

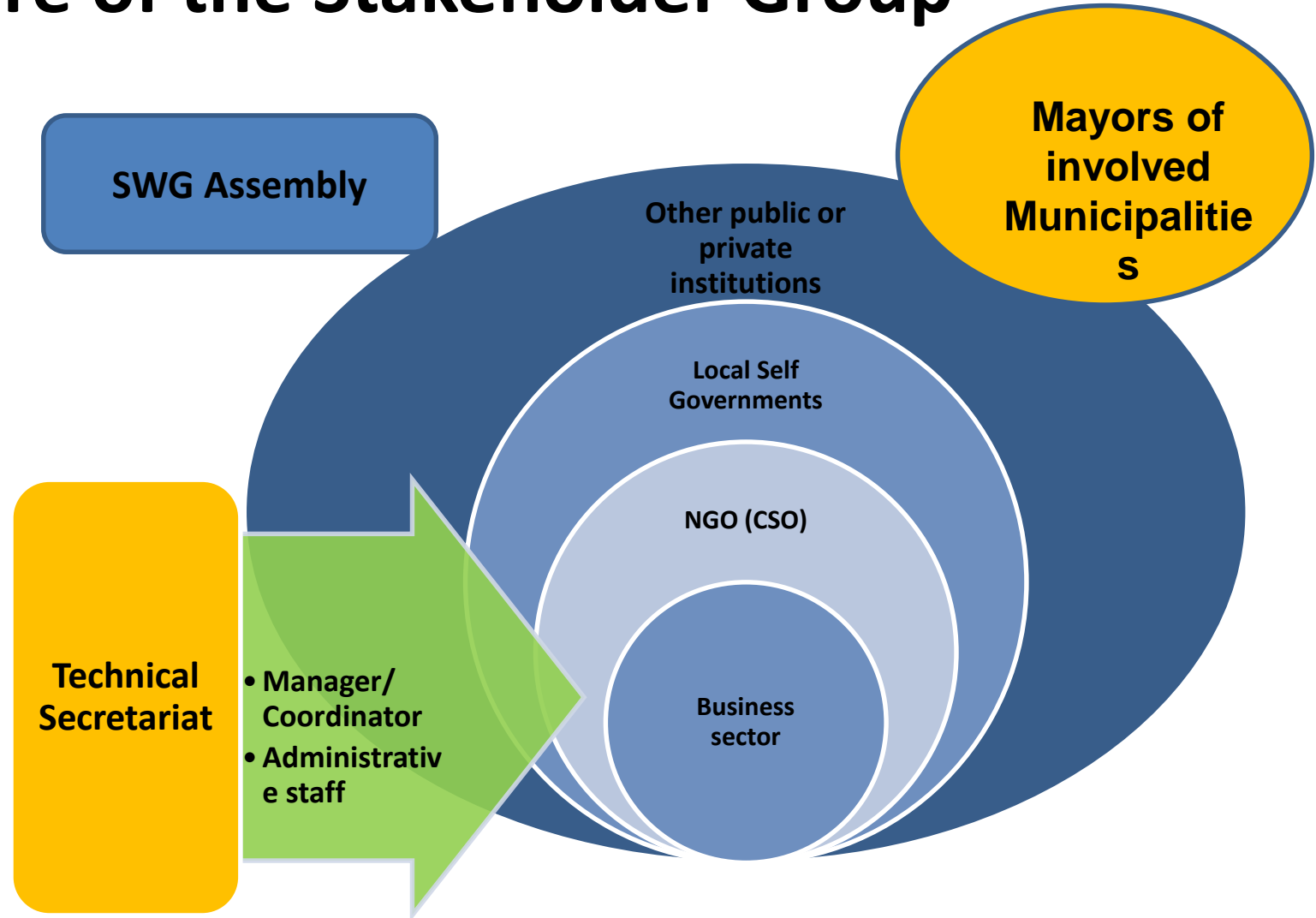


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Organizational structures and operations of the Stakeholder Groups in other cross-border regions implementing the Area Based Development Approach

