

Creating a Network of Knowledge for biodiversity and ecosystem services

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2nd BiodiversityKnowledge conference

Towards a future Network of Knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services in Europe September, 24th-26th, 2013 Berlin, Jerusalemkirche

The objective of this second conference is to discuss and finalize the recommended design of a future Network of Knowledge (NoK) on biodiversity and ecosystem services in Europe.

A detailed description of the context, objectives and outcomes of the sessions can be found in the complementary "NoK's guide to the conference".

The outputs will be the identification of additional suggestions on how to overcome the big challenges of establishing a credible, legitimate and relevant NoK and this information will feed into the development of a finalised white paper. In the final months of the project, this will then further discussed and communicated to science and policy.

Programme outline

Day 1: Sept 24 th	Framing the challenge: Improving the evidence base for decision making, and the science-policy-society interface		
12:00-13:00	Light lunch		
13:00-15:20	Session 1: Welcome and inspiration	Chair: Heidi Wittmer (UFZ)	
13:00-13:20	Opening + Rationale of the conference	Heidi Wittmer (UFZ, KNEU WP5)	
13:20-13:40	The wider science-policy-society landscape in 2013: Time to move	Carsten Neßhöver (UFZ, KNEU coordinator)	
13:40-14:00	Introduction to the Network of Knowledge (NoK) approach and White Paper	Christoph Görg (UFZ, KNEU WP5)	
14:00-14:20	The NoK prototype to conduct assessments for policy support	Barbara Livoreil (FRB, KNEU WP2/3)	

14:20-15-20 (#)	Participatory walk, Part 1: Getting to know the NoK (and its challenges) with your own case	Facilitators: Allan Watt, Jiska van Djik, Estelle Balian, Esther Carmen, Juliette Young, Stefan Schindler, Isabel Sousa Pinto, Carsten Neßhöver, Amor Torre-Martin, Rob Jongman and Marie Vandewalle			
15:20-15:50	Coffee break				
15:50-17:50	Session 2: Insights from testing the NoK prototype Chair: Carsten Neßhöver (UFZ)				
15:50-16:35	Testing the prototype NoK	Demonstration case leaders			
	Conservation case: Connecting conservation knowledge to the policy issue of floodplain management	Stefan Schindler (University of Vienna, KNEU WP3)			
	Agriculture case: Coordinating knowledge on natural pest control	Barbara Livoreil (FRB, KNEU WP2/3)			
	Marine case: Increasing policy awareness of kelp beds	Isabel Sousa Pinto (CIIMAR, KNEU WP3)			
16:35-16:50	Lessons learned on methodology approaches in test cases and beyond	Andrew Pullin (Univ. of Bangor, KNEU WP2/3)			
16:50-17:50	Panel discussion on the NoK prototype with representatives from the user side	Representatives from IPBES, EEA, National Agencies and NGOs			
18:20	Bus to the Natural History Museum of Berlin	Gathering at the entrance of Jerusalemkirche			
19:00	Guided tour of the special collections of the Natural History Museum	Guides from the Natural History Museum (1 German tour and 4 English tours)			
20:00	Conference dinner with the dinosaurs of the Natural History Museum of Berlin, supported by the EUBON-Project	Biodiversity Knowledge State Control of the Control			

Day 2: Sept 25 th	The Network of Knowledge in practice Session on challenges and how to address them		
08:30-9:00	Welcoming Coffee		
09:00-14:15	Session 3: Solutions to the challenges of the NoK - Networking and policy support		
		Chair: Allan Watt (CEH)	
09:00-9:25	Challenges of the NoK and lessons learned	Esther Carmen (CEH, KNEU WP4)	

