



Creating a Network of Knowledge for
biodiversity and ecosystem services
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An approach to network knowledge
on biodiversity across Europe to support decision making

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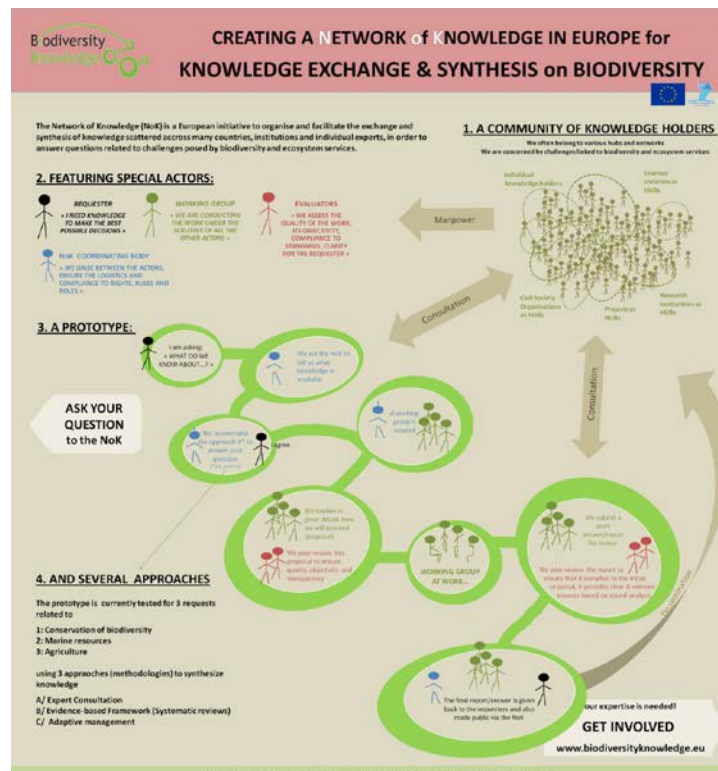
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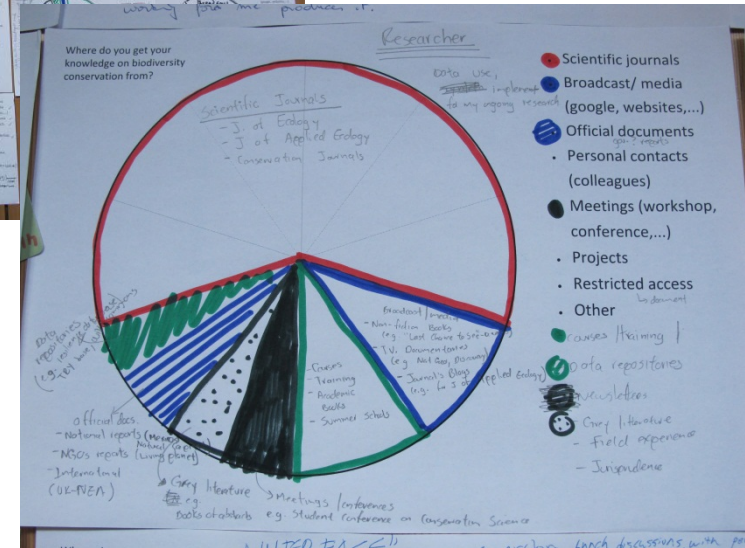
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Ensuring that the best Knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services is made available to Governments and other decision makers in Europe.

