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A Single Access Point to high-throughput biodiversity monitoring, biodiversity data, and biodiversity analyses for better conservation across Europe.

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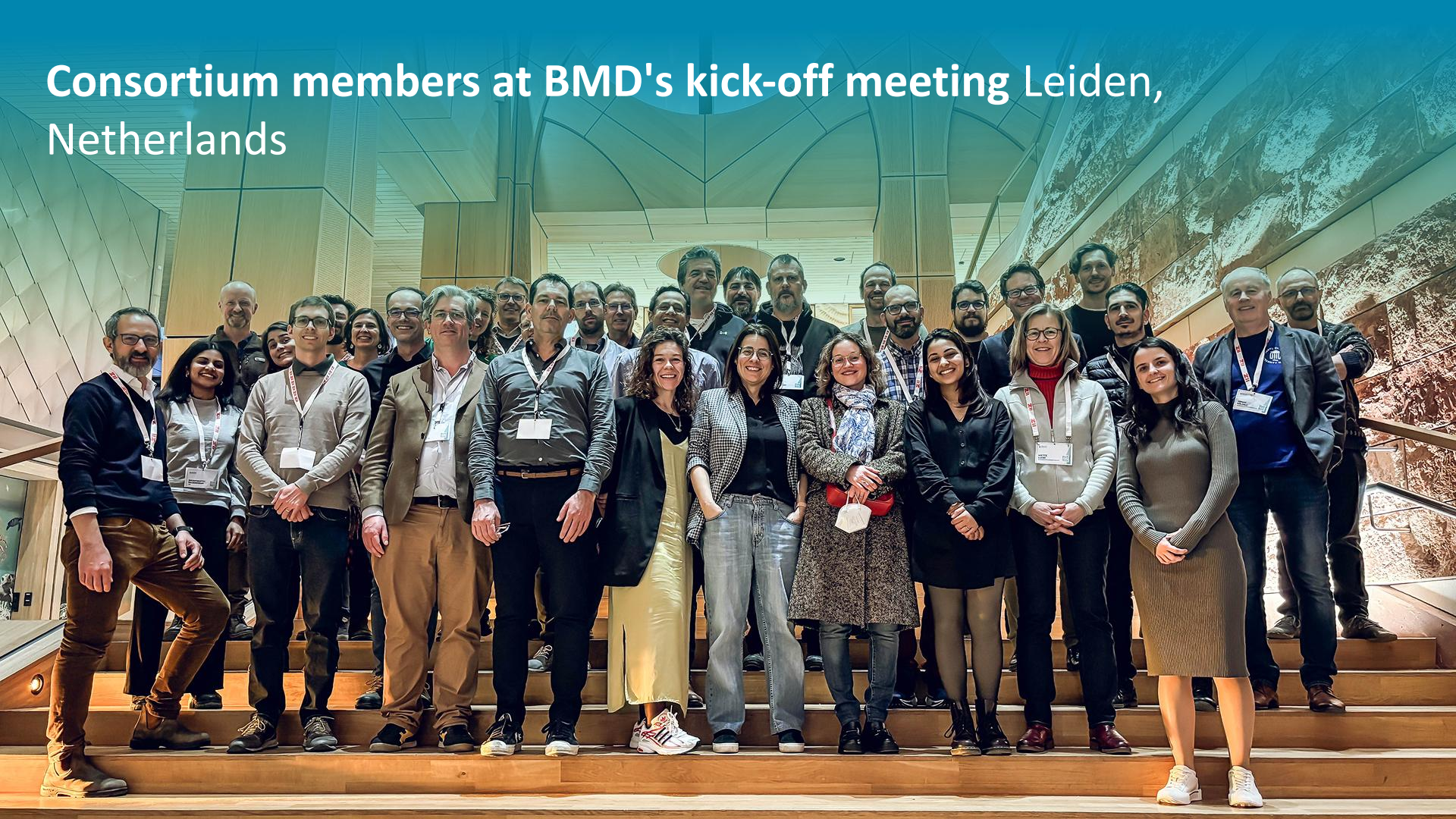

