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Main Purpose of the WG

- Harmonization of the national classifications with the WRB (Regional soil working group agreed that the regional soil map is the main starting point for assessing the state of soil at the regional level);
- Presenting of the identified existing and available graphical and numerical soil data sets and other environmental co-variables in the countries;
- First assessment of the soil forming factors for the main soil groups in WB-6, and brief description of its properties, management and use.



Key Assets/Opportunities

- Digital soil maps collected (1 missing, FBIH);
- Assessment of the current situation and GAP analysis with recommendations;
- Cooperation and exchange of best practices with BMEL, FAO, European Soil Partnership in strengthening the Western Balkans Sub-regional Soil Partnership;
- Soil-based Climate Actions;
- Existing capacities and proactivity of the working group members.





Key Barriers

- More needs to be done on soils data sets availability;
- Challenges related to the harmonization of the national soil classifications with WRB in the WB-6;
- Outdated, not harmonized, and in many cases with a limited availability of the graphical and numerical data sets of the environmental co-variables.





Ways Forward

- Joint effort to achieve the idea of “Soils with no borders”;
- Completion of the regional soil map by the means of GIS technology;
- Collection of representative soil profile data;
- Collection of the global data sets for the region;
- Prepare an overview of regional thresholds for contaminants;
- Collect available information and data on contamination sites in the region.

