

ESPP – BioRefine workshop, in cooperation with the European Commission  
'Nutrient data monitoring to support decision making'

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Session 'Institutional nutrients monitoring and how nutrients data "could" feed current indicators'

# Nutrient data, a crucial input to environmental assessments

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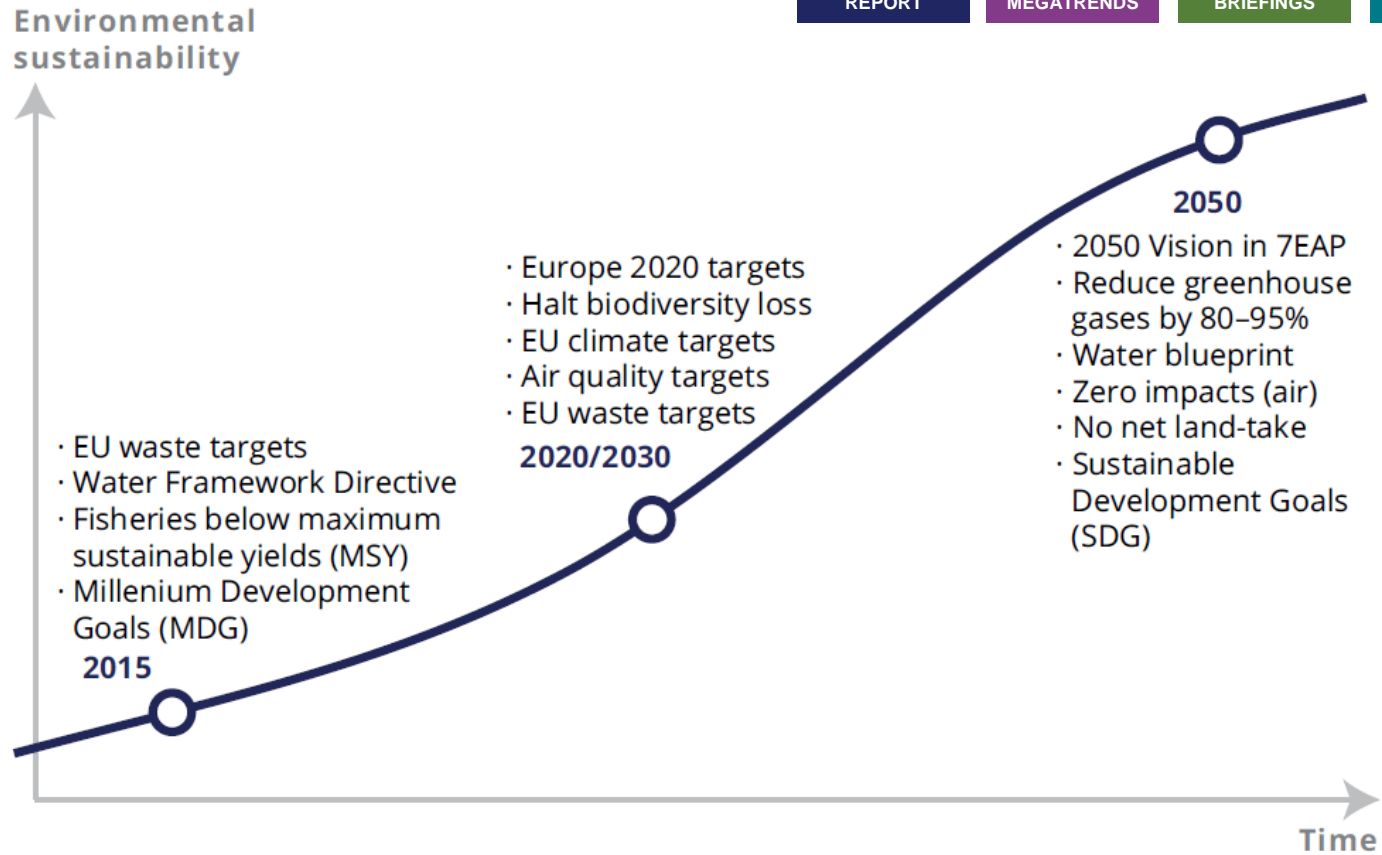
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# The policy context



