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How can we use the outcome from EPBRS?



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Aims for the work in the breakout groups:

- Prepare scientific advice to policy makers on principles for biodiversity targets
- Identify research needs



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Funding organisations

- On national level, and
- EU level

As well as the scientists at the university or research institute



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National funding

The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas) finance research that should contribute to the sustainable development of the society

“This means that the following are taken into consideration:

- human and animal health and welfare
- biodiversity
- the environment
- the productivity of ecosystems
- economics and ethics
- social and cultural values”



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National funding

“Bottom up calls” = annual open calls for research projects, positions for PhD students, post docs, assistant professors within the area of Formas responsibilities

“Top down calls” = “strategic” or problem oriented calls for research projects within specific areas



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National funding

“Bottom up calls” - EPBRS strategy can be used to justify the benefit for society

“Top down calls” – EPBRS strategy can be used in the formulation of the call text



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EU funding

“Top down calls” – EPBRS strategy can be used in the formulation of the call text



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What do they need?

The research strategies should be:

- Relevant for several years
- Useful in different geographic scales (national, European, international)
- Information regarding the applicability of the research for e.g. policy makers
- Needs on an aggregated level - not too detailed
- Avoid “improve knowledge on” – we need to go further: quantify, understand, analyse and synthesize
- Solid argumentation, including scientific evidence and references for the suggestions



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Scientist

Applying for money whenever possible

or

Strategic planning of research including establishing strategic networks and pre-preparation of applications (ideas)



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- Relevant for several years
- Useful in different geographic scales (national, European, international)
- Can be very detailed
- Avoid “improve knowledge on” – we need to go further: quantify, understand, analyse and synthesize



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Good luck with your work!

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EPBRS meeting in Visby 2009