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Towards a future Network of Knowledge  
on biodiversity and ecosystem services in Europe*  
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## **Minutes from the participatory exercise – Part I on the request:**

“Ecosystem restoration: How to balance the goals of service provision and nature conservation in restoration efforts across European ecosystems?”

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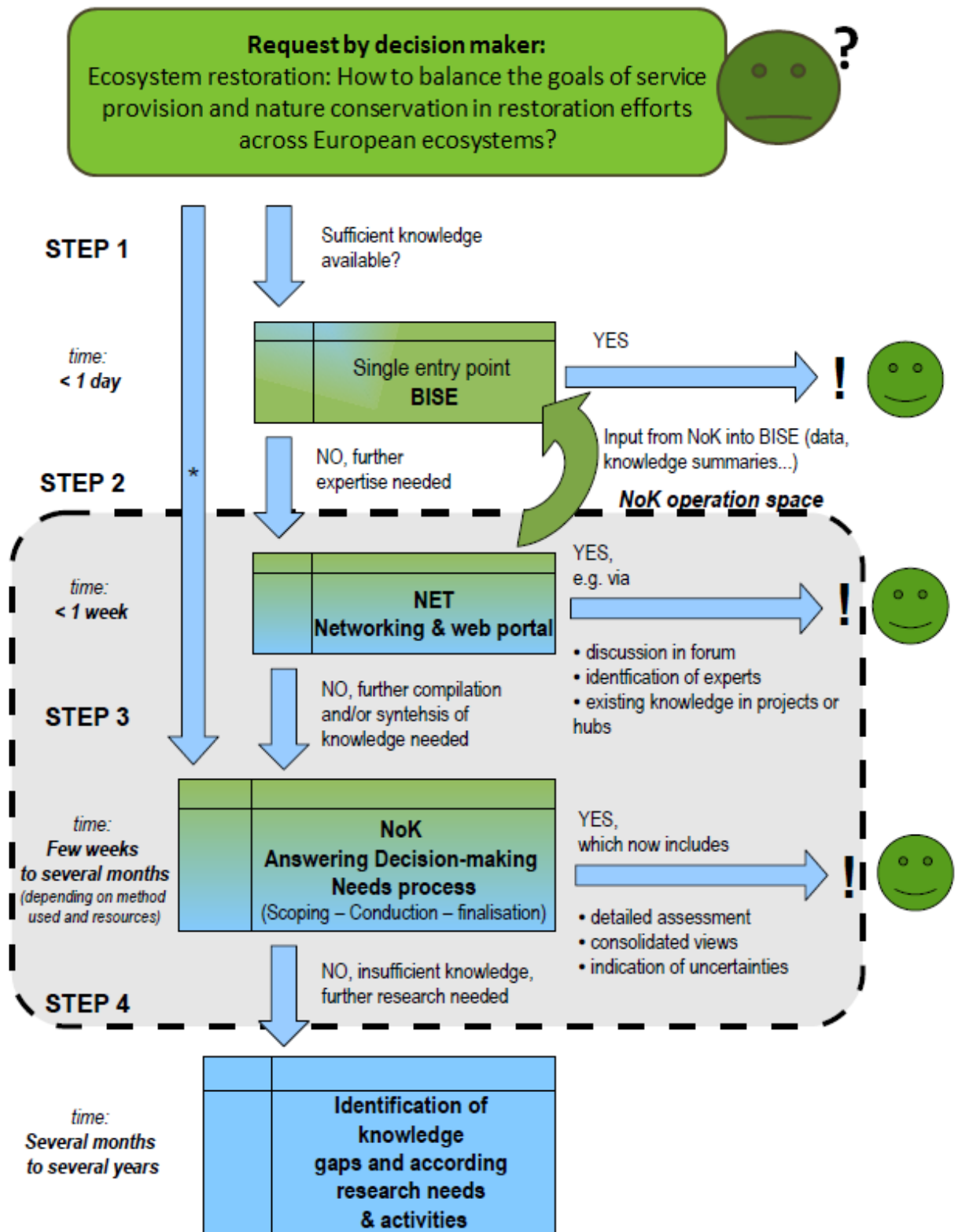
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*Requester:*

The aim of the exercise was to make the participants understand the NoK approach (and its challenges) through an example of a potential request, in this case on ecosystem restoration. The stepwise approach of the NoK is outlined in the flowchart below and was explained to the participants before the exercise. The results of this participatory exercise were not meant to completely cover the work needed by the KCB to address the request, but it was meant to give all participants a joint understanding of how the NoK is supposed to operate and which challenges it faces.

Getting a grip on the NoK processes is indeed not so easy, as it mixes needs from decision-making, knowledge from science and other knowledge holders, and procedural knowledge and requires a complex process to balance credibility, relevance and legitimacy.

# The stepwise approach for tackling a request in the Network of Knowledge (NoK)



Example of request:

**Ecosystem restoration: How to balance the goals of service provision and nature conservation in restoration efforts across European ecosystems?**

General discussion:

- Request need to be refined on e.g. the scale, a specific service. To refine the request, participants decided to imagine the case where a nature management organisation would like to flood some lands. What would be the consequences for some services like water quality, recreational services and what would be the consequences on biodiversity?

	Who has to act?	What is needed?	Problems faced?	Solutions
<b>Step 1</b>	<p><b>KCB</b> In interaction with <b>Requester</b> <b>Secretariat</b> <b>Expert Group</b></p>	<p>2 alternatives, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge is already archived in NoK or BISE</li> <li>- Need to settle an Expert Group</li> <li>- searching for sources of knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ communicate what options might be → depend on what is there</li> <li>▪ access to relevant Knowledge → explore interaction with Research Gate and other solutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretariat should be involved for sorting/filtering and identification. for suggestion of experts</li> <li>- Secretariat and KCB to discuss question</li> <li>- Database of case studies/ B. practices for other knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Step 2</b>	<p><b>2 options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>KCB</b> = permanent group of experts from different disciplines</li> <li>- <b>KCB</b> = temporary group</li> </ul> <p><b>Expert Group</b> <b>Secretariat</b> <b>Requester</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dialogue with requester and the experts in the field of knowledge (e.g. scientists, water managers, conservation practitioners, landowners, historians, geographers, etc...)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KCB should not be a private club</li> <li>- KCB need to know the hubs to identify experts= Nodes of Knowledge</li> <li>- Building the Knowledge of existing network</li> </ul>	<p>KCB = possibility to have this as advisory board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ research</li> <li>→ policy</li> <li>→ conservation site management</li> </ul>
<b>Step 3</b>	<p>Dialogue between <b>experts</b> and <b>requesters</b> → product</p>	<p>Scoping process to go into step 3 Quality of product will</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who will pay?</li> <li>- ensure the options “quality” where uncertainties are clearly stated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore with requesters all angles (social, conflict) but stay in the limits of research</li> <li>- Do not take position</li> </ul>

<b>Step 3</b>		depend on (among other): - cost/timeframe - feasibility and ethics	- How do we evaluate our experts and processes	
<b>Step 4</b>	Depending if NoK has a clear role/interaction with JPI to impact research funding = Clear end point		- Reflect on motivation of requesters → urgency of requester need → step 1 - Incentives to engage experts + K holders → step 1	-