Consortium members at BMD's kick-off meeting Leiden, Netherlands

Partners

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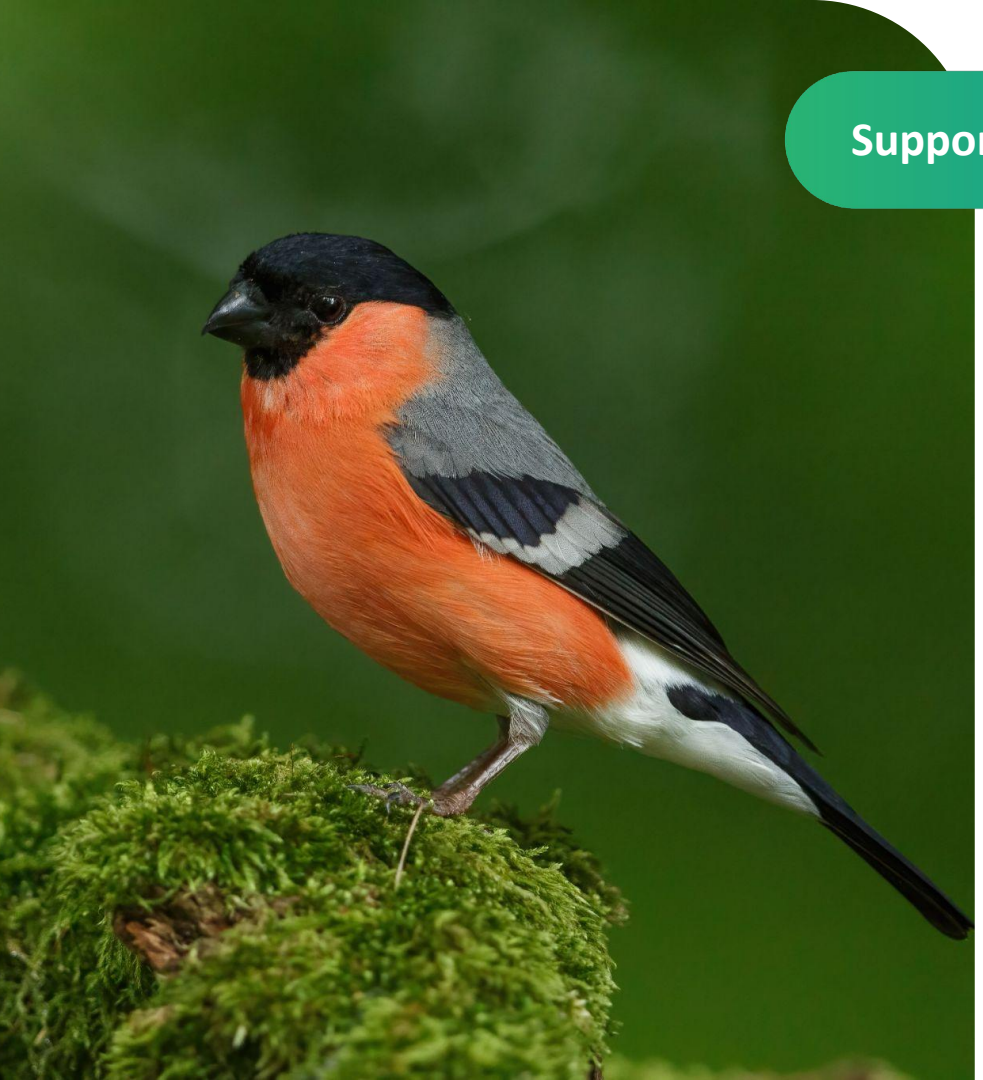
Represented Biodiversity RIs and Projects through BMD partners

Contributions



Supporting the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030:

- **Plan, manage and expand** protected areas and **improve the conservation status** of species and habitats based on up-to-date knowledge and solutions.

