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

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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

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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*