



# Leveraging Regional and Subregional Cooperation to enhance CBD implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework in Central and Eastern Europe

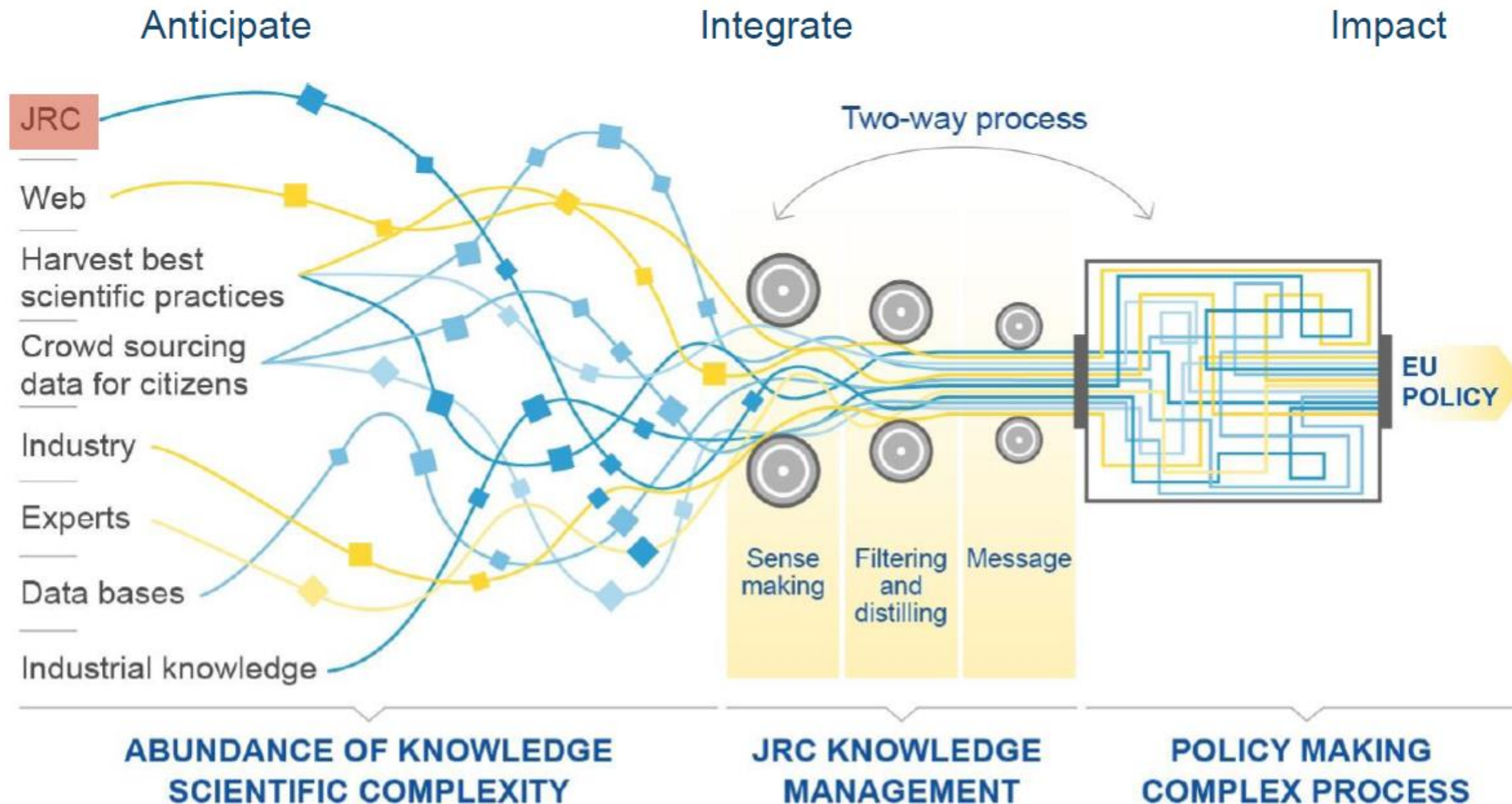
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# A short introduction to the Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD) of the European Commission



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## Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity



