



Bio Knowledge Agora: Developing the Science Service for European Research and **Biodiversity** Policymaking

BioAgora Project: Introduction

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2022 – June
2027

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BioAgora Partners

Nº	Name (acronym)	Country	Nº	Name (acronym)	Country
1	SYKE	FI	12	Oppla	NL
2	University of Bucharest	RO	13	IGB	DE
3	University of Trento	IT	14	CREAF	ES
4	INRAE	FR	15	ESSRG	HU
5	EVINBO	BE	16	UKCEH*	UK
6	Alternet	BE	17	Pensoft	BG
7	UNEP-WCMC*	UK	18	ERCE PAN	PL
8	PBL	NL	19	Euronovia	FR
9	NINA	NO	20	WUR	NL
10	UFZ	DE	21	ECSA	FR
11	Delbaere Consulting	NL	22	AWI	DE



Introducing BioAgora



Four main goals



Develop a fair and functional
Science Service for Biodiversity
(SSBD)



Use demonstration cases across
EU Member States that ratchet
up the BDS2030



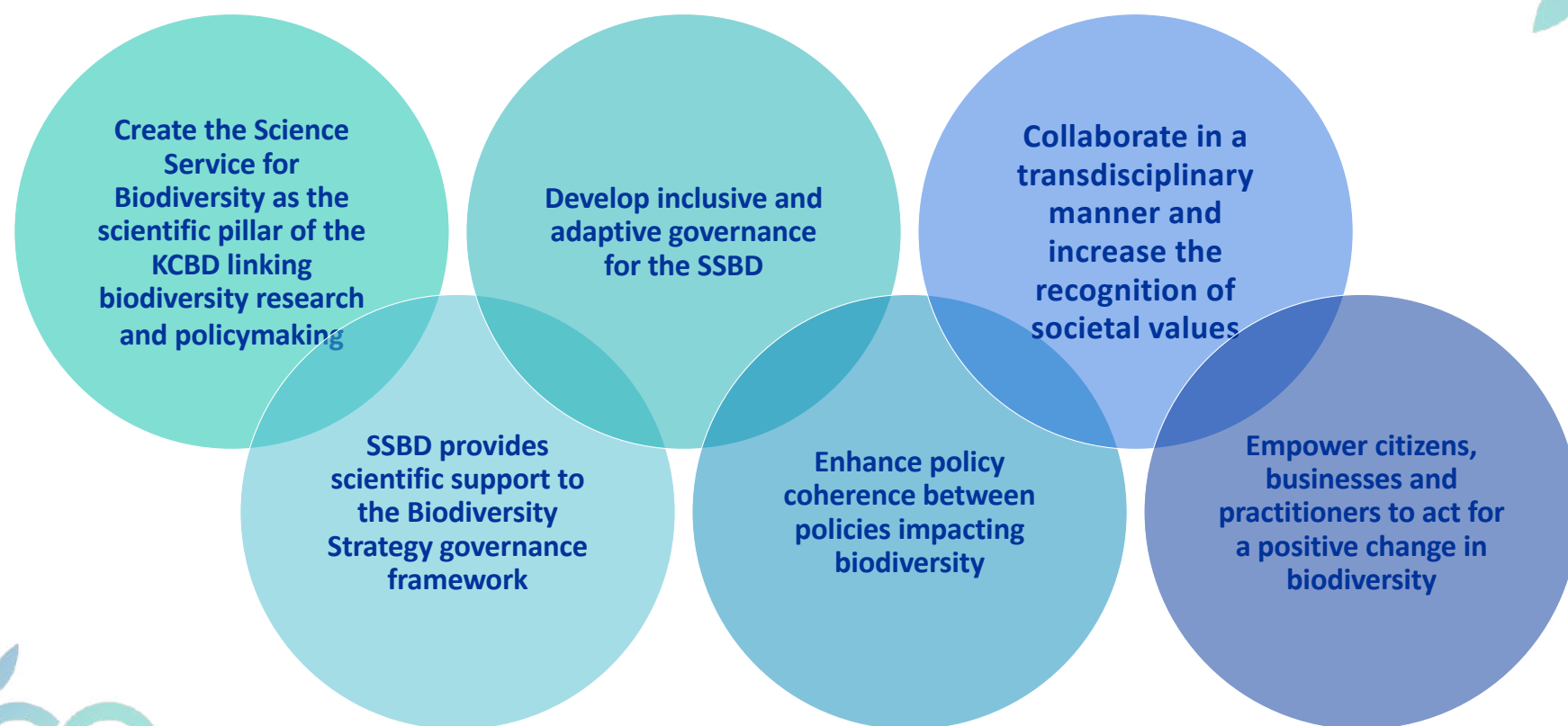
Assess and integrate existing
Science-Policy Interface networks



