



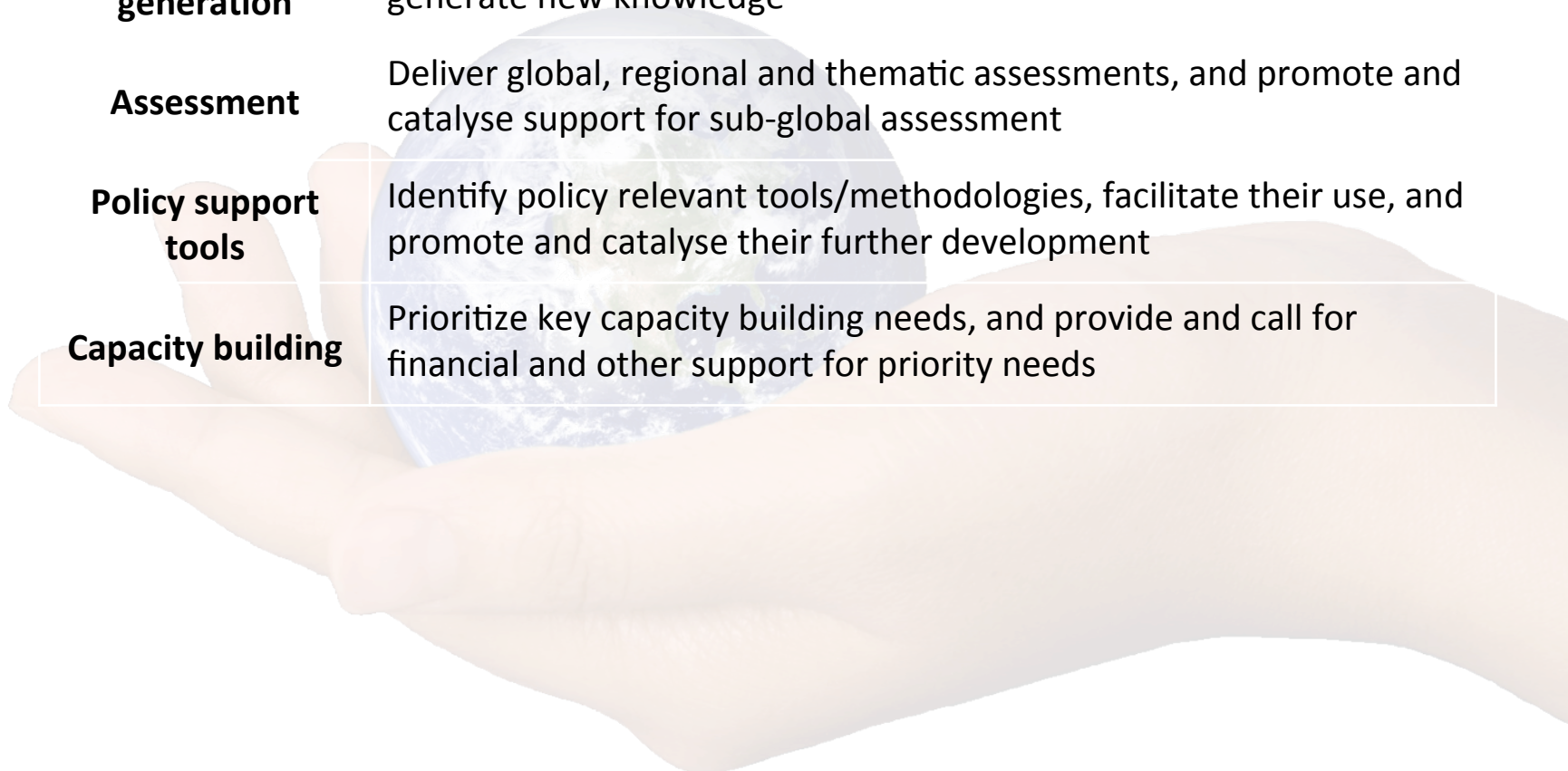
# 2<sup>nd</sup> IPBES Belgian expert & stakeholder session

21 Nov 2016, Belspo

- Quick Recap on IPBES Functions & Objectives
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- Established in 2012 in Panama by over 100 governments as a mechanism to provide scientific information in response to requests from policy makers (MEA, governments, UN bodies...)
- MISSION: To strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development
- Placed under the auspices of UNEP, FAO, UNDP, and UNESCO, and administered by UNEP; Secretariat Bonn
- Current membership includes 125 governments + many observers
- 4 Plenary Sessions so far; next IPBES-5 (March 2017)
- OPERATING PRINCIPLES

