



ECA-NETWORK

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH
IPBES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL**

WHAT?

- Network of National Platforms engaging in IPBES

i.e.: linking national platforms working on IPBES-related issues in Europe and Central Asia

⇒ **9 MEMBERS:**

Belgium

Denmark

Finland

France

Germany

The Netherlands

Portugal

Switzerland

The United Kingdom

WHO?

- 9 National Platforms engaging in IPBES
- Different Platform formats reflecting differences in institutional setting / available resources / other national circumstances (history, scope, mandate)
- Common Features: their rooting in biodiversity research or biodiversity research administration; their position at the SPI; and their partial or total dedication to IPBES

WHERE?

- Covering the ECA region
- Exchanges mainly online via the website & the common mailing list
- Physical meetings could be organised in the future

WHY?

⇒ **Common space for sharing:**

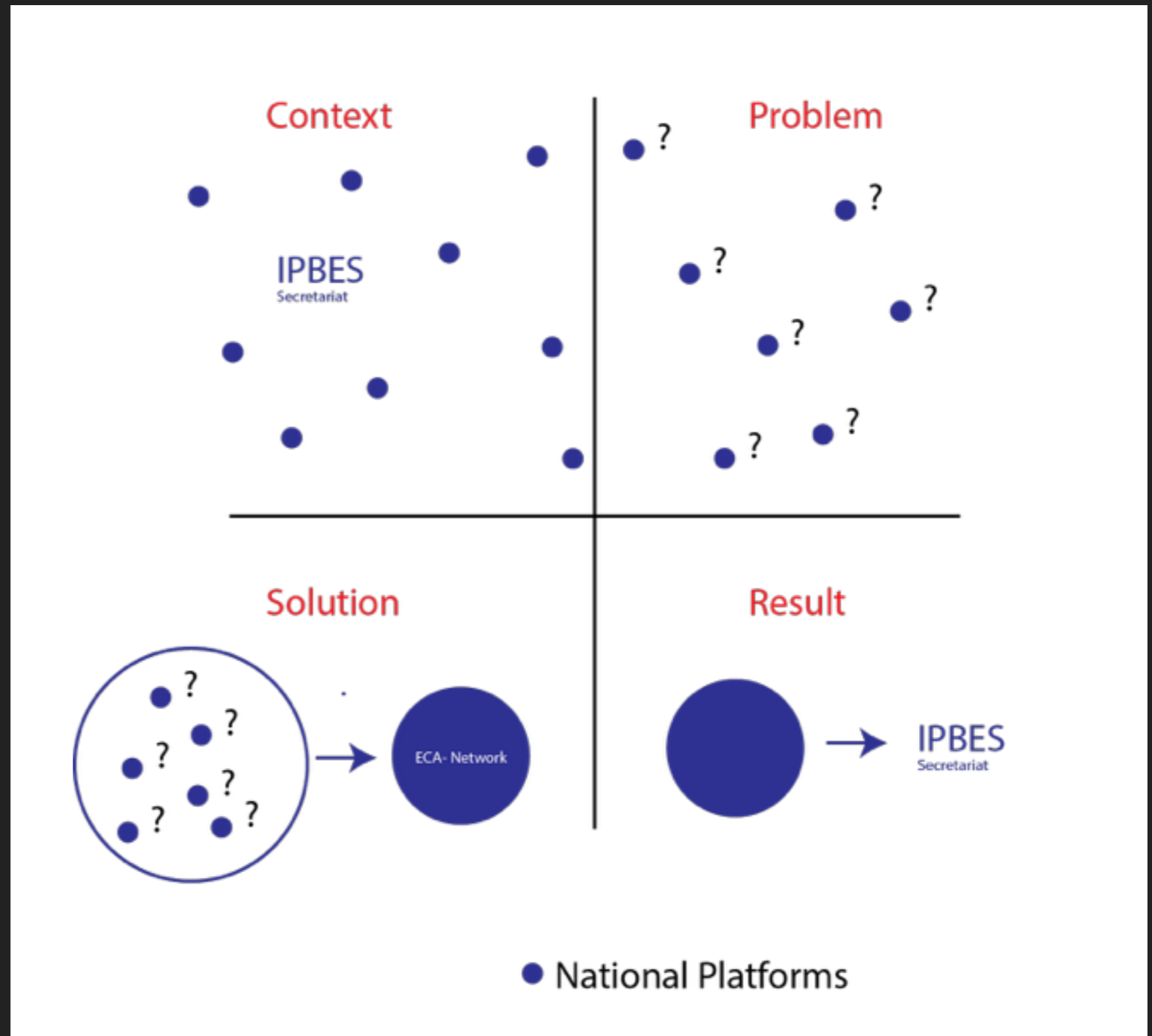
- knowledge / opinions
- lessons learned
- information / dissemination

⇒ Facilitating the ongoing development of a European network working on IPBES issues

WHY

- Stimulating and supporting the establishment of national platforms in interested countries & increase the use of IPBES findings
- Illustrating the organisation of the IPBES landscape on the particular national level
- Supporting capacity building and mutual understanding
- Posting up-to-date information on the IPBES and related national and international processes and events

IDEA



HOW?

www.eca-ipbesnetwork.org

⇒ WEBSITE

- A news section about IPBES-related events
- Information on national platforms members of ECA
- Information on how IPBES stakeholders are organised
- Suggested reading (IPBES publications / national platforms...)

HOW?



ABOUT US

The Europe & Central Asia Network of organisations engaging in IPBES



ABOUT IPBES

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)



NATIONAL PLATFORMS

National Platforms involved in the ECA-Network



NEWS

Latest news about IPBES and biodiversity-related initiatives



STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

Initiatives involving different stakeholders in a variety of countries



SUGGESTED READINGS

Non-exhaustive list of reading materials suggested by the ECA-Network

HOW?

Suggested reading



Valuing Nature's Contribution to People - The IPBES Approach

Current Opinions in Environmental Sustainability 26: 7-16. Pascual et al 2017



Opinion paper by Dr. Brendan Coolsaet, in the context of the 2017 International Day on Biodiversity

NL / De Wereld Morgen

FR / Le Soir



Report of a workshop on IPBES assessments

By the Belgian IPBES Focal Point



IPBES - Brief introduction for scientists, policy-makers, and practitioners

Publication presenting the goals and activities of IPBES - By NeFo and ValuES



Towards solving a key puzzle in the IPBES

Publication presenting progress towards tools and approaches for working with diverse knowledge systems in ecosystem assessments



A guide to IPBES plenary meetings for new observers

Open-Ended Network of IPBES Stakeholders

WHAT SO FAR?

- Helped establish national platforms
- Information sharing on how to organise for calls of IPBES (e.g. recruitment of experts; set-up of reviews; organisation of national workshops etc.)
- Exchange of publications, and info on day-to-day work

WHAT'S NEXT?

- YOU are invited to join us!
- Check the website www.eca-ipbesnetwork.org
- Simply send us an email and we will guide you on how to become a member!