



Establishing a self-sustainable EU support mechanism for evidence-informed policy on biodiversity and ecosystem services

EU BON Workshop - November 2016

EKLIPSE is an EU funded project that will
**set up a sustainable and innovative entry point to knowledge on
biodiversity and ecosystem services for decision-makers in Europe.**

It aims to:

- 1. Answer key questions** from policy and/or society by mobilising and synthesising the best available knowledge and experts
- 2. Identify current and future emerging issues** of policy makers and citizens related to biodiversity and ecosystem services
- 3. Create a responsive and active network** of experts and knowledge holders across Europe that get acknowledged for providing their knowledge

- EKLIPSE funded as CSA in H2020
- Duration: February 2016 – February 2020
- Funding: 3 M€, with ~50% foreseen for external contributions
- 10 partner institutions
- 3 co-coordinating institutions: **CEH**, UFZ and RBINS

Approach

How EKLIPSE is set up

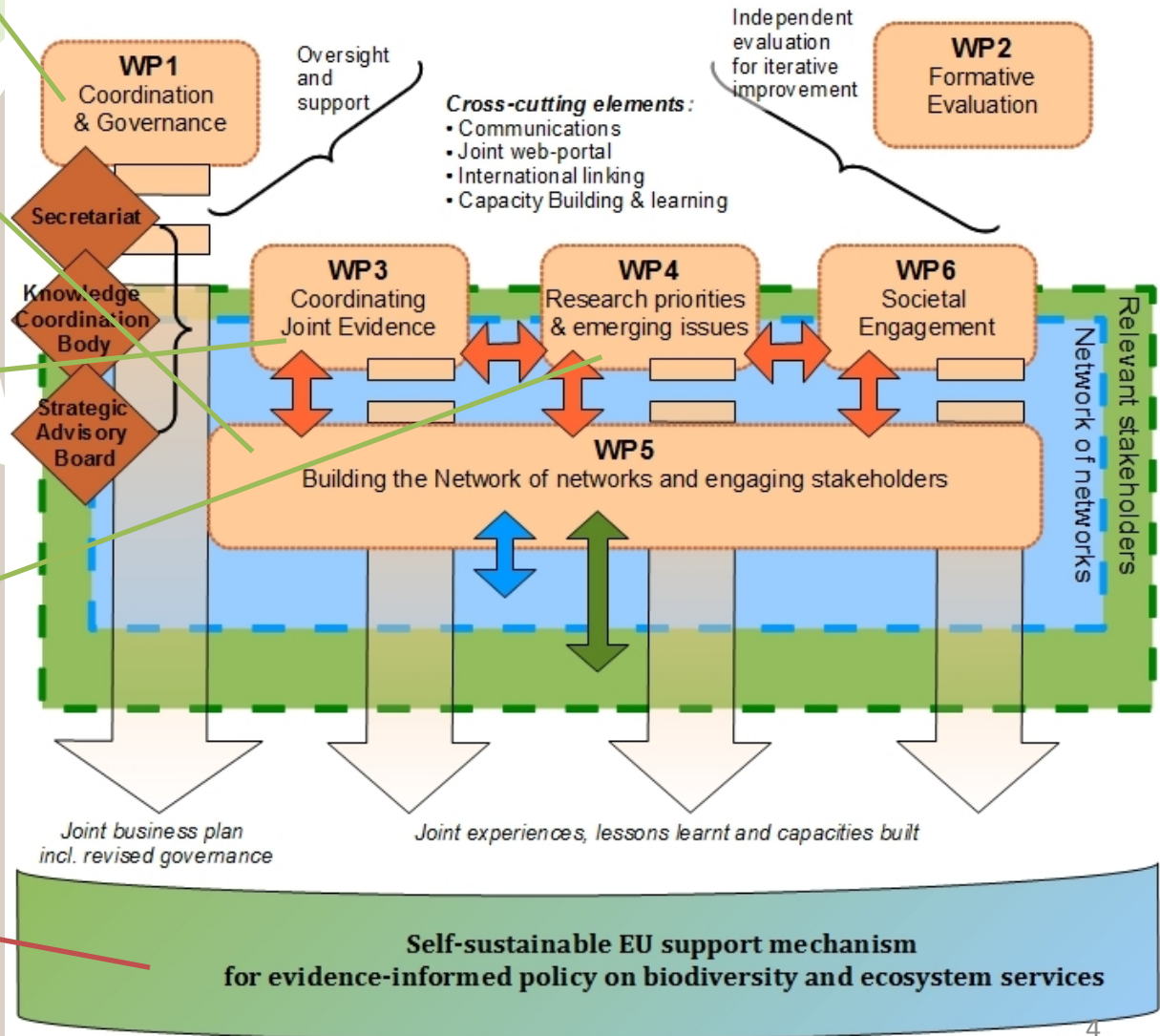
Setting up a governance structure

Further building the Network of Networks

Answering policy questions (EU focus)

Identifying research needs and emerging issues

A self-sustaining Mechanism (from 2019 onwards)



How EKLIPSE works: First request from policy

Topic of the first Request

- NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO PROMOTE CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN URBAN AREAS – developing an impact evaluation framework

Requester

- European Commission Directorate General Research and Innovation (DG-RTD)

Request as Received in July 2016

- EKLIPSE called for expertise to develop an impact evaluation framework (No.1/2016) to guide demonstration projects in the design, development, implementation and assessment of NBS
- 117 nominations received

Selected Expert Working Group

- 15 experts with a broad range of geographical representation and of expertise (natural and social sciences, practitioners, planners and architects)

How to get engaged?

Stay informed

- **Sign up for updates on website**
 - http://www.eklipse-mechanism.eu/keep_me_posted
- **Join the first events (Brussels)**
 - 6/7 December: horizon scanning WS on Social innovation and NBS with BiodivERsA & EPBRS
 - 7/8 of December: 1st joint conference to discuss EKLIPSE development
 - http://www.eklipse-mechanism.eu/eklipse_conferences_and_events
- **Review the report on the 1st request on NBS:** Open consultation from November 18th to December 2nd.
- **Calls for new Expert working groups in 2017**
- **New call for requests in 2017**

Get active in request processes



In general

- EU BON and EKLIPSE share a same goal of connecting leading institutions, organisations and projects in the biodiversity research and information realm in Europe (and globally).
- EU BON as key partner for data related issues in the EKLIPSE “Network of Networks”

First joint activities

- EU BON - MoU signed in June 2016
- Joint workshop at GEO BON conf., June 2016
- EU BON joined EKLIPSE Business Plan Group

Further needs...

- Identify where products from EU BON can be used/promoted in EKLIPSE context
- > MoU from EKLIPSE side



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