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French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity

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of Knowledge Based Bio-Economy
relevant ERA-Nets

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Welcome to PLATFORM

PLATFORM brings together the European Research Area Networks (ERA-Nets) from FP6 and FP7 in the area of the Knowledge Based Bio-Economy (KBBE) with the aim of improving exchange and cooperation and strengthening their contribution to, and impact on, the European Research Area. Experienced ERA-Net coordinators and managers proposed to establish a network that will increase synergies and thus contribute to their effectiveness and impact.

The project will not only benefit the coordinators, but all participants of the ERA-Nets, as well as other KBBE actors in this area, such as the EU Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR), the Joint Programming Initiatives and the Collaborative Working Groups.

The project establishes a networking platform with both a mutual learning and strategic dimension.



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Our aims

- Overarching ambition to unite whilst acknowledging the difference between ERA-Nets
- Strategic collaboration and coordination by thinking beyond the project boundaries towards sustainable mechanisms
- Achieving mutual learning through sharing of experiences
- Encouraging of ERA-Net participants from New Member States to participate in activities
- Establishing a joint ownership of process and deliverables
- Openness to new ERA-Nets and to other policy actors

Our activities

- Dedicated workshops on ERA-Net relevant topics
- Scoping documents on the opportunities for collaboration between ERA-Nets
- Guidance document for ERA-Net implementation
- Vision paper on ERA-Nets in Horizon 2020
- Interlinkage and outreach with other relevant KBBE stakeholders



Networking

to bring together European coordination networks that work in the area of the knowledge based bio-economy



Mutual Learning

to enhance the impact of the activities of the individual networks



Strategic Forum

to prioritize, from the viewpoint of ERA-Nets, coordination needs in life sciences and the knowledge based bio-economy, and to put in place mechanisms for coordination between KBBE actors