Promote capacity building and
co-learning processes for an
inclusive and functional SSBD



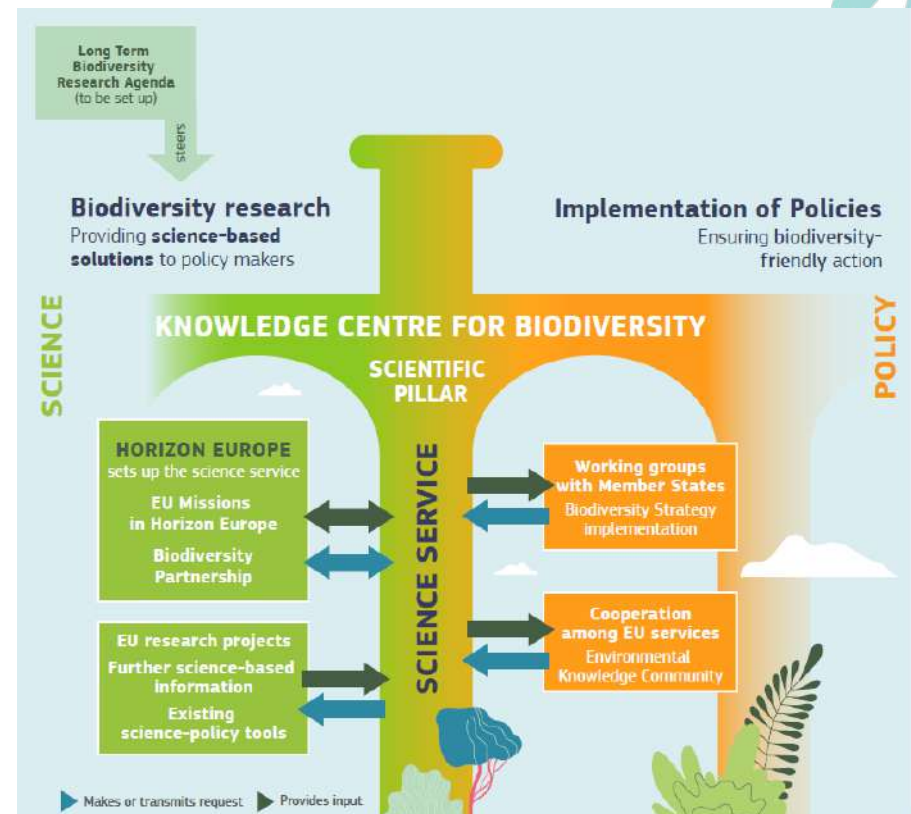
BioAgora Objectives



Science Service for Biodiversity (SSBD)

The SSBD will be the scientific pillar for the EU Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity. The SSBD will:

- ♦ Integrate outputs from EU funded biodiversity research and innovation projects into policymaking
- ♦ Make use of and complement existing science-policy initiatives
- ♦ Create an interactive and widely accessible web-platform, enabling all relevant actors to use and benefit from
- ♦ Have its functionality, governance elements and business model developed and tested by BioAgora



BioAgora Work Packages



**Underpinning the
Biodiversity Strategy –
Case Study Hub**

(UFZ & University of
Trento)



**Landscape of
actors, networks
and policies**

(SYKE & UFZ)



**Assessing the
state of
knowledge**

(UNEP-WCMC &
CREAF)



**Inclusive and
functional Science
Service**

(INRAE & SYKE)



**Empowering collective
agency across scales
and sectors**

(ESSRG & INRAE)



**Coordination and
Project Management**

(SYKE & Euronovia)



**Communication,
dissemination and
exploitation**

(Pensoft & Delbaere)



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Collaboration with Horizon Europe projects

