



Incorporating **food and agricultural** topics in the **Berlin Process** in 2024



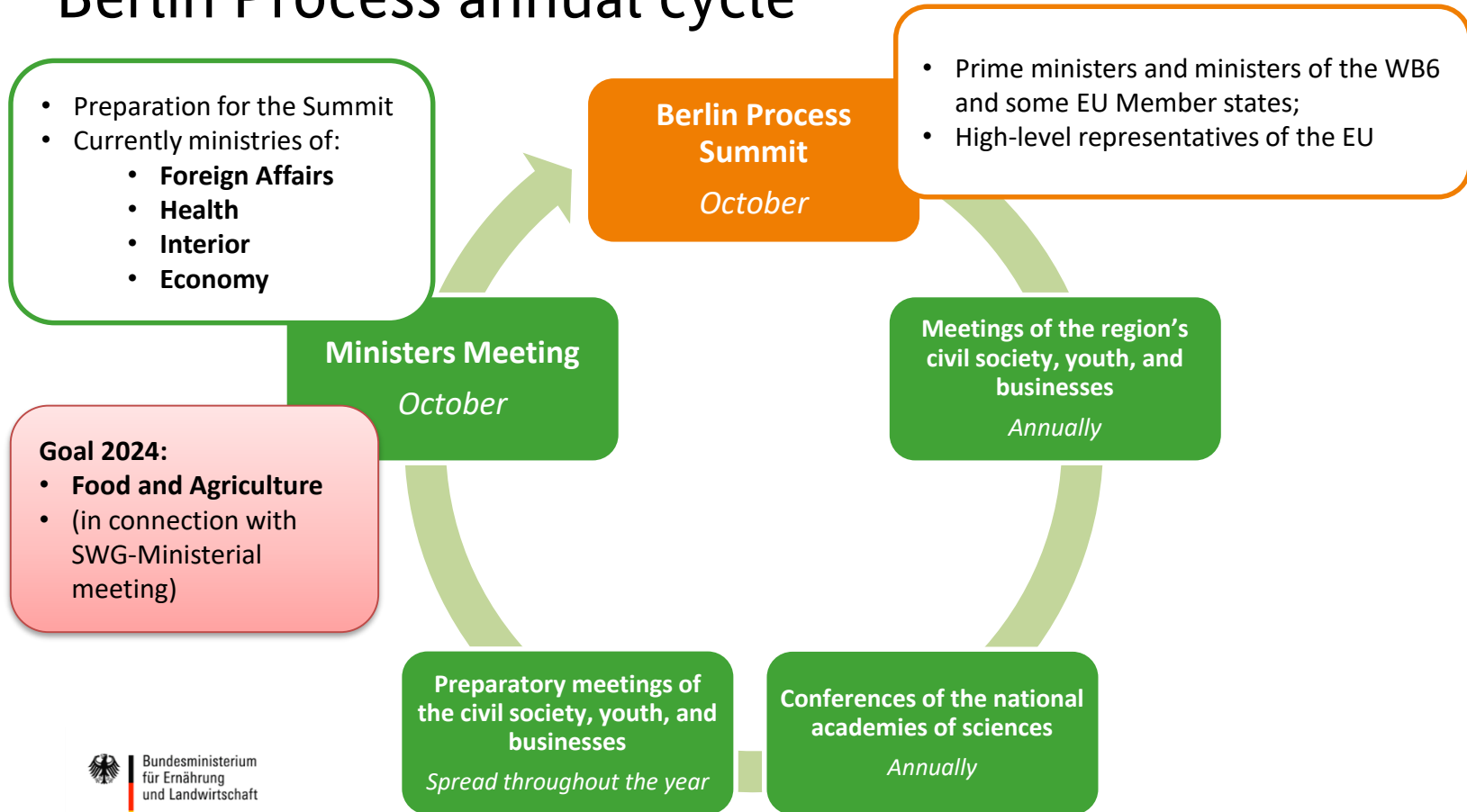
What is the Berlin Process?