- **Understand and address drivers of biodiversity decline,** mainstream biodiversity, ecosystem services, including through the development of nature-based solutions.

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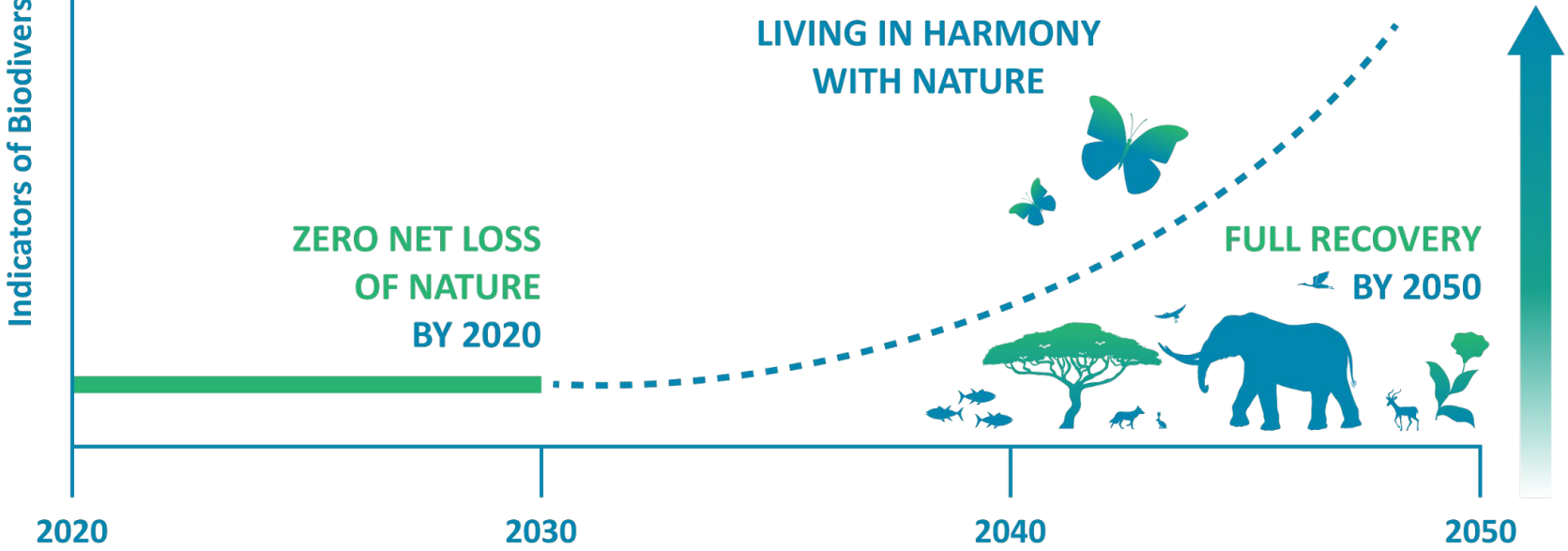
Figure 23: Nature Positive by 2030

A measurable global goal for nature.
Source: Locke et. al (2021).



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Expected outcomes

- **Better monitoring** of biodiversity in the EU by high-throughput methods leading to a better implementation of the Nature Directives.

- **Better understanding** of the state of nature and of the drivers of biodiversity loss, a better usage of existing data.

- **More complete view** of the state of nature and its evolution.

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Objectives

1. **Enable resource managers** with high-throughput AI-driven biodiversity monitoring.
2. **Support FAIR sharing** of legacy biodiversity data.
3. **Create a data catalogue** for unified access to relevant datasets.
4. **Build a pipeline** to harmonise spatio-temporal and taxonomic data.
5. **Co-design Virtual Research Environments** with stakeholders.
6. **Co-design Single Access Point** with stakeholders.
7. **Develop extensive training** and capacity building material.

