

10th GBIF European Nodes Meeting Preparatory Survey

- 12 questions to EU Node Managers
 - seven on local (Node) activities
 - five on broader (European) activities
- Conducted in April 2018
- Open questions with free text answers
- Report available on GBIF Community Site



Participation

- 14 country participants (out of 22)
- 3 associate participants (CETAF, Naturalis & SP2000)



Preliminary question on attending the meeting

Reasons why the node managers doesn't
come:

- Conflicting meetings, lack of time (also due
to lack of human resources) 3



Q1 : Node status

How established and sustainable is your Node?

Most of the respondent nodes see themselves:

- well established
- sustainable (but depending on future funds)

⇒ sometimes inconsistency between engagement in GBIF and functioning of the node



Q1 : Node Staff

Usually consider understaffed regarding the work which must be done

Lots of part-time and project-based staff



Q2: self-assesment

Yes:

Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg,
Norway

No (not yet?)

Germany, Andorra, Spain, Portugal, Danmark,
naturlais assicuate, PL

Yes but a long long time ago

France



Q3: What are the **main projects** you are working on?

- Data Mobilization/publishing
- New or improvement of portals (most based on ALA)
- Collections
- Citizen science
- Capacity enhancement (training, CESP)
- IAS
- Lots of others : AntaBIF, Annotation, Specific thematic (soil, threaten, genetic, freshwater..) , EU directives, Data Analysis, Data Validation, Checklists, e-learning, indicators, Linnaeus NG software ...



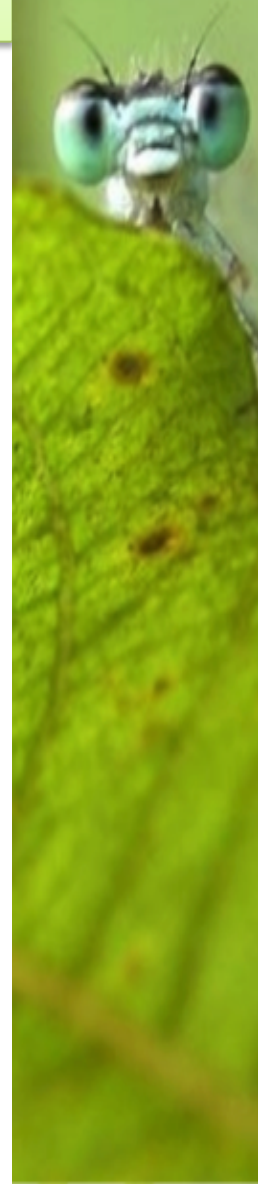
Q4: Strengths & Weaknesses



- **Good networking**
- **Technical process/software**
- **Portal / Living atlases community**
- **Staff**
- Legal entity
- Training/support
- Being thematic node
- Open source development
- Decentralisation
- Governance structure/support
- **Good data coverage**
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- **Lack of resources (funds and/or staff)**
- **Involvement with stakeholders/administrative issues**
- **Time dedicated to GBIF**
- Need for digitization of collections
- Lack of ICT experience
- Communication, improvement of stakeholders



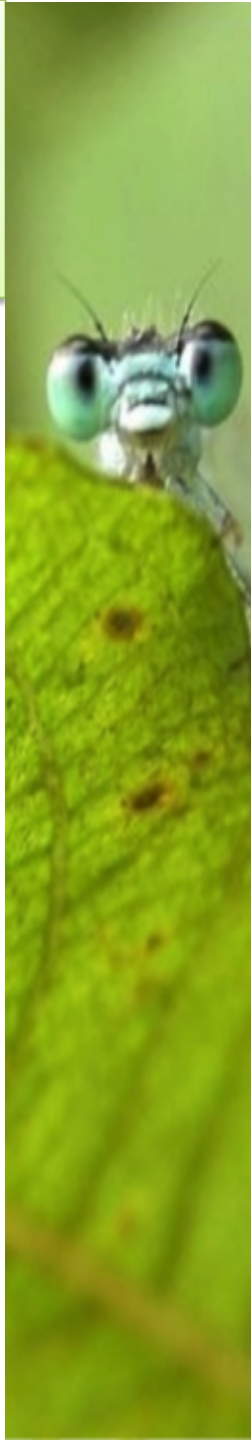
Q5: Opportunities & Threats



- **New or better data portal/RI**
- **GBIF recognition**
- **Data provision/new data types**
- Special interest Networks
- Openness agenda
- Raising of CZ activities
- Links with Lifewatch, agencies for Nature conservation
- Being at heart of Eu (1)



- **Insecure long term funding**
- **Politics**
- **Staff issues** (turn over, short contracts, time dedicated to GBIF)
- Turning observers
- Other initiatives as competitors
- No indicator of DQ in GBIF



Q6: attending **GBIF's Webinars**

All except PT due to overload work

See as really usefull



Q7: For observer: How is your situation regarding the signature of the GBIF MoU?