<u>Legend:</u>

09:25-09:45	Discussion and introduction to break-out group I	Allan Watt (CEH, KNEU WP4)		
09:45-10:30 (≇ one BG)	Break-out group I - startup : "Tour de groups" to discuss solutions for five main challenges:	Moderators: Esther Carmen and Juliette Young Group facilitators:		
	 A. Strengthening the processes of the NoK B. Involvement of different groups C. Role of communication D. Usability of outputs E. Capacity Building (Networkfunction) 	A. Estelle/Allan B. Christoph/Barbara C. Amor/ Koen D. Heidi/ Andrew E. Jiska/ Isabel / Rob		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break			
11:00-12:30 (≇ one BG)	Continuation of Breakout Group I in 5 different rooms			
12:30-13:30	Lunch break			
13:30-14:15	Wrap up from break-out group I and discussion	Rapporteur from each group		
14:15-18:00	Session 4: Design options of the NoK	Chair: Estelle Balian (RBINS)		
14:15-14:35	Insights from the NoK evaluation on governance issues	Esther Carmen (CEH, KNEU WP4)		
14:35-15:00	Presentation of the design options	Heidi Wittmer (UFZ, KNEU WP5)		
15:00-15:30	Coffee break			
15:30-15:50	Discussion and introduction to break-out group II	Estelle Balian (RBINS, KNEU WP1)		
15:50-18:00	Break-out group II to discuss strengths and weaknesses of design options for the NoK	Group facilitators:		
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	Break-out group II to discuss strengths and weaknesses of design options for the NoK A. Network option perspective B. Network option perspective			
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	Break-out group II to discuss strengths and weaknesses of design options for the NoK A. Network option perspective B. Network option perspective C. Platform option perspective	A) Isabel/ Estelle B) Allan/ Jiska		
	Break-out group II to discuss strengths and weaknesses of design options for the NoK A. Network option perspective B. Network option perspective C. Platform option perspective (focus including research strategy perspective) D. Platform option perspective	A) Isabel/ Estelle B) Allan/ Jiska C) Jurgen/ Juliette		

Day 3: Sept 26th	Bringing a NoK into action: joint construction of design options		
8:00-8:30	Welcoming Coffee		
8:30-10:00	Session 4: Design options of the NoK (co	ntinued) Chair: Heidi Wittmer (UFZ)	
08:30-09:00	Wrap-up of Break-out Group 2 and discussion	Rapporteur from each group	
09:00-10:00 (⊯ one BG)	Participatory walk, Part 2: Applying results from Day 2 on "your" case.	<u>Facilitators</u> : Allan, Jiska, Estelle, Esther, Juliette, Stefan, Isabel, Carsten, Amor, Rob	
		and Marie	
10:00-14:30	Session 5: Institutional perspectives	Chair: Heidi Wittmer (UFZ)	
10:00-10:30	Speed presentations of institutional perspective into the operationalization of the NoK 5 minutes max. each	 Jiska van Dijk - ALTER-Net Isabel Sousa Pinto - MARBEF Michael Mirtl – LTER-Europe Anke Hoffman - EUBON Jurgen Tack – EPBRS Ivone Perreira Martins - EEA Ole Ostermann - JRC 	
10:30-11:00	Coffee break		
11:00-11:30	Speed presentations continued 5 minutes max. each	 Peter Søgaard Jørgensen - INNGE Xavier Leroux - BiodivERsA Jonathan Porter - IALE Europe Yde de Jong - PESI Christoph Häuser – GBIF TBC – EEF Anna Maria Wremp – Lifewatch 	
11:30-12:30	Round table discussion for wrap up of speed presentations	All speed presenters	
12:30-13:30	Lunch break		
13:30-14:30 (⊯ one BG)	Participatory walk, Part 3: Assembling the diversity of potential institutional benefits and contributions	Facilitators: Allan, Jiska, Estelle, Esther, Juliette, Stefan, Isabel, Carsten, Amor, Rob and Marie	
14:30-15:00	Session 6: Summary, outlook and closing	Chair: Allan Watt (CEH)	
14:30-15:00	Summary and next steps for BiodiversityKnowledge Invitation to join next steps	Carsten Neßhöver (UFZ, KNEU coordinator)	
	Closing words		
15:00	End of conference		

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