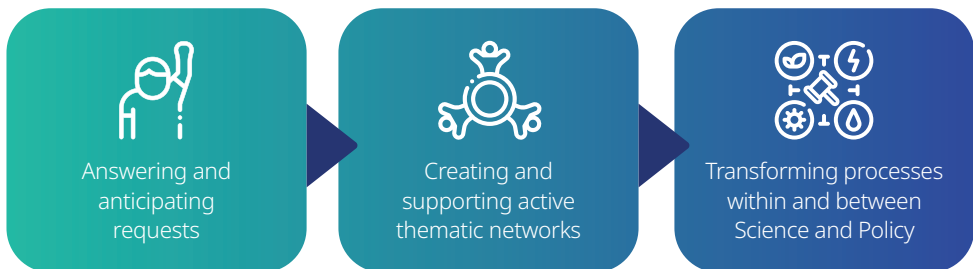




# Protected Areas and Connected Nature Knowledge Exchange Network

- In response to the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, BioAgora will create a fair and functional **Science Service for Biodiversity (SSBD)** by facilitating the science-policy dialogue.
- The SSBD will enable the necessary sustainability transformation in Europe, as called for by the **European Green Deal**.
- The SSBD builds upon existing science-policy interfaces across Europe and beyond to develop **Knowledge Exchange Networks** addressing the most urgent needs identified for the SSBD.
- These Networks are directly related to the 2030 Strategy and thus highlight **real-life actions and existing processes** in different biodiversity management and governance contexts.



BioAgora main functions

## Core activities of the Protected Areas and Connected Nature Knowledge Exchange Network:

- Participates in answering knowledge requests by the European Commission
- Approaches and landscape restoration can be embedded in the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
- Activates the existing network of key institutions, EU projects and experts in the field of protected areas and coherent nature networks
- Facilitates the integration of our state-of-the-art research for EU policies, including the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR) and the Natura 2000 network
- Explores how Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), landscape

To halt the loss of biodiversity, the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 emphasises the creation of a coherent Trans-European Nature Network, linking protected areas through ecological corridors to support nature's recovery. However, the realisation of the 30x30 target (i.e. at least 30% of the land and 30% of the sea should be protected in the EU by 2030, of which 10% strictly protected) will require complementary conservation measures beyond protected areas. These include implementation of OECMs and upscaling of landscape restoration aligned with NRR. Both IPBES and IPCC highlight the need for multifunctional "scape" approaches that embed different landscape values into decision-making to halt and reverse continued land degradation. The Protected Areas and Connected Nature KEN is dedicated to advancing the scape approach, demonstrating that biodiversity recovery and human production and consumption can be effectively reconciled at regional scales.

### Interested in Joining the Protected Areas and Connected Nature KEN?

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