



Potential roles that network partners might (partly) take up in the work of the Network of Networks and the EKLIPSE Mechanism

1. Provision of thematic expertise
Relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in providing the mechanism with their expertise on a specific topic. Examples are diverse and include: Organize a knowledge assessment and its working group on a specific topic; Participate as expert in a knowledge assessment on a specific topic; Knowledge generation on a specific topic / filling of knowledge gaps; Experience in question formulation.
2. Provision of methodological expertise
Relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in providing the mechanism with their expertise on relevant method(s) for synthesizing knowledge. Examples are diverse and include: identification of tailored methods; Tools for data analysis, homogenisation (common standards, integration) methodological approaches and translation (e.g. visualisation tools).
3. Knowledge hub
Relevant institutions and networks could potentially play a role in communicating the needs and outputs of the Mechanism to their communities. Examples are diverse and include: Contacts with knowledge holders/ stakeholders/network/institutions across biogeographical regions and topics (including marine)
4. Management support
All relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in taking over the roles of the core team in the mechanism
5. Data information provision
Relevant institutions and networks could potentially play a role in providing the mechanism with data and baseline information. Examples are diverse and include: Shaping/mobilising European-level open-source data/biodiversity information/knowledge management; identification of and the linkage with existing data/information providers.

6. Tools and infrastructure provision
Relevant institutions and networks could potentially play a role in providing relevant tools and infrastructures needed to fulfil some mechanism activities. Examples are diverse and include: Provision of infrastructure (e.g. to test new methods); Carrying out an e-consultations or workshops to identify research gaps in a specific field; identification of and the linkage with existing tools and infrastructure; Tools for data analysis, homogenization (common standards, integration); methodological approaches and translation (e.g. visualization tools)
7. Capacity building
Relevant institutions and networks could potentially play a role in supporting the capacity building on engagement into the mechanism. Examples are diverse and include: Linkage with early career scientists; Linkage with ecological knowledge; Expertise/training on EU policy; Expertise/training on SPI Expertise/training on Topical, policy relevant issue.
8. Communication support
Relevant institutions and networks could potentially play a role in broadcasting results and other relevant news from the mechanism to a broader community or relating input from their networks and experiences with the work of the mechanism. Examples will be diverse and include: Dissemination of knowledge; Promotion, dissemination, awareness of the Mechanism; Web-platform creation or support/management; Customized communication for target groups
9. Society and policy interface
Relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in supporting the mechanism with specific activities by bringing in relevant processes and ideas gained from their experience at the society and policy interface. Example are diverse and include: Knowledge brokering (Matching offer and demand); Provide forums where society, researchers and policy makers can discuss, prioritize and identify issues linked to a defined societal/biodiversity governance question
10. Think tank role
Relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in bringing external ideas to improve the mechanism or how to take forward any of the topics it addresses or translate outputs into new business opportunities.
11. Foresight role
Relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in translating emerging issues into policy or research needs. Examples will be diverse and include: Organising horizon scanning exercises with stakeholders; Translating emerging issues identified by the scientific community into policy needs; Translating emerging issues identified by the policy into research needs.
12. Evaluation of the work of the mechanism
Relevant individuals, institutions and networks could potentially play a role in evaluating the work of the platform. For example, they could facilitate a continuous learning process or facilitate critical and constructive evaluation.