2015 Thematic policies, timelines and deadlines  
 2020/2030 Comprehensive policies (Europe 2020, 7th Environment Action Programme), or specific target  
 2050 Long-term visions and targets with a societal transition perspective

Source: EEA Multiannual Work Programme 2014–2018

# Vision of the 7th Environment Action Programme

SYNTHESIS  
REPORT

GLOBAL  
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**‘In 2050, we live well, within the planet's ecological limits.**

Our prosperity and healthy environment stem from an innovative, *circular economy* where nothing is wasted and where *natural resources* are managed sustainably, and *biodiversity* is protected, valued and restored in ways that enhance our society's resilience.

Our *low-carbon growth* has long been *decoupled from resource use*, setting the pace for a global safe and sustainable society.’



Living well, within  
the limits of our planet

7th EAP — The new general Union Environment Action Programme to 2020

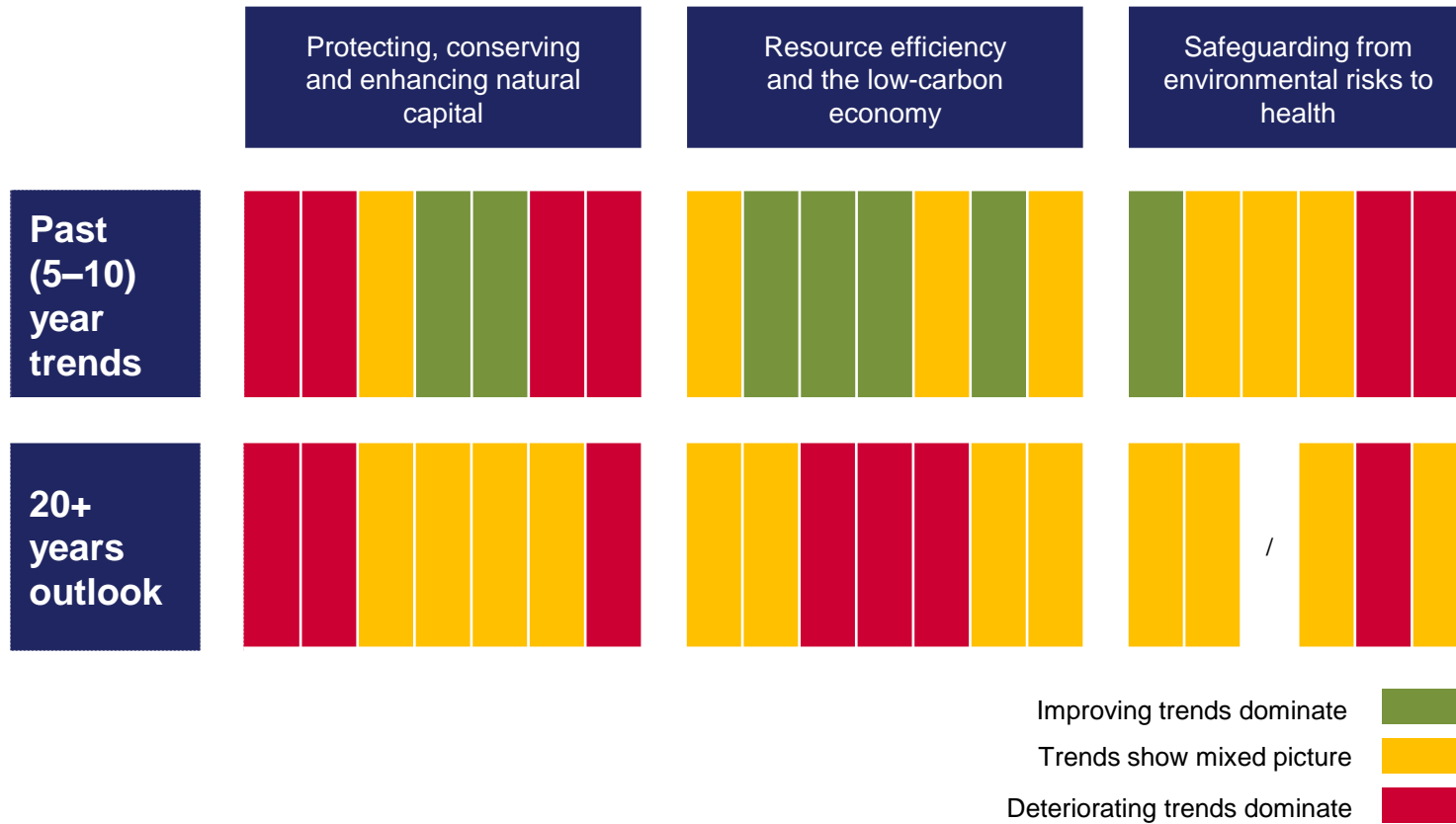
Source: 7th EU Environment Action Programme