## 4 FUNCTIONS



<b>Knowledge generation</b>	Identify knowledge needs of policymakers, and catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge
<b>Assessment</b>	Deliver global, regional and thematic assessments, and promote and catalyse support for sub-global assessment
<b>Policy support tools</b>	Identify policy relevant tools/methodologies, facilitate their use, and promote and catalyse their further development
<b>Capacity building</b>	Prioritize key capacity building needs, and provide and call for financial and other support for priority needs

## 4 OBJECTIVES

**Objective 1:** Strengthen the **capacity** and **knowledge foundations** of the science-policy interface to implement key IPBES functions

**Objective 2:** Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across the **sub-regional, regional and global levels**

**Objective 3:** Strengthen the knowledge-policy interface with regard to **thematic and methodological issues**

**Objective 4:** **Communicate** and **evaluate** IPBES activities, deliverables and findings

# 18 DELIVERABLES

**Objective 1:** Strengthen the capacity and knowledge foundations of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of the Platform:

- a) **Priority capacity-building-needs** to implement the Platform work programme are **matched with resources** through catalysing financial and in-kind support
- b) **Capacities needed to implement the Platform work programme are developed** with support provided by network on capacity-building
- c) Procedures and approaches for **working with indigenous and local knowledge systems**
- d) **Priority knowledge and data needs for policy-making are addressed through catalysing efforts to generate new knowledge and networking**

**Objective 2:** Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across the subregional, regional and global levels:

- a) **Guide on production and integration of assessments** from and across all scales
- b) **Regional/Subregional assessments** on biodiversity and ecosystem services
- c) **Global assessment** on biodiversity and ecosystem services

**Objective 3:** Strengthen the science-policy interface with regard to thematic and methodological issues:

- a) One fast-track thematic **assessment on pollination** and food production
- b) Thematic **assessments on land degradation** and restoration; **on invasive alien species; and on sustainable use.**
- c) **Policy support tools and methodologies for scenarios analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services** based on a fast-track assessment and a guide
- d) **Policy support tools and methodologies regarding diverse conceptualizations of values of biodiversity and nature's benefits to people** based on an assessment and a guide

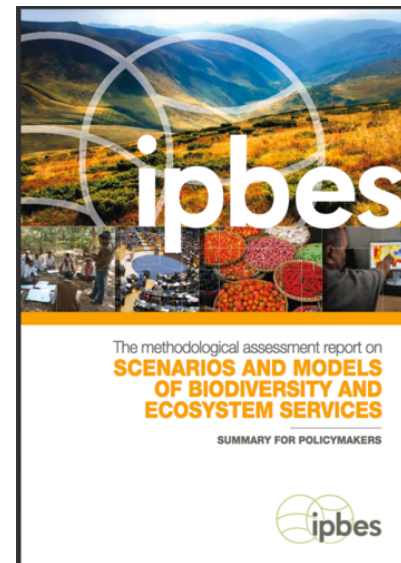
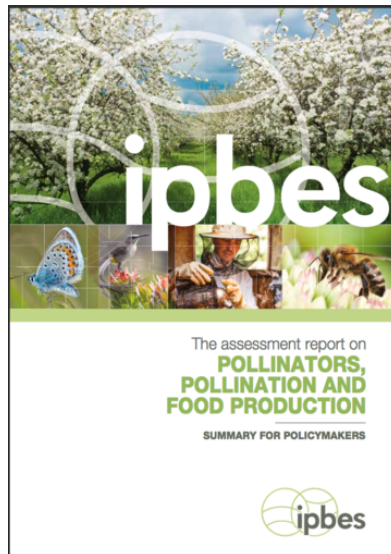
**Objective 4:** Communicate and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings:

- a) **Catalogue of relevant assessments**
- b) **Development of an information and data management plan**
- c) **Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies**
- d) Set of **communication, outreach and engagement strategies**, products and processes
- e) **Reviews of the effectiveness** of guidance, procedures, methods and approaches to inform future development of the Platform

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## 2 full assessments completed and approved by IPBES-4 (Feb 2016)

- Pollination and pollinators associated with food production
- Scenarios and models of biodiversity & ecosystem services





## 5 assessments on-going, to be delivered by mid 2018

- Land degradation and restoration
- 4 Regional/Subregional assessments
  - Africa
  - Americas
  - Asia-Pacific
  - Europe and Central Asia

## One more assessment (started mid-March), to be delivered by mid-2019

- Global Assessment of biodiversity & ecosystem services

## Several assessments “on-hold”

- Methodological assessment on diverse conceptualization of values:  
(re)scoping document approved at IPBES-4, but actual assessment on hold. Yet, interim solution to guarantee that values & valuation are well incorporated in the assessments

## Several assessments “on-hold”

- Assessment on Invasive Alien Species  
Scoping document approved at IPBES-4, but actual assessment on hold
- Assessment on Sustainable Use  
Scoping document not approved at IPBES-4, now re-scoping