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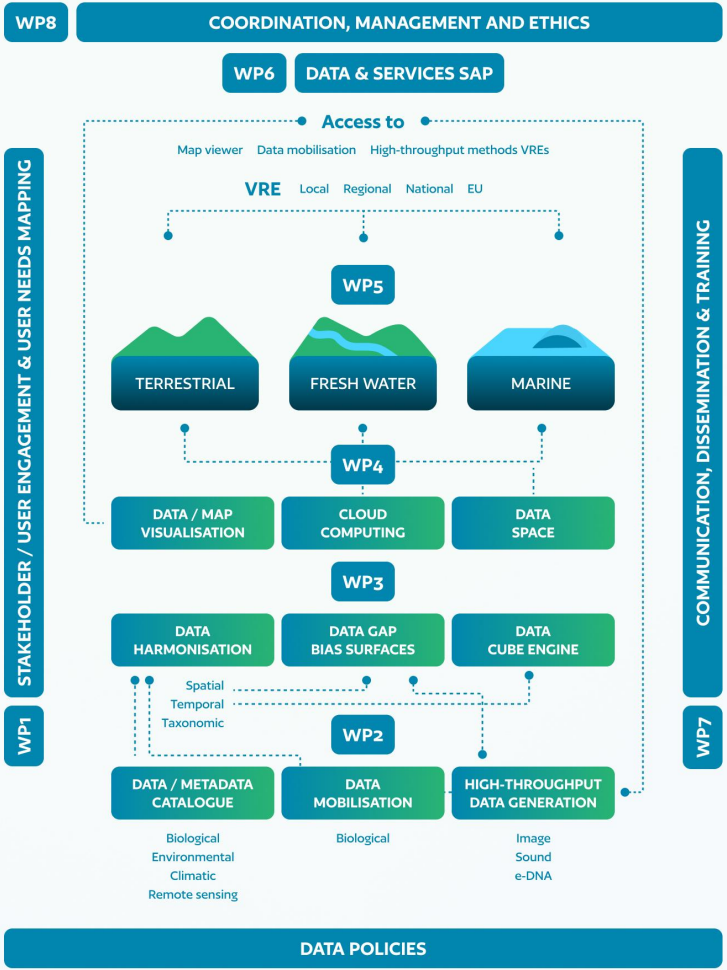
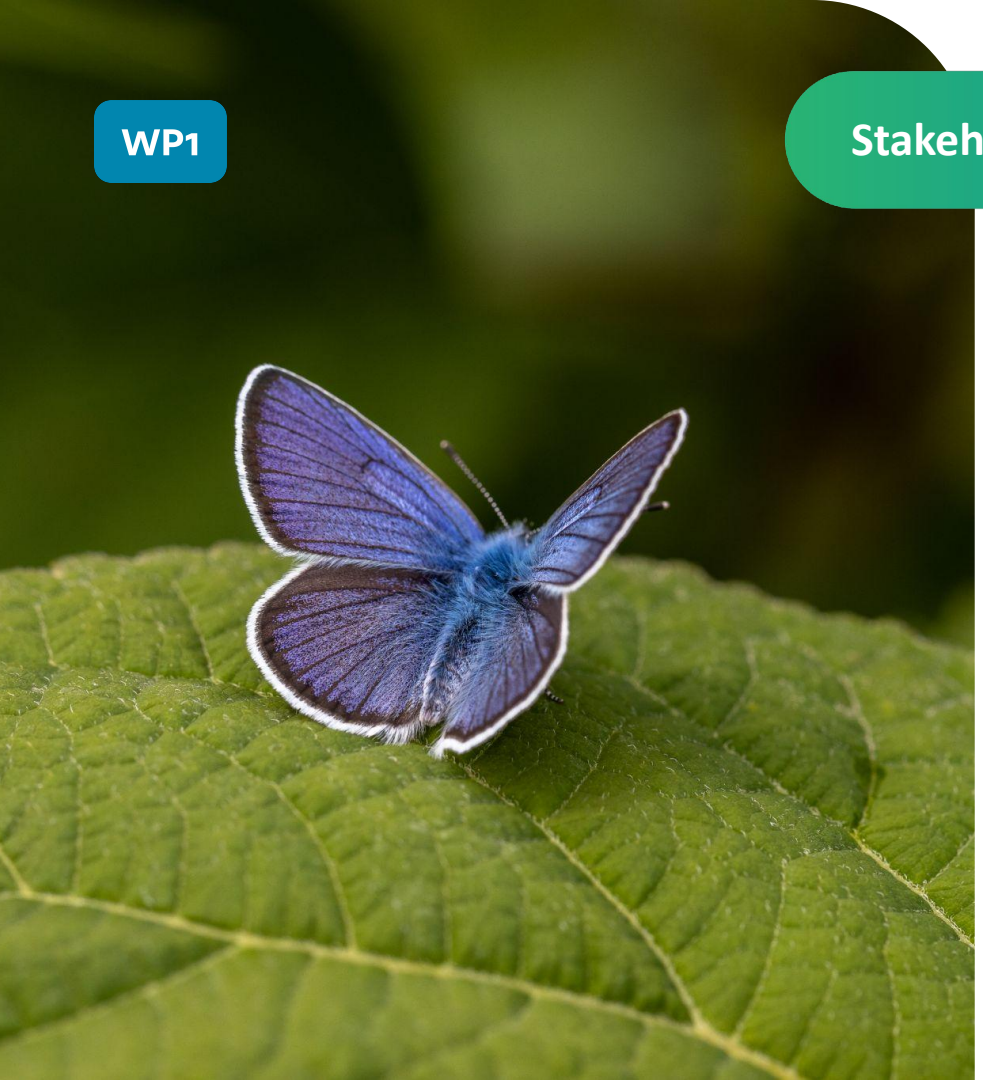
Work Package structure