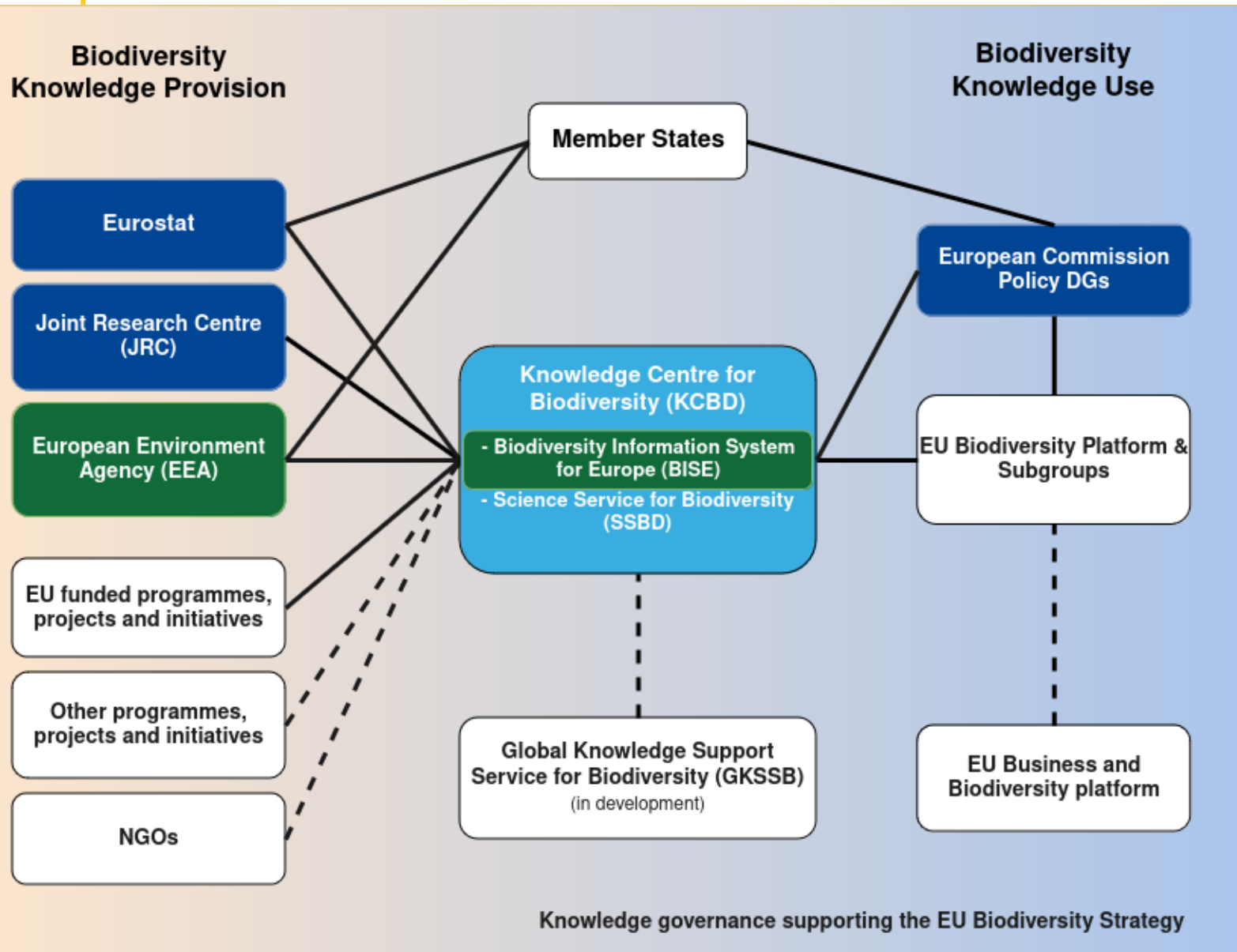
Announced in May 2020 in the EU  
**Biodiversity Strategy for 2030**

Launched in October 2020 as one of the first implemented actions of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 to

1. *track and assess progress by the EU and its partners*
2. *foster cooperation and partnership*
3. *underpin policy development with ad hoc scientific, technical and practitioners' advice*

[https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/biodiversity\\_en](https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/biodiversity_en)

# The Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD)



The KCBD is managed by the **Joint Research Centre (JRC)**, the European Commission's in-house science service.