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# The overall picture: Efficiency improvements have not secured long-term resilience

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Source: EEA. SOER 2015 Synthesis report.

# Ecosystem Accounting

## Ecosystems mapping & assessment

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# Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

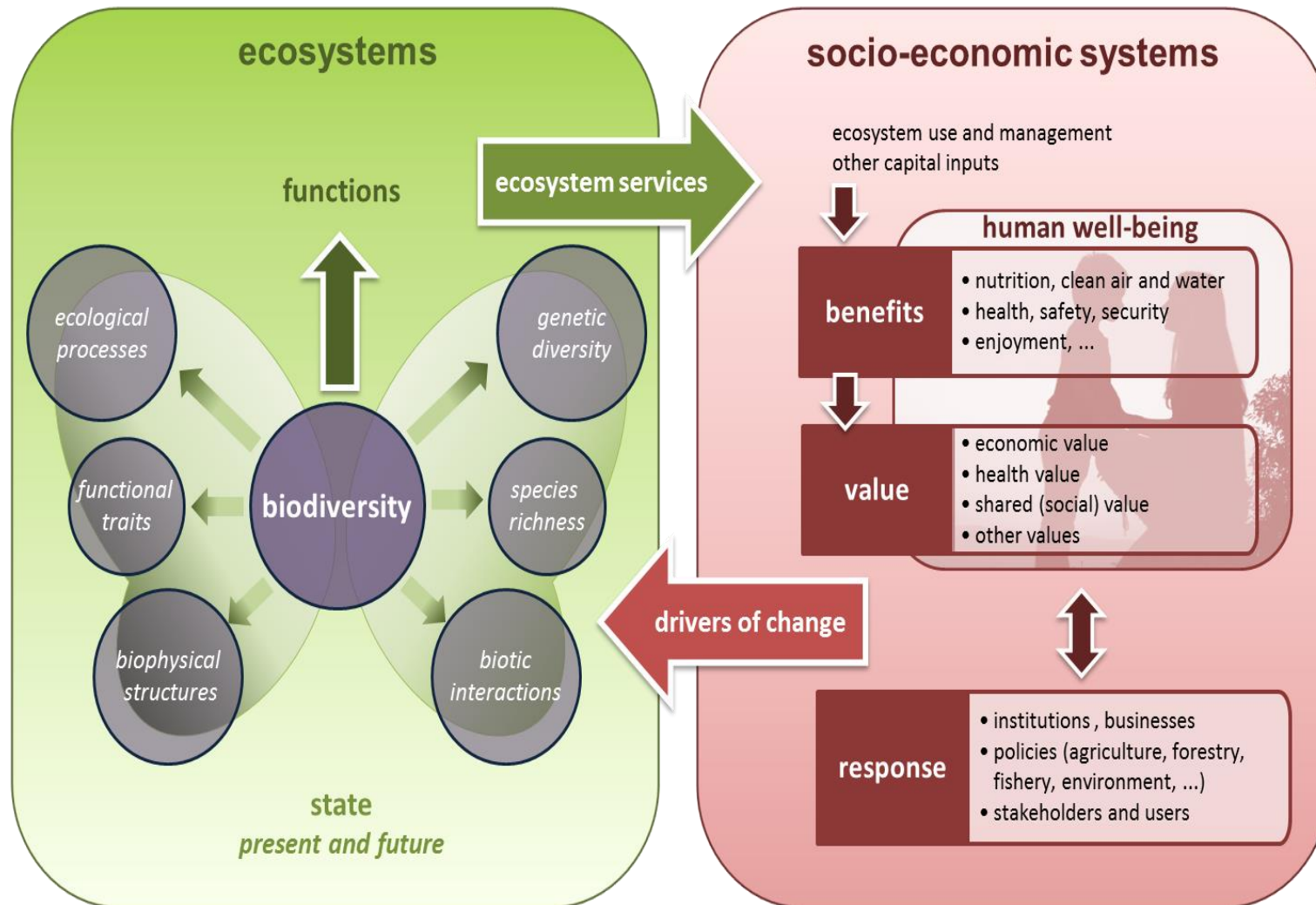
## Proposed accounts – Structure

	<b>Primary ecosystem accounts</b>	<b>Ecosystem component accounts and related information</b>
Feasibility and structure of accounts well advanced	Ecosystem extent account	Land cover account