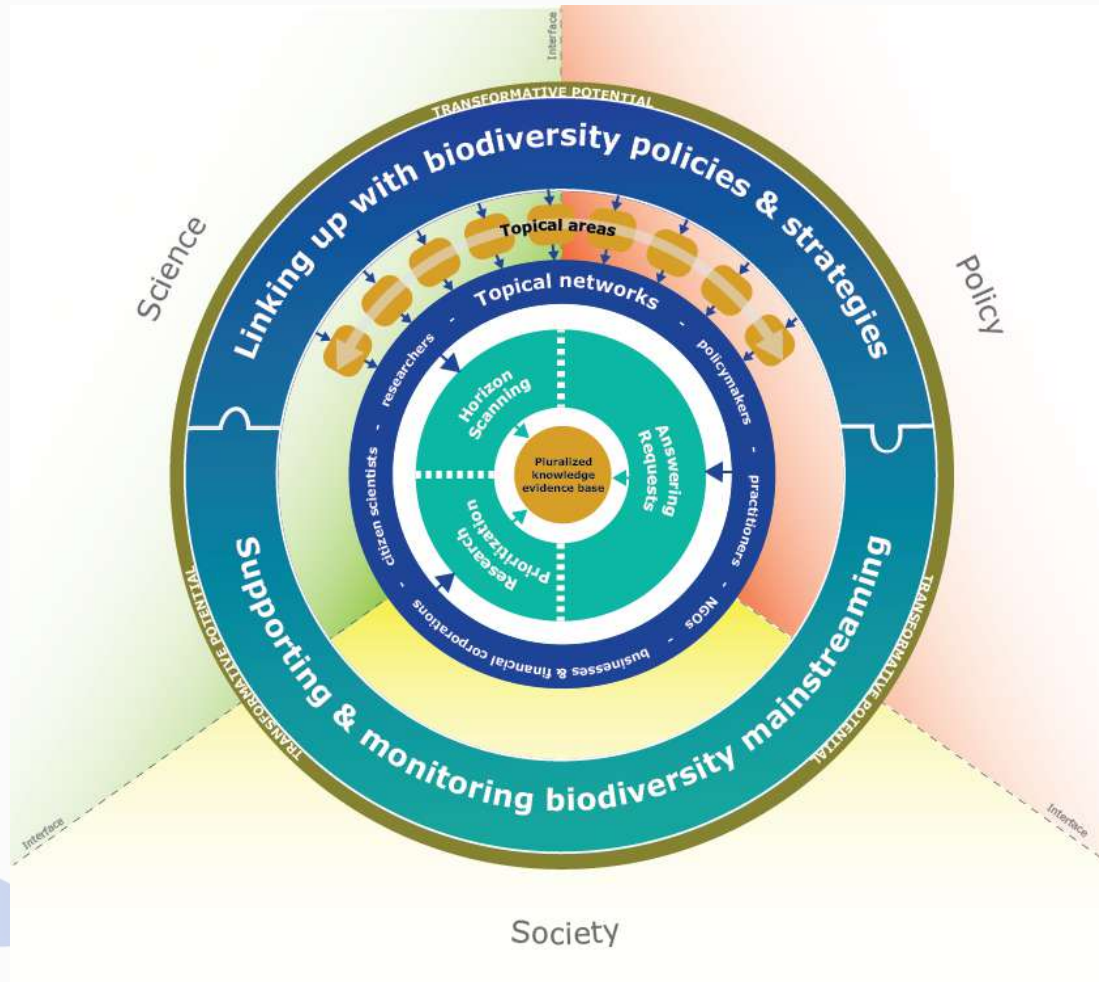


BioAgora:

- ✦ Links Horizon projects with the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030's actions by representing them in EUBP working groups
- ✦ Informs regularly other projects on current policy actions
- ✦ Develops together with the KCBD a “fast request system” to provide research and evidence-based consultation within a few weeks (4-10 weeks)
- ✦ Invites researchers to become a member of a reference group for developing fair and functional SSBD
- ✦ Collaborates directly throughout WPs, but especially in WP1 Demonstration cases



The general **support functions of the SSBD** for biodiversity at the science-policy-society interfaces



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Topical network of networks

Societal actors and NGOs

Observations so far

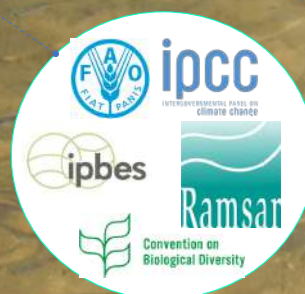
- Lots of existing networks: important to link up and connect
- Usually maintained via project collaboration (EC funding)
- Many societal actors involved, but **not all** wanting similar things
- Some individual actors are key to composition, momentum and stability