*The KCBD is a one-stop shop service in support to biodiversity for the EC*

# KCBD and the Global Biodiversity Plan



## **THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN** For Life on Earth

alias the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)



# KCBD & new Regional Support Centres of the CBD?

## *The Regional and/or Subregional Centres*

What are they expected to do?



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- Provide "one-stop" service centre for technical knowledge, tools and expertise
- Facilitate joint research programmes and technology development ventures
- Provide information on opportunities
- Mobilize resources to address identified technical and scientific needs
- Facilitate matchmaking
- Support the development of TSC projects and programmes
- Promote partnerships
- Facilitate technology development and transfer
- Strengthen institutional capacities to facilitate TSC
- Facilitate knowledge sharing and learning
- Compile and share good practices and lessons learned
- Create synergies with other TSC mechanisms

COP15, of the Biological Diversity (CBD) established a mechanism consisting of a **network of regional and/or subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres**, to be coordinated at the global level by a global coordination entity.

**Focus:** capacity building for helping Parties implement the GBF

# KCBD & new Regional Support Centres of the CBD?



New!

<https://www.cbd.int/tsc/tscm/regionalcentres>

(\*) KCBD = JRC +EEA!

At the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 4) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Parties selected 18 regional organizations spanning the globe in a multilateral push to bolster the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, also known as the Biodiversity Plan, through science, technology and innovation:

- Africa: The Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), the Ecological Monitoring Center (CSE), the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD), the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI).
- Americas: The Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute, the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD).
- Asia: ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB); IUCN Asia Regional Office; IUCN Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA); Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences (NIES); Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC). (\*)
- Europe: **European Commission - Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC)**; IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation; **IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe** and Central Asia (ECARO); Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences (RBINS).
- Oceania: The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

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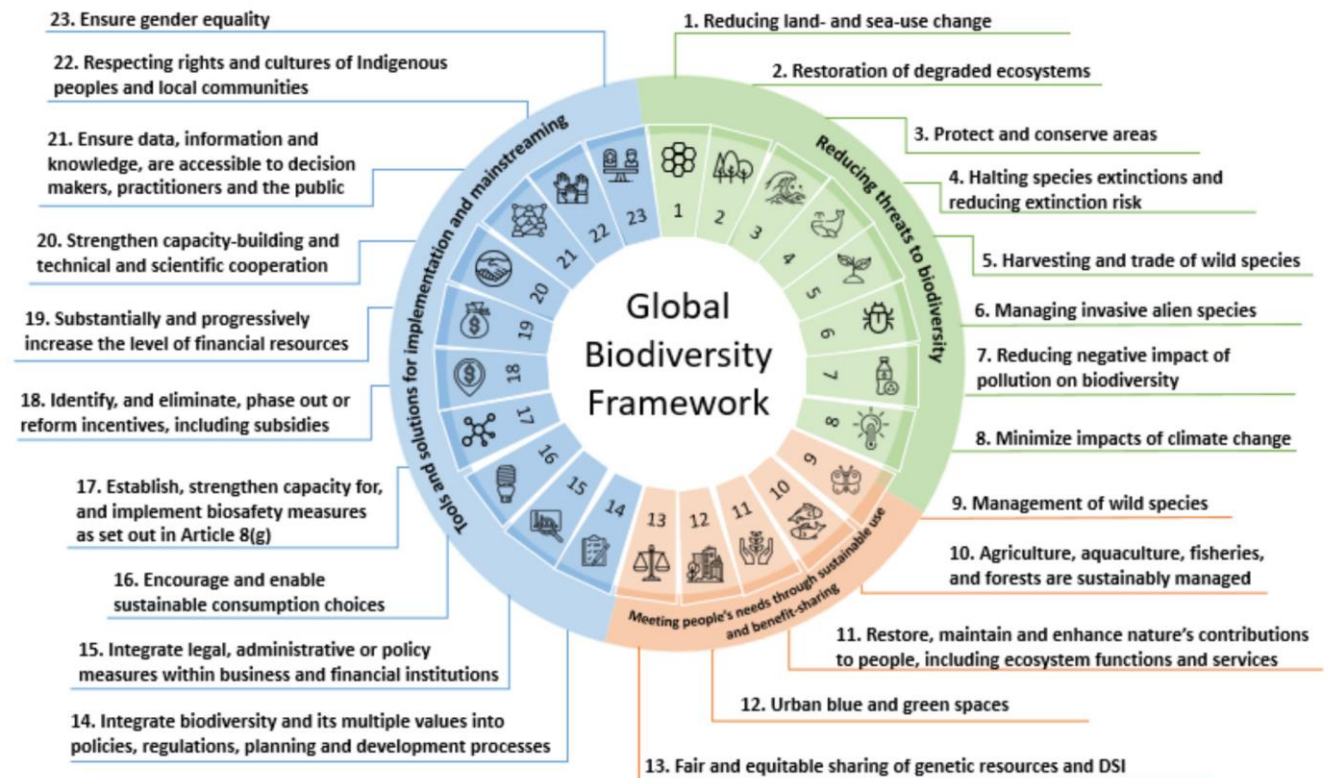
## New political & scientific synergies between