Q8: What are the **broader projects** you are involved in?

Regional

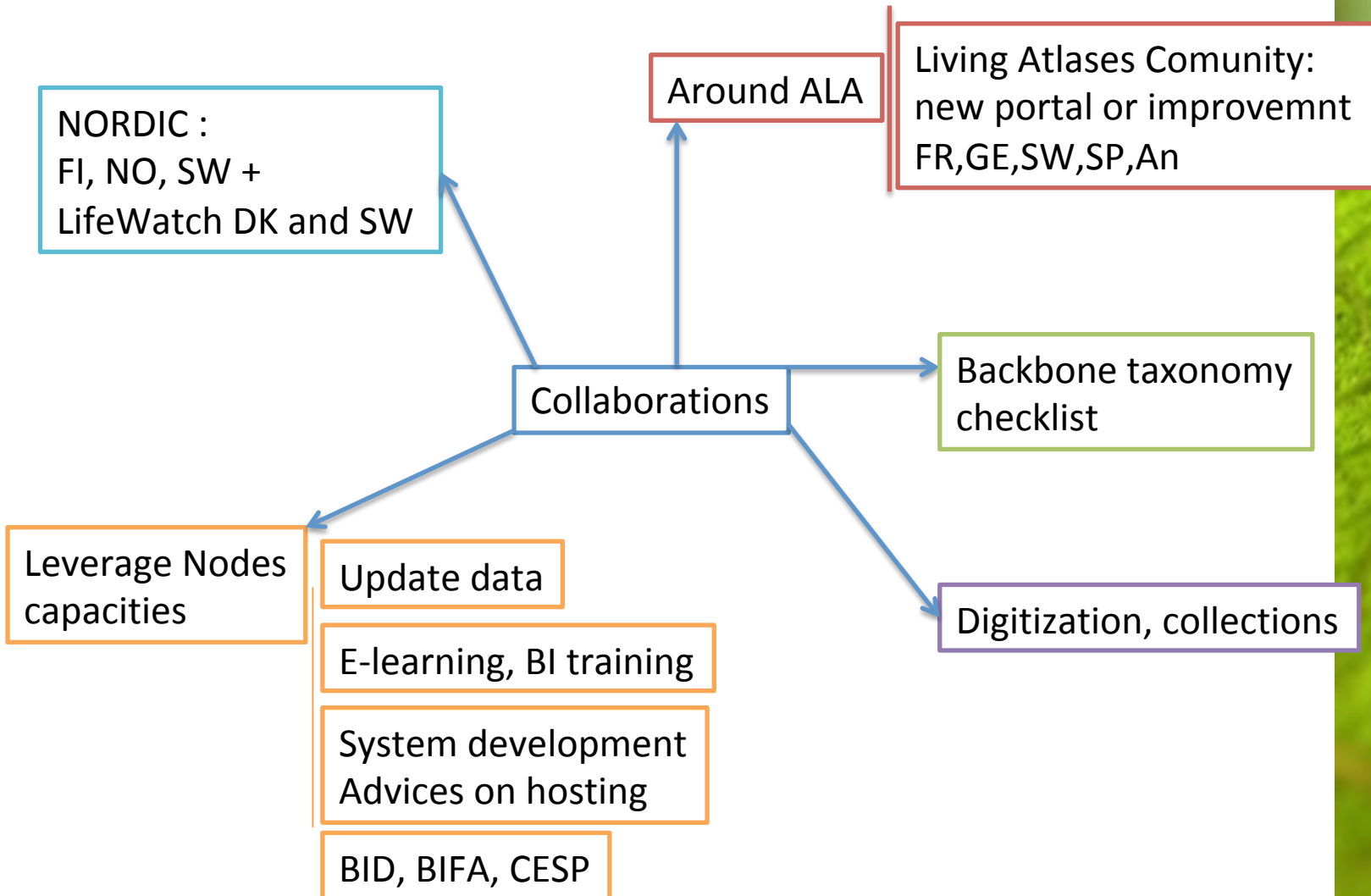
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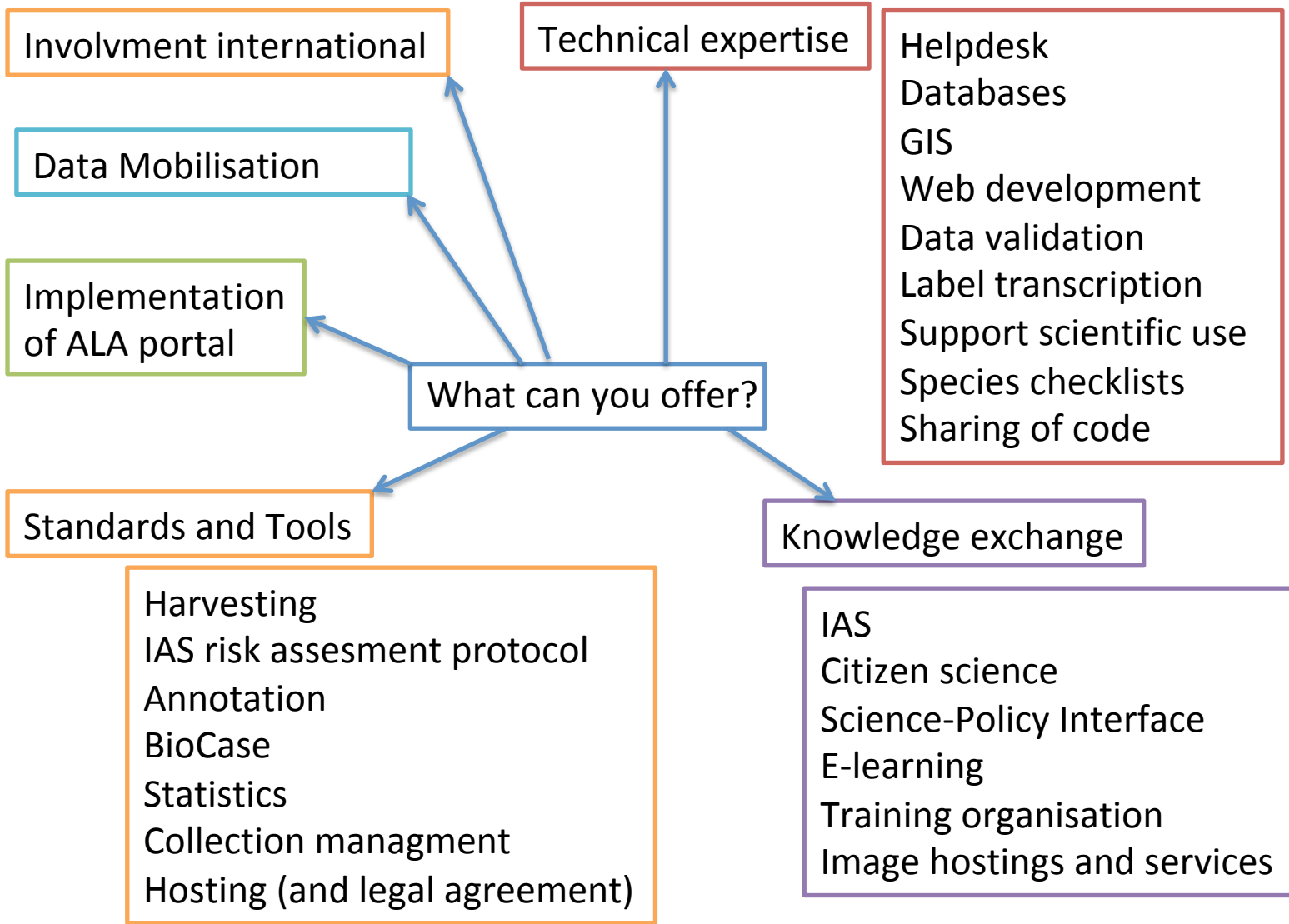
COL+, TDWG, BOLD , FishBase, GEOBON, UNEP/GEO 6 , ABCD 3, GGBN (Global Genome Biodiversity Network), AnnoSys (generic Annotation System), BioCASE Provider Software, World Flora Online, Names registration for algae (Phycobank), JACQ (joint herbarium management system), CESP, UICN, IPBES, RDA, ISTC