BMD WP structure





WP1

Stakeholder engagement & user needs mapping

Managers of natural resource sites responsible for site-level biodiversity conservation.

Government agencies responsible for reporting under the Nature Directives.

Policymakers in the EU Green Deal, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, and EU Nature Restoration Law.

Private sector with obligations under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive.

Academia in natural and life sciences.

Society at large interested in biodiversity and nature conservation.

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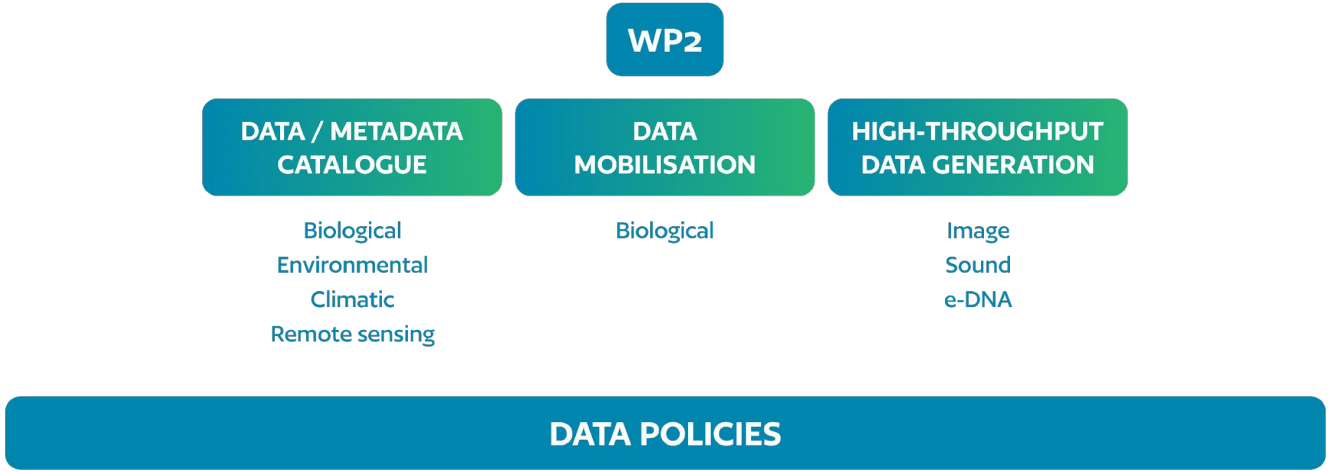
Data access, mobilisation & capture