- Land & Ocean
- Biodiversity & Climate
- Biodiversity & health
- Biodiversity & finance
- Biodiversity & pollution

## Supported by new instruments

- CDB Regional Support Centres
- Global Knowledge Support Service

## Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Themes and Targets



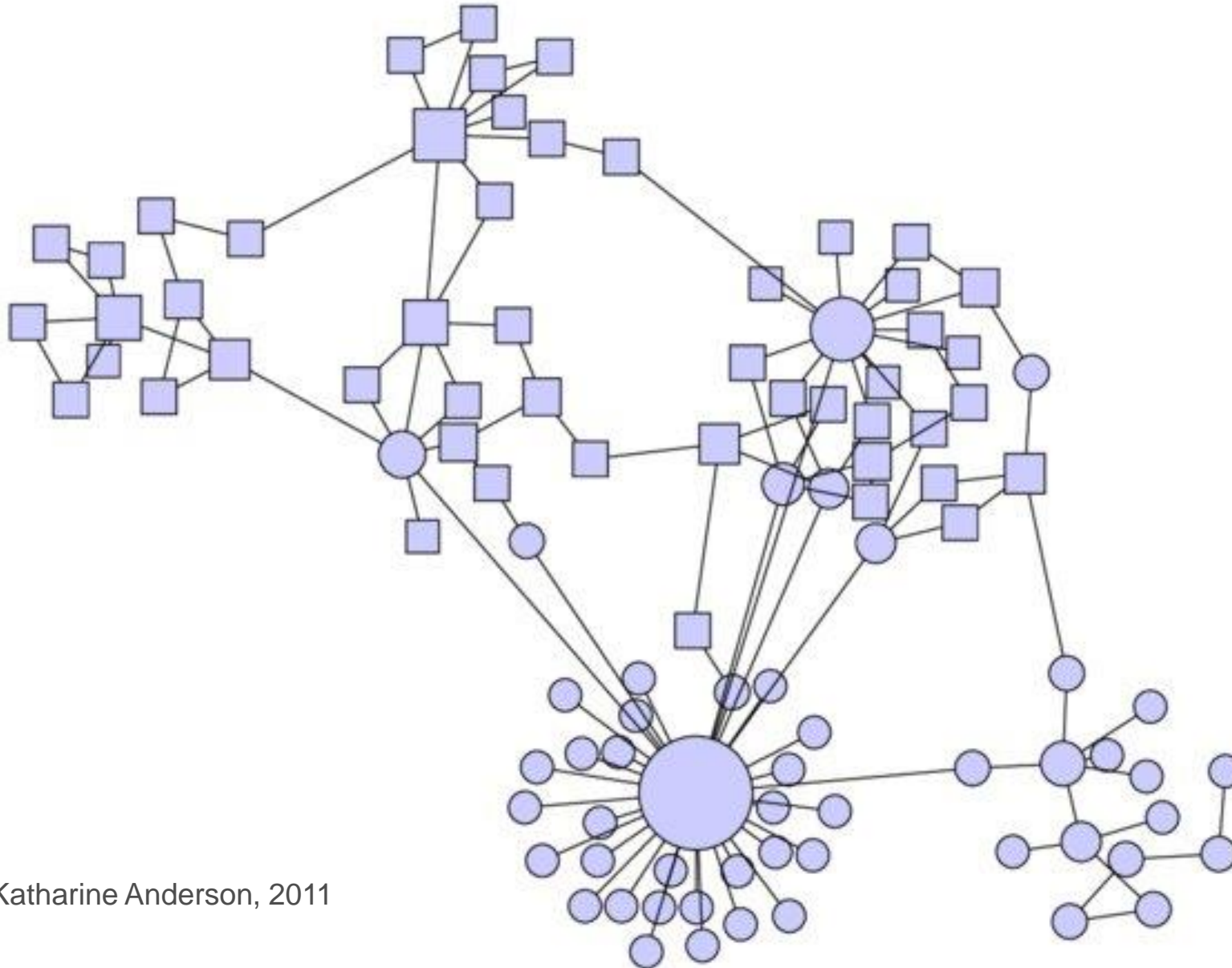
**Focus:** Implementing the GBF is very ambitious and will require excellent international collaboration!