- Set up in 2014
- Support EU-Enlargement process
- The Process has a **flexible structure**, without central coordination.
- **Platform for high-level cooperation**
- **Goals:**
 - **Resolving** outstanding issues
 - **Achieve reconciliation** within and between societies in the region
 - **Improving** regional economic **cooperation**
 - Laying the foundation for **sustainable growth**

Current Participants of the Berlin Process

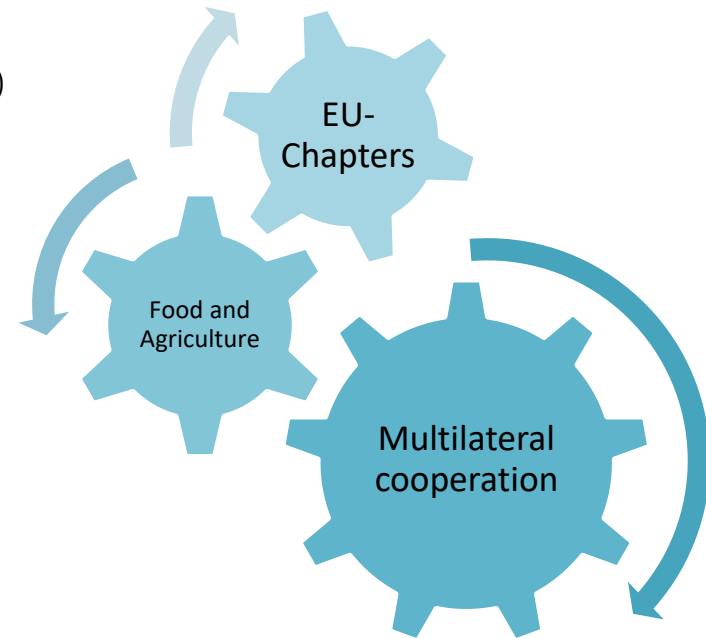
- **Governments of the Western Balkan 6**
 - Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
- **Governments of EU Member States**
 - Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Poland and the United Kingdom (EU Member until 2020)
- **The EU institutions**
 - The European Commission (EC), European External Action Service (EEAS), and the EU Member State holding the Presidency of the Council.
- Civil society and businesses of the Western Balkan 6
- International financial institutions
- Regional initiatives: Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), South East European Transport Observatory (SEETO), Energy Community (EnC), Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA), Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Regional Anti- Corruption Initiative (RAI).