## Other deliverables up & running

- Guide on the production and integration of assessments; Guide on Values & Valuation; Guide on Policy support tools
- Catalogues of Assessments; Catalogue on Policy support tools & methodologies
- Task Forces on Knowledge and Data; Indigenous & Local Knowledge; Capacity building (fellowship programme; matchmaking facility; prioritization of capacity building needs > rolling plan)
- Communication & Stakeholder Engagement
- Evaluation (Review of the Platform)
- **3rd Pan-European IPBES Stakeholder Consultation (June Leipzig)**

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## Major comments/concerns from last meeting (30 Oct 2015)

### *General IPBES functioning*

- Lack of credits for scientists/institutes?
- Use of e-tools vs face-to-face meetings
- Stakeholder engagement (incl. citizens, retired experts etc.)
- Financial support for experts
- Very ambitious
- Implications of the actual assessments (for biodiversity/ human well-being)
- Various views on 'biodiversity conservation'
- IPBES communication should be improved
- Timing of the assessment (need for input)
- Creating a momentum!
- Imbalance between disciplines & country representation
- Policy relevance! + Avoiding duplication
- Communication on uncertainties

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### *Belgian IPBES-NFP*

- Entry point to voice major concerns
- Feedback on Plenary sessions
- Website: NFP, and ECA-network as entry point for events and resources
- Informal meetings useful
- Best practice sharing amongst national focal points

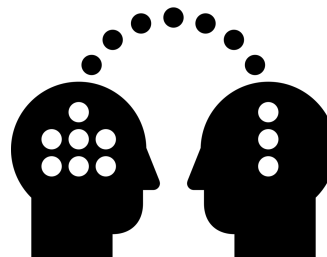
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## Objectives

**National Platforms:** specialized panels, platforms or other kinds of fora that play a crucial role in connecting the resident expert communities on biodiversity and ecosystem services to policy processes and actors.

⇒ **Network of National Platforms engaging in IPBES:**

- To create a common space for sharing knowledge, resources, opinions and lessons learned regarding IPBES => Stimulating and supporting the establishment of national platforms in interested countries
- To ensure geographically, disciplinary and gender-balanced expertise, and mobilization of experts from other knowledge systems
- To facilitate information exchange and dissemination, and increase the use of IPBES findings



## Who?

National Biodiversity Platforms in **seven European countries**, featuring the following institutions:

A map of Europe is shown in the background, with a semi-transparent blue box overlaid on the left side containing a list of institutions. The list includes: Belgium Biodiversity Platform (BE IPBES NFP), Finnish National IPBES panel (Nature Panel), French Committee for IPBES Foundation for Research on Biodiversity (FRB), German IPBES Coordination Office, German Network-Forum for Biodiversity Research (NeFo), Portuguese IPBES panel, Swiss Biodiversity Forum, and UK IPBES Stakeholder Engagement Hub of JNCC / Defra.

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## Similarities & Specificities

**Common Features:** their rooting in biodiversity research or biodiversity research administration; their position at the SPI; and their partial or total dedication to IPBES

**Different 'Platform formats'** reflecting differences in institutional setting, in available resources and in other national circumstances (history, scope, mandate)

- More or less formally established group of experts from different biodiversity-related fields, that is chaired by a **single person** dedicated to connecting people, institutions and ideas to support SPI (e.g. Finland, Portugal)
- **'Platform Core'** = small team of paid officers that initiate or coordinate activities for, or with the wider network of national biodiversity and ES experts (e.g. Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, UK)

## Report on the experiences gained with National Biodiversity Platforms

**Marquard E. et al. (2016).** European National Biodiversity Platforms as Partners for the Implementation of the IPBES Work Programme – Opportunities and Challenges. Report edited by NeFO

**Downloadable:** <http://www.eca-ipbesnetwork.org/1806>

Lessons-learned with regard to:

- Design features (incl resources and governing structures)
- Potential functions (e.g. contributions to implementation of IPBES)

-> impact on CRELE (credibility, relevance, legitimacy)

-> aspects to consider when setting up a national platform

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## Preliminary agenda IPBES-5

- Report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the work programme for the period 2014–2018.
- Work programme of the Platform:
  - (a) Capacity-building;
  - (b) Indigenous and local knowledge systems;
  - (c) Knowledge and data;
  - (d) Methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits;
  - (e) Thematic assessment on invasive alien species;
  - (f) Thematic assessment on the sustainable use of biodiversity;
  - (g) Policy support tools and methodologies;
  - (h) Communication, stakeholder engagement and strategic partnerships.
- Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Platform:
  - (a) Budget and expenditure for the period 2014–2018;
  - (b) Trust Fund
- Review of the Platform.
- Organization of work of the Plenary and provisional agenda, date and venue of future sessions of the Plenary.
- Institutional arrangements: United Nations collaborative partnership arrangements for the work of the Platform and its secretariat.

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