A training of the participants from 6 countries of the European region on WBTi assessment and use of WBCi was held at Vilnius, Lithuania from 4th to 6th December, 2017. Participating countries were: Austria, Malta, Germany, Netherlands, Slovenia and Ireland. Eight participants and two resource persons participated in the workshop. The workshop was organized by IBFAN Asia Regional Coordinating Office (RCO) and IBFAN Lithuania. This was the 3rd round of training for the European region and in total 23 countries have been added to the WBTi & WBCi countries map.

The training workshop was interactive with a mix of plenary presentations, group work and discussions. There was also the demonstration on the WBCi tool where the participants got a hands on experience of using the tool. The group work helped the participants in understanding the WBTi indicators and how to look for data source and put in the gaps and recommendations. The workshop ended with developing the plan of action by each country and commitment of WBTi.

Participants felt WBTi was a complete tool and gives scope to work on gaps based on priority and resources available. It is an effective advocacy tool to highlight the need for action with the policy makers and governments. WBCi was well appreciated as a simple user friendly tool to budget interventions and gives ideas on activity to be done as well.