Providing stakeholders access to high-throughput image and sound capture methods for eDNA sampling and AI-based species identification.



Biodiversity Genomics Europe

MAMBO
MODERN APPROACHES TO THE MONITORING OF BIODIVERSITY

ARISE
arise-biodiversity.nl

SIB
Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics

Data harmonisation

Harmonising biodiversity data through data cubes, taxonomic integration, and spatial-temporal analysis to enhance access, identify gaps, and inform policy.

Meise Botanic Garden

Catalogue of Life

DNAqua-Net

BIODIVERSITY BUILDING BLOCKS FOR POLICY

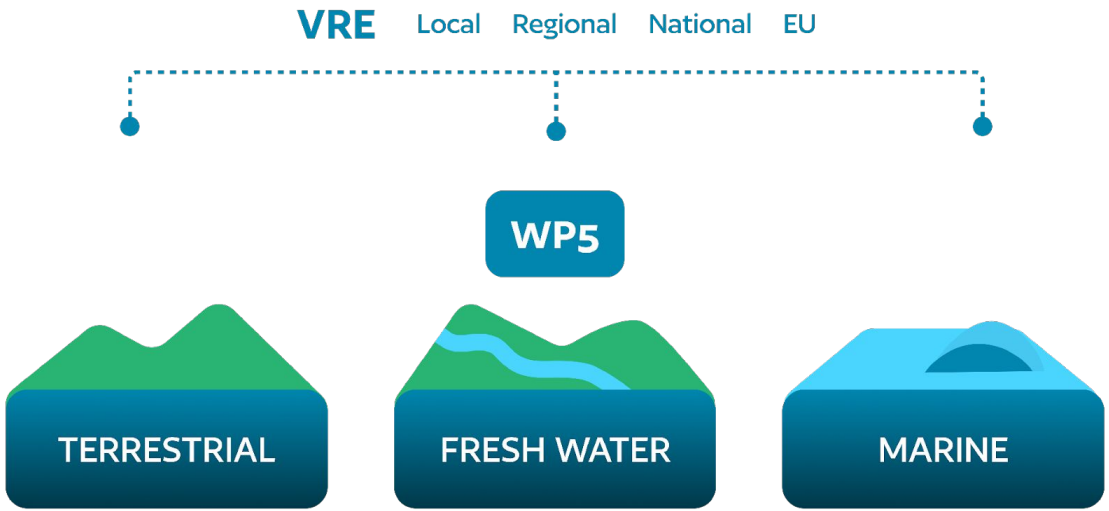
Data storage, visualisation & computing

Creating a FAIR-aligned Data Space for on-demand storage, computing,
and visualisation of harmonised biodiversity data via scalable cloud and geospatial tools.

Naturalis Biodiversity Center
LifeWatch ERIC
SENCKENBERG world of biodiversity
UFZ HELMHOLTZ Centre for Environmental Research
BIODT biodiversitydigitaltwin

Virtual Research Environments

Co-designed with stakeholders, these on-demand tools enable analysis of biodiversity trends, drivers, and impacts across all realms to support targeted action and policy.



