



# Sustainability of EU BON: next steps and future activity from a LifeWatch perspective

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- Only the **EU BON mature products** and **services**, that deserve to be maintained. **Other needs?**
- Which are the **users / customers** who would like to benefit from the continuously provided EU BON products and services?
- Are **legal arrangements** required for any sustained contribution to GEO BON?

## A. Intellectual

- e.g. standards, concepts, reference docs

## B. Networks

- e.g. active communities, expert groups

## C. (On-line) Services / Distribution channels

- e.g. data and model delivery, training, helpdesks

## D. Physical infrastructure and software (installations?)

- e.g. computing environments, e-infrastructure, virtual labs

## E. Branding

- Do selected products/services need EU BON branding?
- Is a body required to oversee continued EU BON products/services (operations)?

## For each item of the 5 categories:

- Who **owns** the respective products / services to sustain?
- What are the **maintenance activities** and associated annual **costs**?
- Are the **owners prepared** to **maintain** its developed products/services, and **pay** for it, or **generate payments** by customers?
- If not, which **other organisation** (existing or newly established) can take over **responsibility** and **generate funding/income** for this?
- What is the **market** interested to utilize EU BON **products and services**? Can this **generate income**? If yes, with what **payment models**?
- Are there **competitors**? If yes, **compete or join forces**?
- Which **agreements and IPR licenses** should come into place?

## For each item of the 5 categories:

- Identify the **sustainability means**
- Identify those **infrastructures / organizations / initiatives** who are interested to take over **responsibility**
- Start discussions to **design** the **sustainability framework**
- Draft **MoUs** or any other kind of document which provides the official **way and means** towards sustainability if not the legal ones
- Where does the **GEO BON** comes into the play here?

## Consortium / Network

- This is the **most important asset** of EU BON to **sustain**: anything can be done with the right network of brains working together!!!

## Hypotheses to test / results to publish

- There might be many more hypotheses to test out there. Are people and the Network **prepared to continue** this kind of research / intellectual activity? On what **conditions?**



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# Thank you