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# Many possible collaboration models...

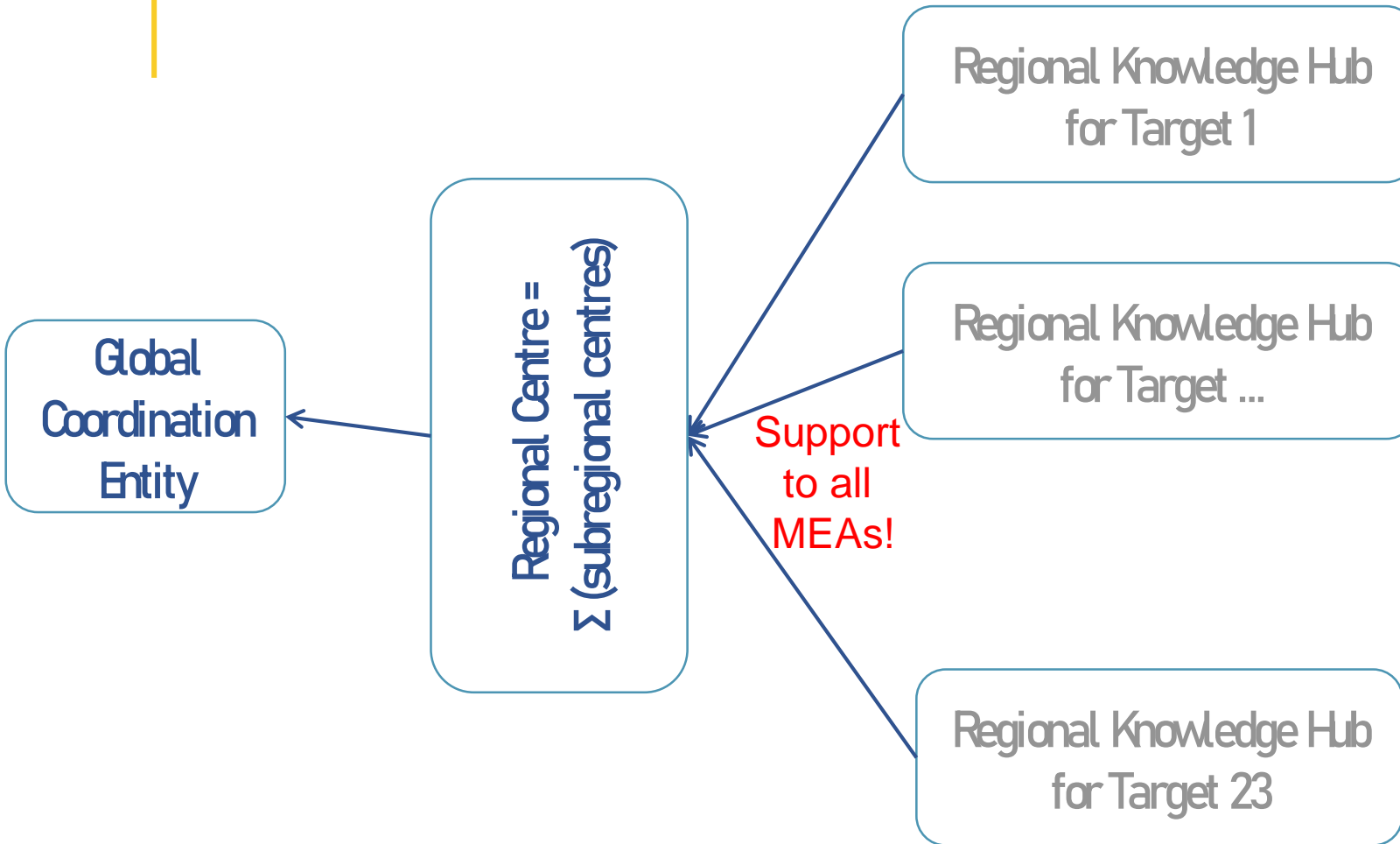


Regional centres are expected to be appointed this summer!

