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TF3: Business Models, Financial Mechanisms and the Nature-positive Economy

Bi-annual Work Plan

This template was produced by IUCN to facilitate the development of the Task Forces (TFs) bi-annual work plans. These work plans are aimed at providing a structured and forward-looking approach to the work of the specific TFs, to facilitate effective planning and execution of activities towards the contribution to their specific objectives. When developing the work plans, TFs should consider their updated description, overarching objectives and purpose, as well as their previous structure and potential changes to it (e.g. workstreams).

The template provides key questions to consider for developing a work plan, keeping in mind that these are not intended for precise and meticulous responses but rather to guide the TFs members' brainstorming and planning.

The bi-annual work plans of all TFs will be published on the NetworkNature TFs page.

Time frame: February to July 2025

Bi- annual work plan

*Indicate compulsory responses

Priority objectives*

 From the overall TF objectives, which ones will the TF focus on in the next 6 months? The primary objectives of TF3 will remain unchanged, addressed by further work including on the EC expert publication. Furthermore, TF3 will focus on identifying research gaps and potential future funding priorities, as described below.

Integrated policy and regulation change to stimulate investment in NBS:

- Implementing integrated policy and regulatory reforms to enhance investment in nature-based solutions (NBS), including leveraging public funding, fostering private sector participation, and promoting publicprivate partnerships.
- Assessing existing gaps in investment policies and practices, including the absence of financial incentives for

green and nature-based solutions (NBS) investments.

Economic and Entrepreneurial Development:

 Encouraging nature-based entrepreneurship and fostering a nature-positive economy throughout the European Union.

Market Integration and Finance Mobilisation

 Incorporating nature-based solutions (NBS) into market systems and economic planning across different levels.

Implementation*

- How will the TF contribute to the priority objectives within the indicated time frame?
- Will there be any workstreams (Themes) created for this purpose?
 Please specify.

The restructuring of the TF3 has allowed the Taskforce to work efficiently within the themes, gaining more impact especially since they are directly contributing to the EC's expert publication.

TF3 will continue to oversee the functioning of all themes and remain adaptable, allowing for adjustments or reorganization based on the needs.

Addition of new projects in TF3:

 New relevant EU-funded NbS Projects were included in TF3

Products & activities*

- What activities and/or products will the TF develop in the indicated timeframe to contribute to the priority objectives?
- Which is the target audience/ end user of the activity/ies and/or product/s?

The expert publication on 'Accelerating the uptake of Nature-based Solutions in the Nature-Positive Economy'

 Work on the EC expert publication continues with the goal of publishing the EC expert report in Q3 of 2025

The TF3 to continue working, the updates and feedback to be shared/collected in the plenary TF3 Meetings

Webinar series on business models for NbS is being planned currently

The TF3's input into the Cluster 6 work programme 2026/2027:

- Recommendations on research gaps and potential future funding priorities by the TF3 Members
- The recommendations and funding priorities are to be sent in Q1 of 2025

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	Support TF3 Members to prepare for the EC's Work Programme 2025: • The TF3 gives a platform to the TF3 members to start preparing for future calls under Cluster 6 in the work programme 2025
	Include new projects in TF3: • New relevant EU-funded NbS Projects were included in TF3
What measurable outcome/s is the TF aiming to achieve through the abovementioned activities/products?	 Further knowledge and willingness to employ NbS for the nature positive economy through the EC expert publication Influence on future research through the TF3's input on research gaps and potential future funding priorities for the WP2026/2027
• What are the enablers for the delivery of the activities/products (e.g. building on projects' outcomes, events, resources, etc.)?	 TF3 Meetings, using break-out rooms to also allow separate discussion of themes Additional meetings of theme facilitators (specifically for the EC expert report) Additional meetings by the TF3 members to prepare for future calls for work programme 2025 in Cluster 6
Do you foresee any risks/challenges? If so, how can they be overcome?	 A challenge is to stay on time with the EC expert publication and finding the right conference/event to launch the report However, members have been very motivated to contribute and we have supported this with TF3 meetings and sending out information to members, and we will keep an eye on the potential events to launch of the publication