

Shaping capacity-building for stakeholder engagement with IPBES according to most urgent capacity-building needs, identified with experts from Eastern Europe and Central Asia



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- Ø Workshop in co-operation with ministry for the Environment of Georgia in Tbilisi in February 2015
- Ø 30 Participants from 10 countries
- Ø Goal: Identification of capacity building needs for participation in IPBES and discussion about steps to meet these needs



Results

Questionnaire on the needs

Overall needs on all levels

- Provision of clear information about the IPBES process in all languages relevant in the region, particularly translation into Russian;
- Establishing of regular communication and meetings between stakeholder groups and across administrative levels;
- Strengthening of cooperation at individual, national and international level

Individual Needs

- Ensuring of sufficient funding to ensure participation in IPBES meetings and to carry out preparatory and content-related work;
- Provision of technical information and support on particular issues (e.g. methodology and application of assessing economical values of ecosystem services, GIS-based spatial modelling, access to data)



Results

Institutional Needs

- Increasing of numbers of IPBES-related staff;
- Establishing of regular meetings on IPBES issues in the respective institution;
- Strengthening of particular systems: Information and knowledge management, communication system, education system;
- Ensuring access to IPBES-related information and data;
- Supporting of IPBES-related activities by governments (and to join IPBES activities);
- Lowering the bureaucracy burdens at national level



Results

National Needs

- Establishing of joint regular meetings on IPBES issues with both, scientists and policy makers;
- Provision of trainings on IPBES, also providing best practices and lessons learnt from other countries involved in the IPBES process, jointly with (inter-)national partners;
- Setting up of a network of IPBES National Focal Points (NFP) in the region;
- Revision of current reward system for scientific performance: need to incentivize scientists' contributions to policy processes, e.g. by recognizing them as equal to peer-reviewed publications.



Proposals to meet the needs

- **Establishing of a Technical Support Unit for the region (now in Switzerland)**
- **Capacity Building-Workshops in the region**
- **Transboundary Co-operation**
- **Finding funding options**
- **Stakeholder-Mapping and Roster of Experts**
- **Quicker translation of documents into Russian**
- **Data management systems**
- **More staff**
- **Distribution of tasks in the regional Assessment**
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- **For some countries: become IPBES-Member!**



Complete Study available:

<http://biodiv.de/projekte/aktuell/ipbes-ost.html>

<http://www.de-ipbes.de/138.php>

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