Q9: collaborations/interactions with other GBIF Nodes?



Q10: What can you **offer** to other European Nodes?



Q11: What do you expect and/or desire from other European Nodes?

- **Knowledge exchange and Best Practice sharing**
- **Especially on improving Data quality/validation**
- **Common Digit/mobilization initiatives**
- **Joint proposal (H2020...)**
- **Communication between nodes**
- **Thematic areas**
- **Training/BDI/Teaching collaboration**
- **ALA portal dev and community**
- Strategies to connect node activities with DiSSCo, TDWG, RDA...
- Others: time commitment to follow the EU work plan, Translations, MOOC, sharing checklist, user-end, joint initiatives to offer free geographic objects and biological terms, GBIF History and priorities



Q12: What should/could we achieve together in Europe?

- **Project proposal for EU funding**
- **(Joint) Data mobilization** to fill major data gap
- **EU policy relevant data**
- **Links with pan european projects**
- **Engage new countries/support to non gbif**
- **Adoption of common tools/ALA dev**
- **New data types/checklists/ link to other data**
- **EU multilingual portal**
- **Better communication (documents, chat....)**
- **BDI curriculum and teaching collaboration**
- **All EU biodiv workers know GBIF**
- **Increase visibility of node work through GBIF portal**
- **collaborative code development using the GBIF-Europe GitHub**

