

**SBI-3 Item 8- Cooperation with other conventions, international organization
and initiatives
Montenegro**

We would like to support the statement of Serbia for this Agenda Item, as we believe that regional instruments and networks are of key importance for the implementation of the GBF.

As the document calls on the appointment of existing or establishment of new regional networks for the implementation of the Post-2020 GBF we see that The Biodiversity Task Force of South East Europe (BDTF SEE) playing a central role in its implementation at the regional level in the Western Balkans as an existing regional cooperation network mandated to support cooperation on biodiversity in WB and tasked with providing assistance to WB economies on global biodiversity conventions, the CBD in the first place. So in order to ensure use of already functional mechanism and avoid duplication we also call for rising funding support of already existing regional mechanisms in order to further support implementation of GBF at regional level.