New **partnerships**, collaboration agreements, etc. will be needed

Different **governance** and **collaboration** models are possible

# Grègoire's proposed option...



23 knowledge hubs (1 per target)?

To be hosted in different countries, following a call for expression of interest?

Partly sponsored by the EU? (DG ENV, DG REGIO, DG NEAR = European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiation)

Knowledge hubs to be identified and selected following a call for expression of interest during 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024

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## Core functions of the regional and/or subregional centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism

In accordance with [decision 15/8](#), paragraph 26, the core functions of the regional and/or subregional centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism are the following:

(a) To promote and facilitate, on a demand-driven basis, technical and [scientific cooperation and technology transfer among Parties](#), especially from developed country Parties to developing country Parties, to support the implementation of the Convention and of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through joint research programmes and joint ventures for the development of technologies relevant to the objectives of the Convention;

Unique opportunity to

- enhance and strengthen **existing networks**;
- streamline and align **reporting processes**;
- **fill gaps** where needed;
- take national and subregional **specificities** into account.

**It is up to us to make it useful!**

# Regional technical and scientific cooperation support centre

## Key goal:

- Technical assistance to Parties
- Promote scientific cooperation

## Mandate:

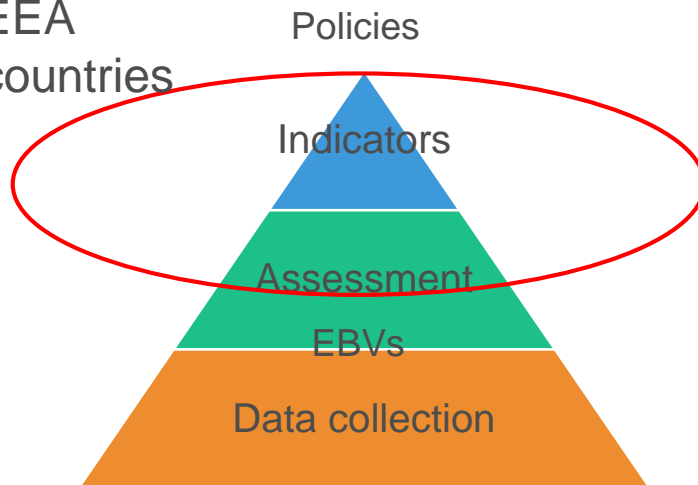
- International commitments under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity

## Lines of work:

- Collection of tools and good practices
- Capacity building and networking

## Scope:

- EEA countries



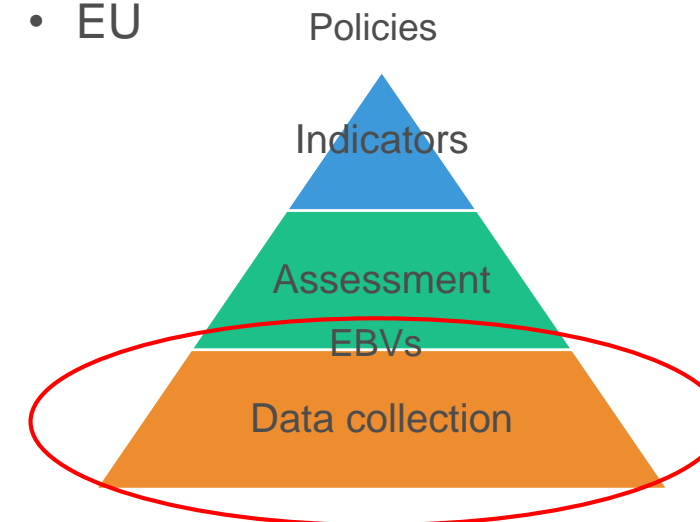
# EU Biodiversity Observation Centre

- Data collection, mobilization, integration and sharing

- EU legally and non-legally binding policies

- Harmonisation and/or interoperability of existing data flows
- Design of new sampling

- EU





# Thank you!

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