	Ecosystem condition account	Carbon account
	Ecosystem services supply account	Water resources account
	Ecosystem services use account	Biodiversity account
		Drivers of ecosystem condition & change
Structure of accounts under development and discussion	Ecosystem capacity account	Valuations of ecosystem services
	Ecosystem asset account	Reference conditions
	Augmented input-output table*	
	Integrated sector accounts & balance sheets*	

\* These accounts reflect the integration of ecosystem accounting based information into the standard set of national accounts

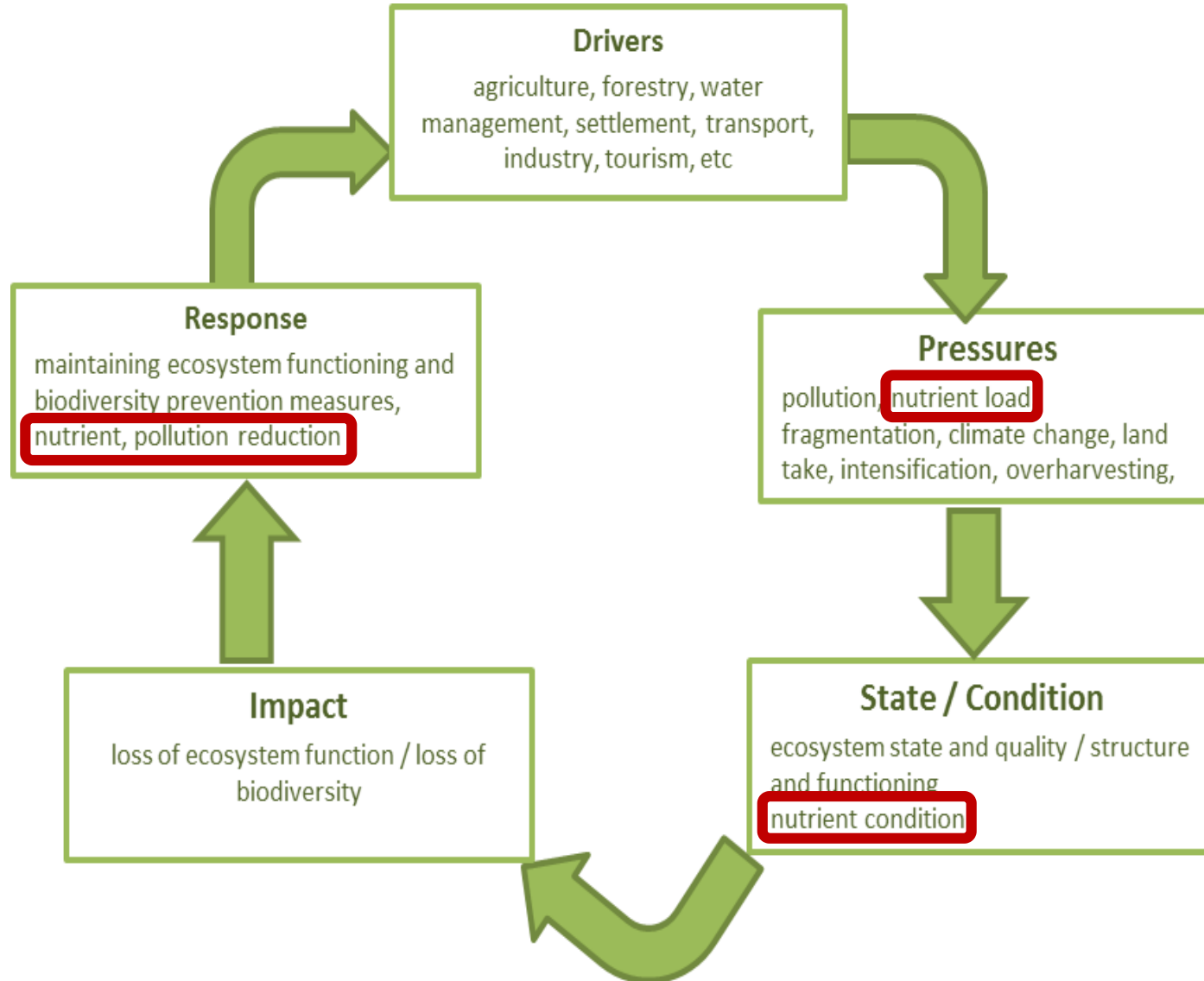
# EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020