Berlin Process annual cycle

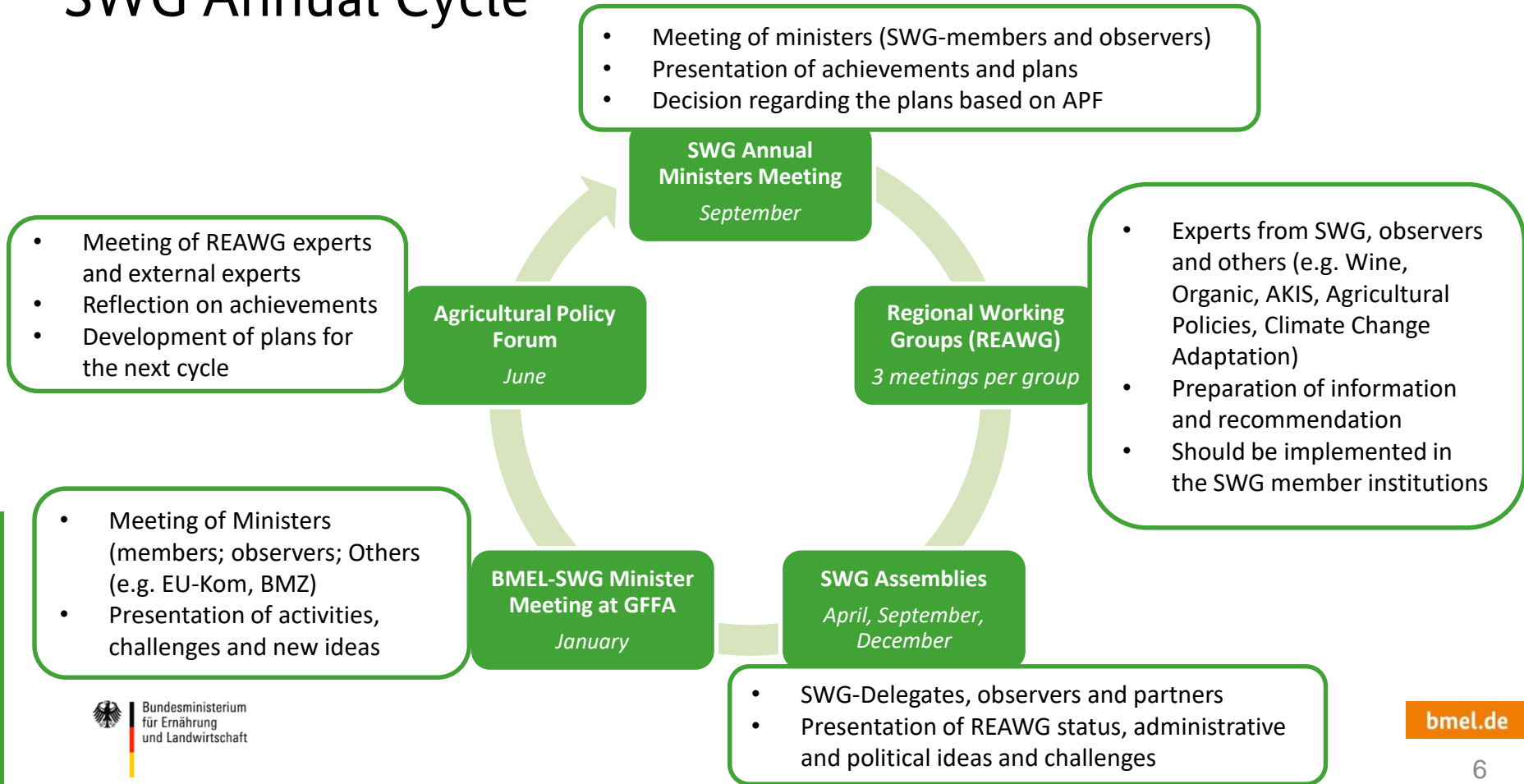


Plans for 2024

- Inclusion of „Food and Agriculture” (also contains Forestry)
- Ministerial Meeting for “Food and Agriculture” together with SWG
 - Berlin Process Conclusion or Declaration
- Recognition of SWG as initiative of Berlin Process
- Improve connection with EU-Institutions
- Communicating SWG and APD activities
- Connecting activities further with EU Chapters
- Support through multilateral cooperation

