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Interactive Group Discussions

- **13:30-14:30**
- **Group 1: Infrastructure and networks – and EU BON sustainability**
- **Group 2: Strategies, Business Plan – and EU BON sustainability (Gary Geller, Dirk Schmeller, Katherine Despot Belmonte)**
- **Group 3: Monitoring and forecasting, tools for critical biodiversity assessment**

Key Questions

- **What happens next?**
 - **How can we create opportunities?**
 - **How do we build on what we have?**
 - **What path forward to take?**
 - **How do we prioritize the challenges?**
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- **Who are the users?**
 - **What problems are they trying to solve?**
 - **How can we help them?**

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- ~~Who are the users? Who is it for?~~
- Who are the sponsors?
- Where do national governments fit in?

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Approach: Path to the Vision?

Is sponsorship the biggest challenge to sustainability?

- **Yes? Focus first on motivating sponsors**

- **How to motivate sponsors?**
 - **Prioritize the functions they value most**
 - **Build them end-to-end**

- **Grow incrementally**

GEO Approach

**Help national governments
meet their international and internal commitments**

