

# 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 2022 national capacity building workshops in Yerevan, Armenia, (May 2022) and in Skopje, North Macedonia (October 2022) basic information on working methods and products of IPBES was shared with up to 30 participants each. In both locations back-to-back regional workshops with 25 participants (from Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iran, Moldova and Romania, and North Macedonia, Albania, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Romania, respectively) intensive preparations for the upcoming IPBES 9 plenary were undertaken (Yerevan), respectively the results discussed (Skopje). Many countries had sent their National Focal Points. The IPBES-Secretariat contributed to the workshops with a lot of thematic input and background information.

Our brochure “IPBES – An introduction for Stakeholders” in English and Russian can be downloaded under: <https://biodiv.de/en/projekte/aktuell/ipbes-capacity-building-1.html>



Left: Participants in Skopje



Right: Enver Isufi, Albania

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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.