Structure of the Stakeholder Group



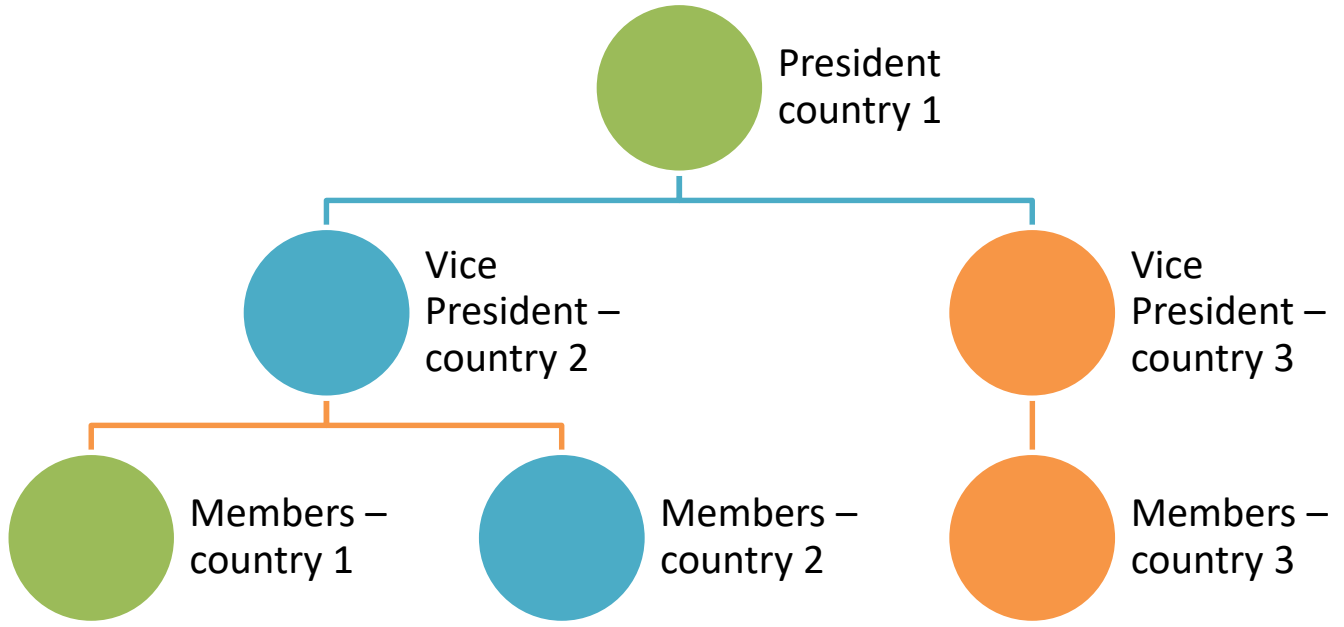
Memorandum of Understanding

In the other regions - Signed by the Mayors of the participating Municipalities and SWG

The Memorandum of Understanding has an aim to **promote the mutual understanding and cooperation** among the stakeholders, **regional ownership** of the actions to be implemented in function to sustainable economic growth of the the cross-border region.

The document does **not have legally obligatory** meaning, but rather **expresses the willingness and readiness for participation in the process** of mutual **cooperation and joint actions** for development of the cross-border region.

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Major issues

- The **nomination** of the members of the SHG is done in written by the nominating authority via nomination letter.
- The **signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding** i.e. Mayors of the participating Municipalities are consequently members of the Stakeholder Group based on the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

Major issues

- The **Chairperson** of the SHG shall be selected by the **members of the Stakeholder Group**.
- The Stakeholder Group may appoint **two vice Chairman**.
- The number of SHG members representing the **non-governmental organizations and business sector shall be at least equal** to the number of the members from the **local and regional authorities** .

Major issues

- The **working language** of the SHG is native language in the countries involved Albanian and Montenegrin .
- The SHG shall be assisted in its work by the **Project Management Unit**, which at the same time has the function of a **Secretariat of the SHG**.
- Responsible person of the Secretariat of the SHG Unit is the **Regional experts**.

Major issues

1. The decisions within the SHG can be taken if at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of all SHG members (including Chairperson and alternates) are present.
2. The decisions of the SHG, where practicable, shall be **reached by consensus**. In the event of SHG being unable to arrive at consensus in respect of any matter, the issue should follow a voting procedure. The **decision is approved if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members (alternates) present** at the meeting are in favor of the issue concerned. Every member of the SHG, who is still expressing a dissenting voice on the issue, should have the opportunity of his opinion being reported in the minutes of the meeting.

Major issues

- The SHG members and their alternates shall be replaced:
on their own request;
 - with a decision of the authority in charge of designating its members
 - in the event of changes in the position
 - in the event of systematic violations of their tasks and obligations
 - in the event of passed sentence for deliberate crime of general character
 - in the event of not meeting their obligations for a period longer than one year
 - in the event of death or setting under judicial disability
 - by the decision of member's institution