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European support for IPBES

– some general
considerations

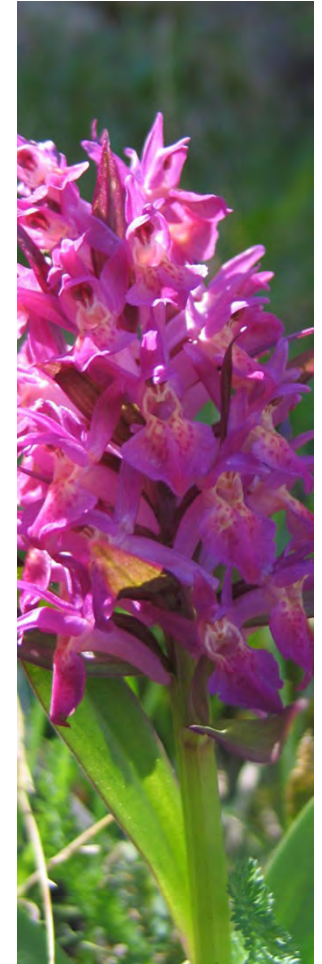
Pan-European Stakeholder
Consultation for IPBES, Leipzig

Pan-European perspectives – multiple dimensions

- **Multiple histories and traditions:** in culture, policy and knowledge production
- **Multiple ecosystems:** from arctic to mediterranean, from caucasian to atlantic
- **Multiple knowledge communities** in different levels: local - national – international
- **Multiple policy strategies and methodologies** to deal with biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **Multiple experience** with capacity building and policy support, in and outside Europe

A short reminder: The four functions of IPBES

- perform regular and timely **assessments of knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services** and their inter-linkages, **at appropriate scales and including thematic issues**;
- Promote access to, and development of **policy-relevant tools and methodologies**;
- Prioritize and enable **key capacity-building needs** to improve the science-policy interface at appropriate levels;
- identify and prioritize **key scientific information needed for policymakers**, and catalyse efforts to generate new knowledge



IPBES-needs: the work programme (1/3)

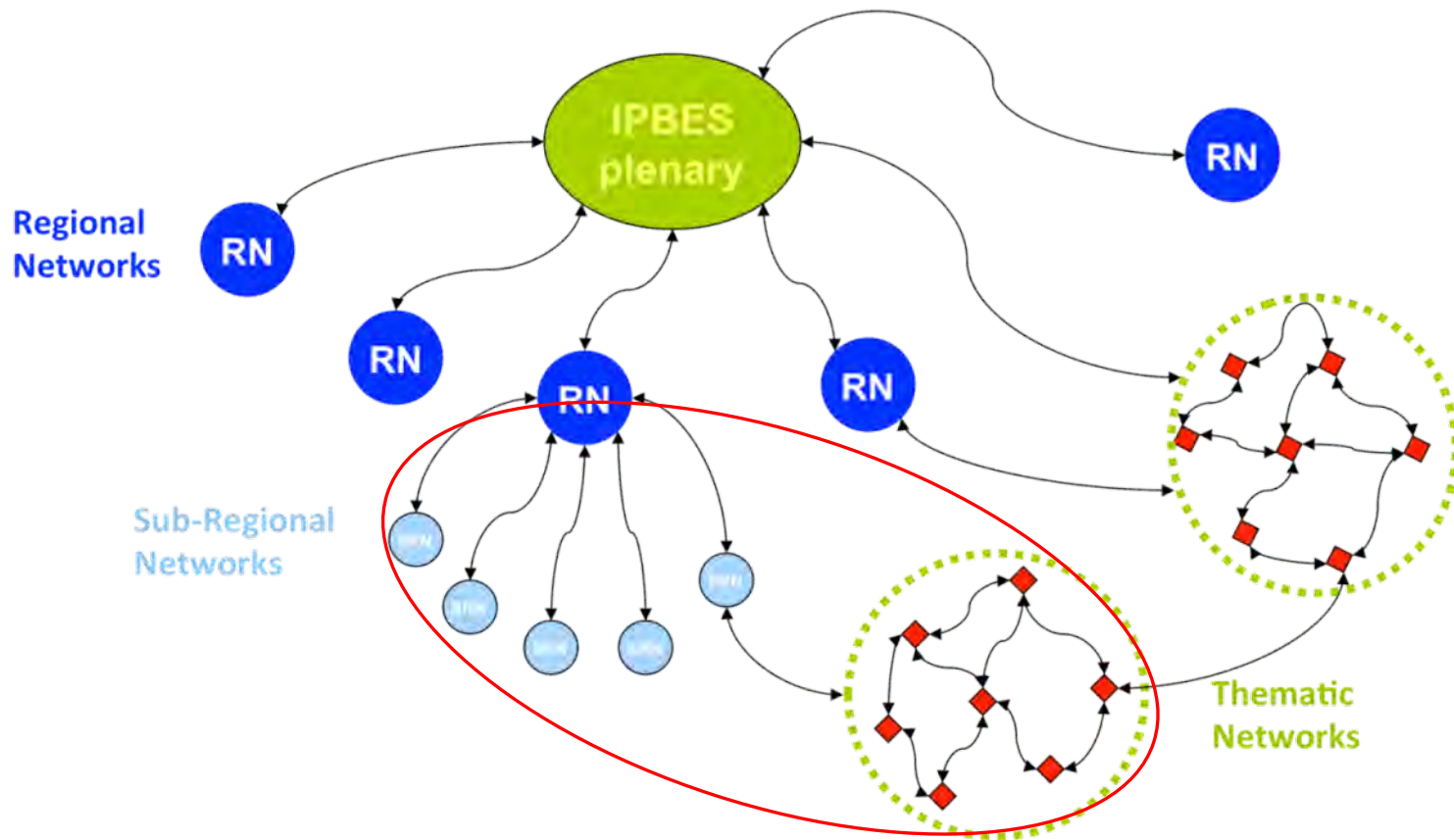
- Obj. 1: Capacity building and knowledge generation
 - What are the capacity building needs in pan-Europe?
 - How can we contribute to the knowledge generation needs?
- Obj. 2: Proposal for (sub-) regional assessments by 2017
 - What are the options to arrange this in pan-Europe?
 - Which sub-regional/ national activities might be possible?



IPBES-needs: the work programme (2/3)

- Obj. 3: Input to thematic / methodological issues
 - Where do pan-European stakeholders have specific expertise?
 - How to contribute to the policy tools-deliverables?
- Obj.4: Contributions to global assessment
 - How could pan-European contributions to a global assessment be arranged/ focussed?





Support the development of pan-European “Community of Interest” to support IPBES

Figure based on the NesNet-workshop, Leipzig March 2011

(few) examples of existing initiatives/ networks



Broad development of Information systems, networks etc.

Pan-European Biodiversity Platform (former PEBLDS)



... and many, many more

IPBES-needs: the work programme (3/3)

- Obj.5: Catalogues of assessments and tools, support of communications
 - Which assessments to be added?
 - How can pan-European stakeholders support IPBES communications?



IPBES-needs - European strengths

- **Better level of stakeholder engagement**
- **Better knowledge overview:** experts, data, relevant forms of knowledge, best practices
- **Collaboration:** (often) better networks, shorter ways of interactions
- **Close link to policy:** institutions, procedures, decision-makers, cultural specificities
- **Increase impact:** good linkage & buy-in by policy needed to make IPBES results relevant – regional specification needed





Looking forward to fruitful discussions !



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