



# REAWG ON SOIL PARTNERSHIP



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- Established end of 2021
- Related to GAWB Action plan Action 42 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
- Engaged seven (7) national and one (1) regional expert
- Group extended to include representatives of the ministries of environment





# Realized activities Dec-Apr

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- 7<sup>th</sup> Interim Meeting
- REAWG Soil Partnership
- Skopje 13-15 March
  
- Review of the activities in 2023
- Setup of the plan for 2024

## Activities in 2024 (until end of June)

- 8<sup>th</sup> Interim Meeting Durres, Albania 19-21 June
- Compile and summarize the existing knowledge on soil contamination related policies, polluting activities, measurement protocols, risk assessment procedures, etc. in the region;
- Prepares an overview of regional thresholds for contaminants (background values, ecotoxicological values, screening values, etc. by country);
- Collect available information and data on contaminated sites in the region based on the specifications;

## PLAN 2024 (June-December)

- Investigate and suggest the collection of additional data: Substances (concentrations) in soils exceeding thresholds (heavy metals, POPs, emerging substances);
- Establish recommendations for detailed site investigation/remediation options;
- Propose legally binding provisions to identify contaminated sites and set up an inventory/register of (potentially) contaminated sites in the region;
- 9<sup>th</sup> Interim Meeting Novi Sad, Serbia October/November