- Provide an **umbrella framework** for project legacy
- **Linking-up** with existing networks
- Assess **capacity gaps** actors and facilitate capacity building
- **Improve inclusiveness** network
- Community to answer knowledge needs/engage with policy
- Assess **research priorities**

Research projects

Research organisations

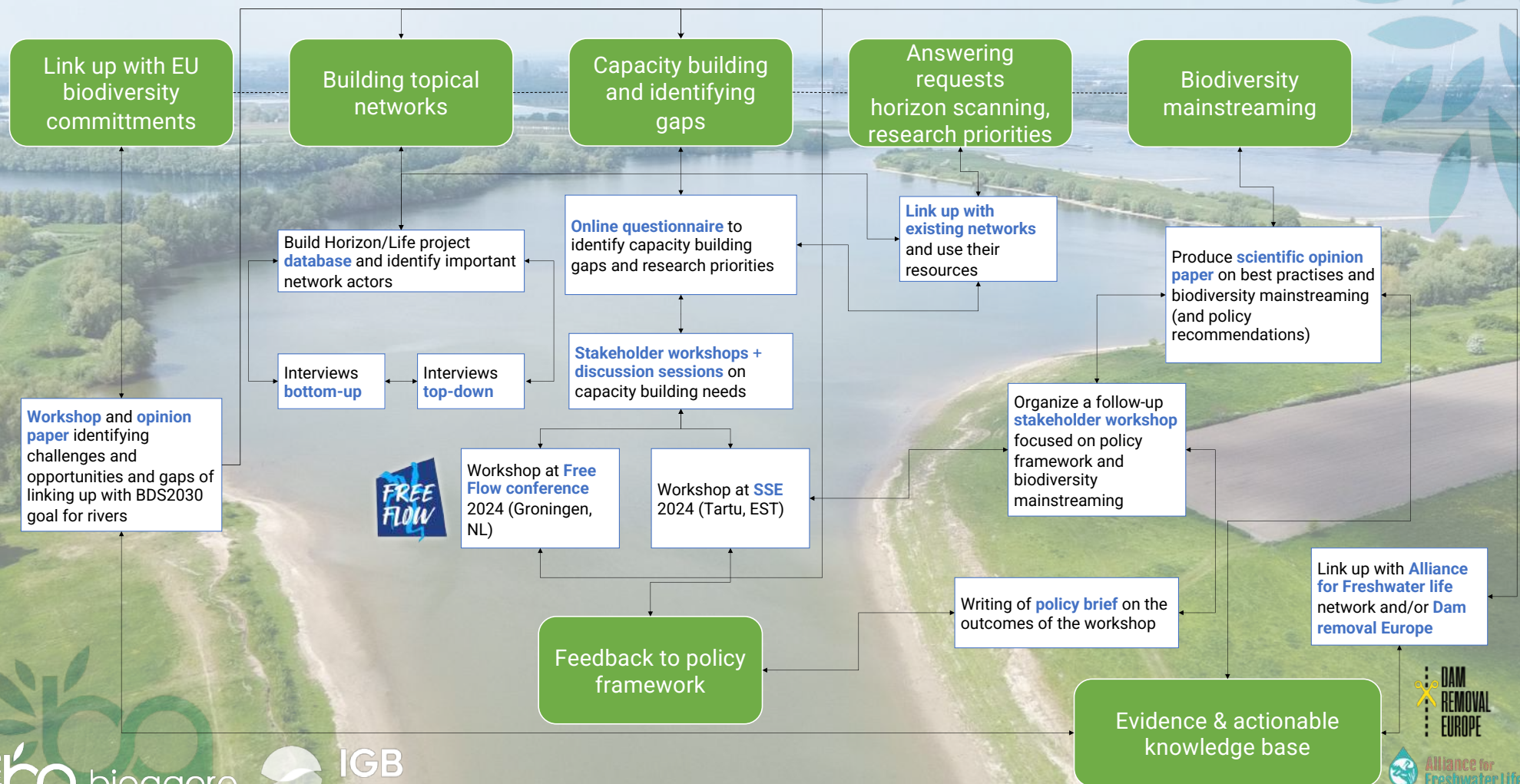


River networks

Policy institutions (national-EU-international)



Link to support functions SSBD (draft) – Freshwater DC (restoring free-flowing rivers)





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