

Strengthening IPBES by capacity building in the EECCA-region



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Project description: The project region south-eastern Europe, Caucasus, Central Asia (EECCA-Region) requires capacity building regarding IPBES functioning, processes and options for participation in IPBES. There are questions on review processes, plenary meetings, establishment of biodiversity platforms and the application of IPBES findings for national policies.

The project aims at strengthening impact and relevance of IPBES findings on decisions in environmental policy in the partner countries. We want to support increase of recognition of IPBES and create a sound basis for well-informed participation in IPBES processes. Project partners are governments and relevant ministries as well as representatives of science and civil society.

First activities: In a national capacity building workshop in Yerevan, Armenia, (May 10.-11.2022) basic information on working methods and products of IPBES was shared with 30 participants. Options for the uptake of findings of the Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment, as well as options for a national biodiversity and ecosystem services assessment in Armenia were discussed. In a back-to-back regional workshop (May 12.-15.2022 in Armenia) with 25 participants from Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iran, Moldova and Romania, intensive preparations for the upcoming IPBES 9 plenary were undertaken. Many countries had sent their National Focal Points. The IPBES-Secretariat contributed to the workshop with a lot of thematic input and background information.



Left: Deputy-minister for environment Aram Meymaryan, National Focal Point Levon Aghasyan (both Armenia)

Right: National Focal Point Ala Rotaru (Moldova)

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Next steps planned: During the project duration until mid 2024 more national and regional workshops will be performed in South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia and capacity building material in English and Russian language will be provided. The final event will be a training for trainers, foreseen to take place in Germany.