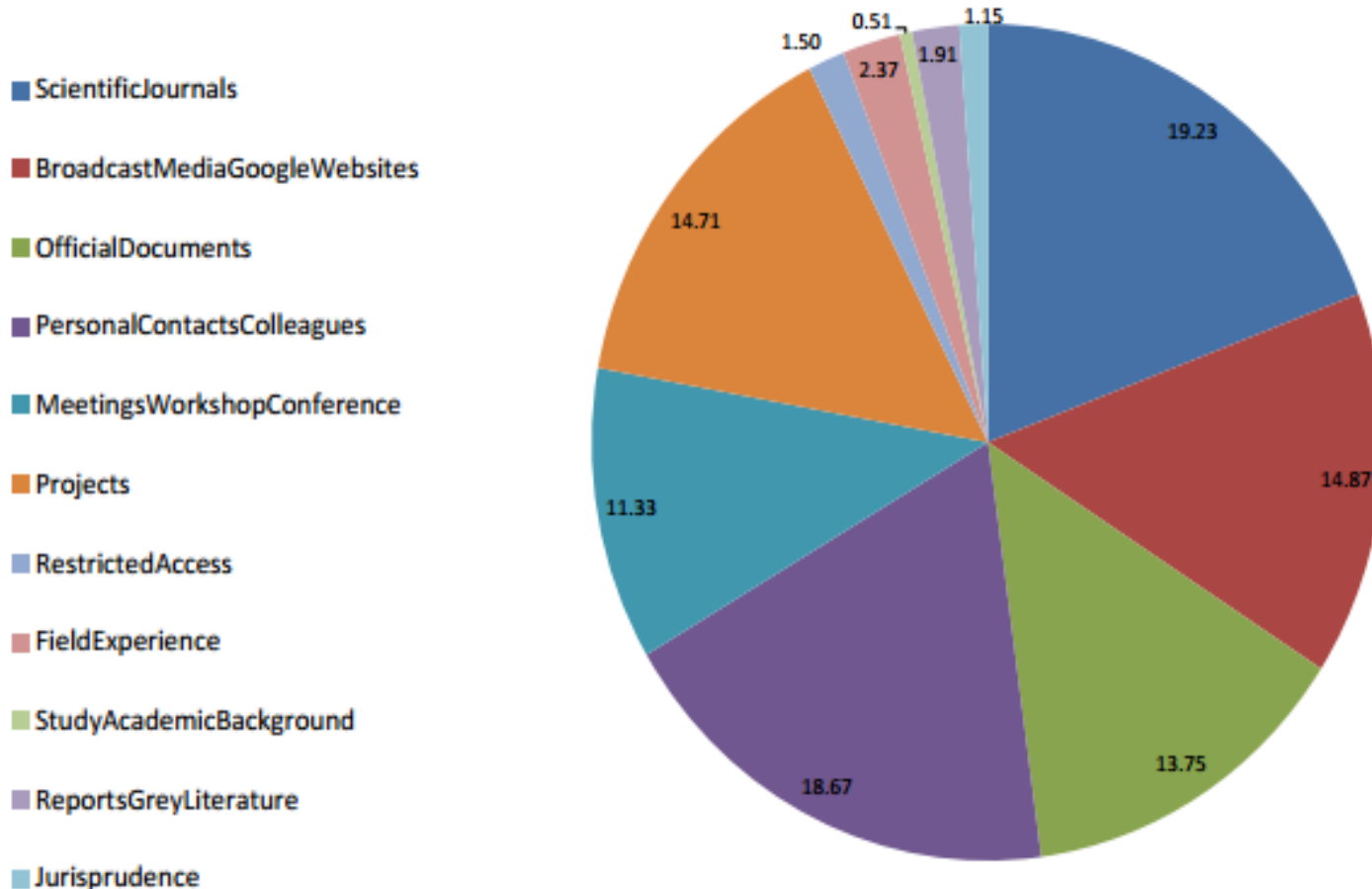


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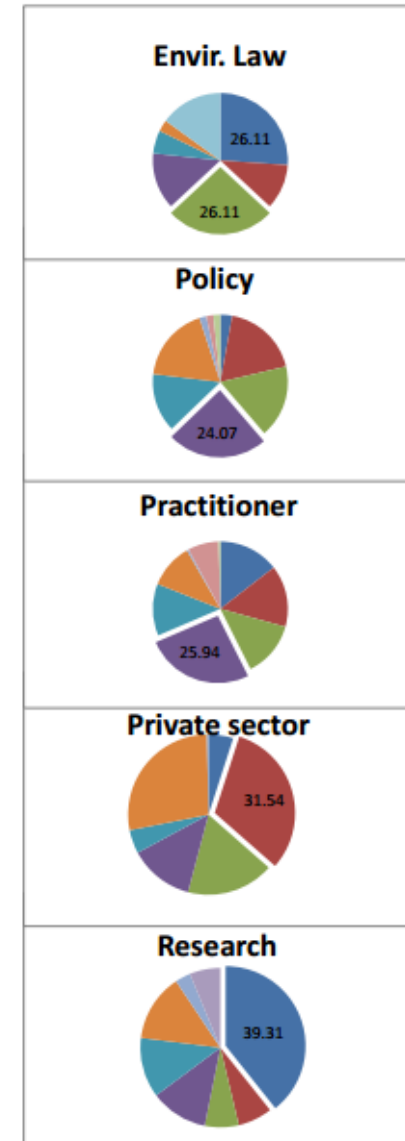


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Sources of knowledge used by total of interviewees



RDA in R: The category of the interviewee significantly explains the variation in sources of knowledge used. ($R^2= 0.11$; $P=0.014$)



Stakeholders Engagement: What do you need to get involved? Identification and presentation of tools – The engagement perspective



Question 3: What elements are needed to ensure that the Biodiversity knowledge landscape can better inform policy?

– The governance perspective

- **Balance *legitimacy*** (policy mandate), ***credibility*** (scientific quality and independence) and ***saliency*** (openness and trustfulness of process)
- **Building on existing networks**, ensure continuity of NoK
- **Strategic governance approach** with commonly agreed priorities and self-reinforcing processes (> group 2) [but trying to use bottom-up participatory processes]
- **Adaptive structure on topics and communities involved** (reaching out beyond biodiversity)
- **Create a “learning environment”** to make it attractive for participation

Our next steps

- **Recommended Design of a Network of Knowledge: White paper consultation – May 2013**
 - Open consultation (via web and email)
 - Direct consultation with knowledge hubs like ALTER-Net and many others
- **Revised White paper for final discussion and endorsement:**
 - Conference September 24-26, 2013; Berlin

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