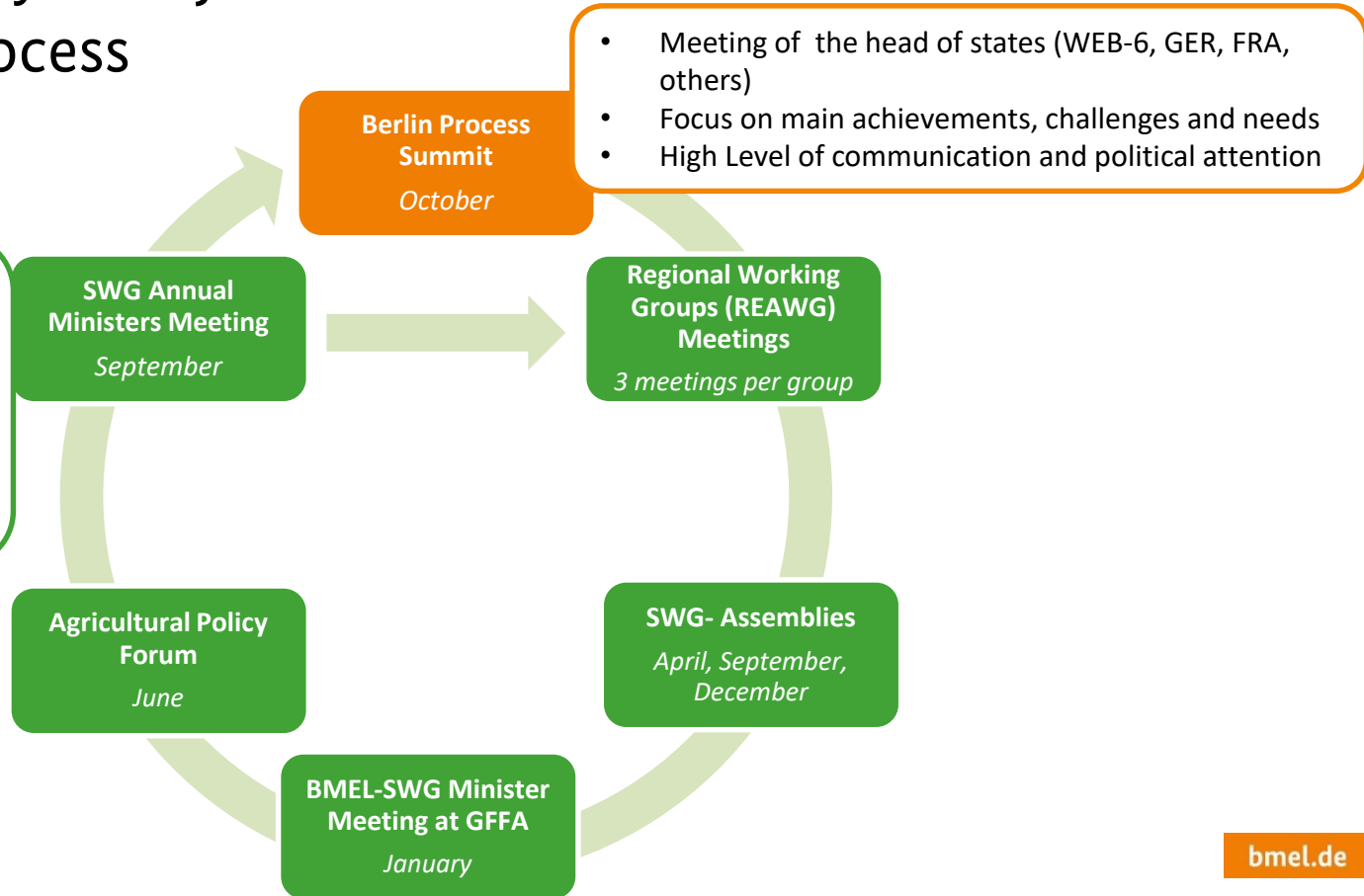


SWG Annual Cycle



SWG's Annual Cycle adjusted to the Berlin Process

- Will function as Berlin Process Ministerial Meeting of "Food and Agriculture"
- Will present achievements and deliverables
- Will decide on deliverables for the next year



Momentum 2024

- 10 year Anniversary of Berlin Process
- Presidency is with Germany this year
- „Food and Agriculture“ incl. Forestry could be lighthouse of the Berlin Process 2024
- Governmental elections in 2025 in Germany
- EU Enlargement gets more attention due to Ukraine and Moldova

Timetable

	Planned activities
Feb. – Sep.	Meetings of REAWGs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of concrete deliverables for the planned Berlin-Process declaration
Jun	Agricultural Policy Forum in Sarajevo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of the 2024-2025 Agenda and the planned Berlin Process declaration at expert level.• Climate study by the Climate Partnership and possibly starting point for the GIZ climate adaptation project with agricultural components• Topics: EU integration, AKIS, Rural Woman and Youth, Organic Agriculture, Wine, Agroeconomics
Sep.	SWG Assembly in Potsdam: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus: Berlin Process and climate adaptation measures• Preparatory coordination with BMZ on the regional Climate partnership (Maybe also BMUV) SWG ministerial meeting in MKD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the possible Declaration.
Oct.	Berlin Process Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If necessary, acceptance of the declaration by the heads of state and subsequent implementation



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