

APPENDIX #1: Definition of the Europe and Central Asia Region

Europe and Central Asia encompasses four sub-regions (see Figure A1.1) and 54 countries (see Table A1.1). According to Rounsevell et al. (2018) these countries vary greatly in size, including the largest and smallest on Earth, have diverse geography and history, but also common properties in terms of geography and climate, history and social systems. The region shares many cultural norms and historical features reflected in some similarities in land use, environmental history, biodiversity and ecosystem services. Nevertheless, the region encompasses high heterogeneity in natural and socio-cultural aspects. The seas that surround the region are also very heterogeneous in terms of temperatures, currents, nutrient availability, depths and mixing regimes.



Figure A1.1: The four sub-regions of the IPBES Europe and Central Asia Regional Assessment. Source: Rounsevell et al. (2018).

Table A1.1: Countries within each of the IPBES Europe and Central Asia Regional Assessment sub-regions.

Sub-region	Countries
Western Europe	Andorra, Austria, Belgium, The Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Central Europe	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey
Eastern Europe	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine
Central Asia	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

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