



Knowledge & Learning Mechanism
on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services

Developing a mechanism
for supporting better
decisions on our
environment
based on the best
available knowledge.

Selecting the KCB

1) Selection criteria

All Members should have basic understanding of knowledge synthesis processes and have had experience in dealing with policy or other decision makers. The first KCB will be composed approximately of 50% members of the EKLIPSE project management team, and 50% of members from institutions outside of EKLIPSE consortium. The KCB will be composed of approximately 10 members.

Criteria A:

- Has time available to actually work on EKLIPSE, i.e. accompany EWGs

Criteria B:

- Demonstrated expertise covering one or more of the following: coordinating knowledge, synthesis processes, engagement in international science-policy processes; leading foresight, initiatives; network coordination; business plan development; managing societal engagement in science; expert mobilisation and selection processes; ethics and management of conflict of interests; knowledge exchange.
- Experience with biodiversity and ecosystem services and/or sustainable development as well as European environmental policy.

Criteria C:

- Experience with other international SPIs.
- Well networked.
- Outgoing, communicative.

Criteria D: The overall group should be balanced in terms of

- Gender.

- Geography.
- Disciplines.

2) Pre-screening committee

Project members of the KCB to pre-screen external members:

- Eeva Furman for WP6, Hilde Eggermont for WP4 (no scores provided), Isabel Sousa Pinto for WP5 (no scores provided), Barbara Livoreil and Heidi Wittmer for WP3

The pre-screening committee started by grading each candidate according the selection criteria (see section 1). During a Skype meeting on October 11th, they discussed the different grading and an overall score was attributed to each candidate together with a summary of all agreed comments on the candidate (See table 1 in document SAB01-03). Please note that all comments in this file are confidential.

3) Important dimensions to take into account for the group dynamic and the functioning of KCB as a whole

During the pre-screening procedure, the committee extended the selection criteria, when discussing the functioning of the KCB as a group. They therefore highlighted seven essential dimensions for the KCB as a whole to work efficiently. Those seven dimensions are:

- Ability to accompany a request process (WP3)
- Experience on foresight processes, horizon scanning (WP4)
- Extended and complementary networks (WP5)
- Experience of working with stakeholders (WP6)
- A range of disciplines
- Geographic balance
- Policy experience.

For each candidate, they indicated relevant information related to the dimensions concerned for the candidate (See table 2 in SAB01-03).

4) Timelines

- Extension of time for nominations until Sept 30th:
- Pre-screening skype meeting – Tuesday 11th October, 13.00CET
- Ensuring that any communication with the Secretariat is recorded and addressed efficiently.

Deadline to announce the final selection KCB: Week starting 24th October, 2016

5) Further process: final selection by the SAB on Oct 21st

The Strategic Advisory Board, based on the pre-selection, makes the final selection of KCB members to ensure the KCB represents the full disciplinary spectrum required, different geographical areas of the EU and gender balance.

The SAB reviews the eligible candidates again, taking into account the recommendations of the KCB, but pays specific attention to the issue of the group dynamic and complementarity of the members within the group to allow the future KCB to:

- Properly address the expected tasks at hands and the challenges those tasks will bring;
- Support efficiently and in a timely manner the establishment of EKLIPSE as a valuable mechanism.

In addition to time availability, the important criteria to be considered by the SAB while selecting the KCB would be the seven dimensions identified by the pre-screening committee (see section 3).