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Virtual Research Environments

WP5

Covers the three realms and all spatial scales

Users define their own analyses

Natura 2000 designation reports

National checklists

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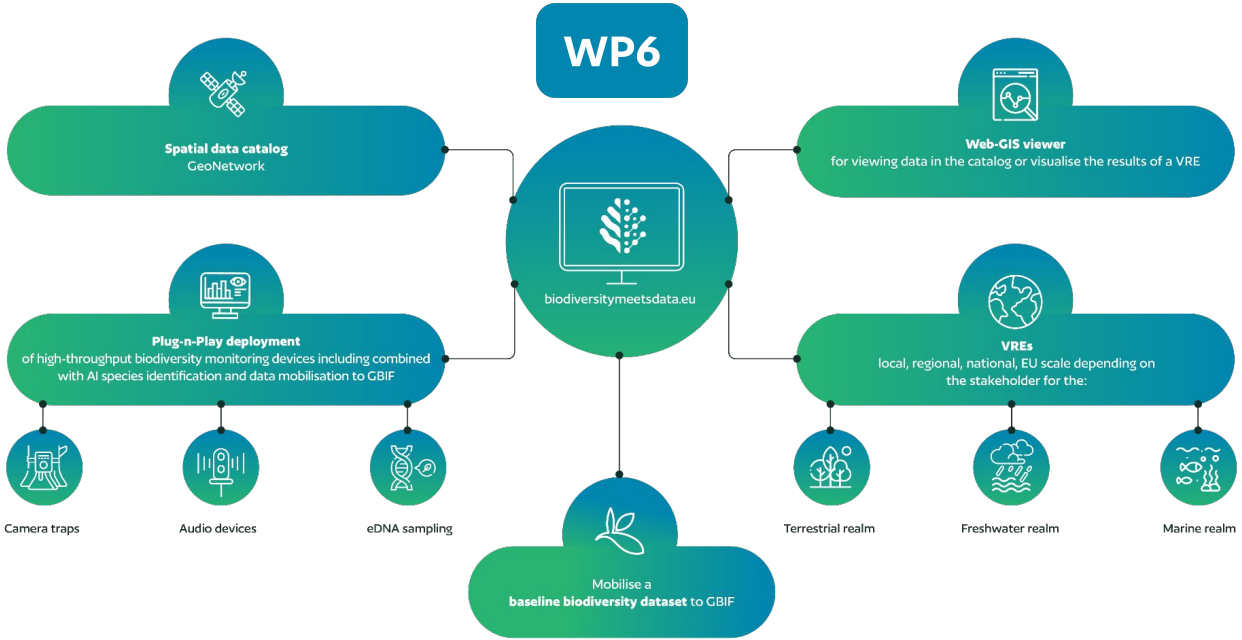
Single Access Point

A co-designed platform providing high-throughput monitoring tools, legacy dataset publishing, configurable research environments, and a web-GIS viewer for visualising aggregated biodiversity data.



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Communication, Dissemination & Training

WP7

Stakeholder engagement through ethical, inclusive collaboration to shape the Single Access Point for real-world needs.

Trainings for site managers, policymakers, and researchers to build skills in using the SAP and other tools.

Get involved!

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Key Performance Indicators

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Deploy monitoring devices

Facilitate stakeholder enrolments

Mobilise and disseminate new datasets

Create a catalogue with relevant data

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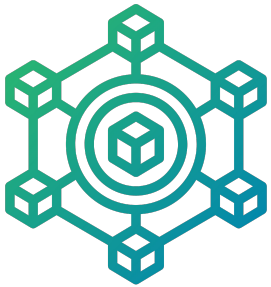
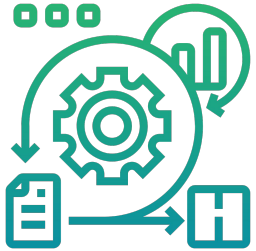


Setup biodiversity data cubes

Co-design Virtual Research Environments

Establish a Single Access Point



Develop training products and organise workshops

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