## Mapping of ecosystems and their services (MAES) – Framework



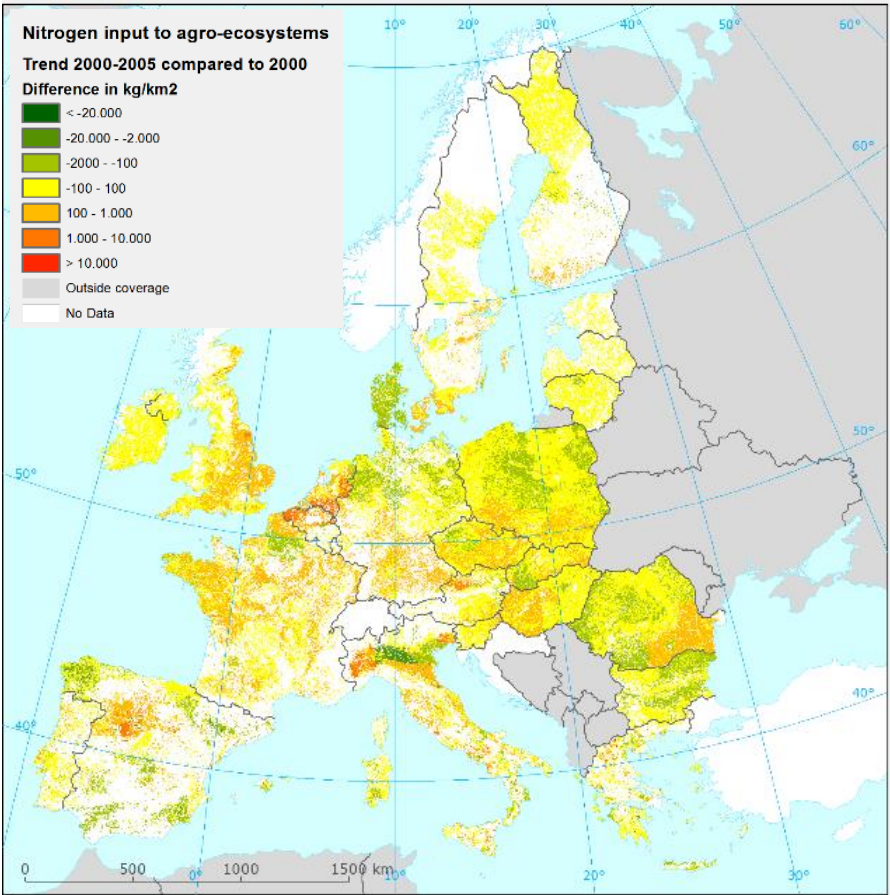
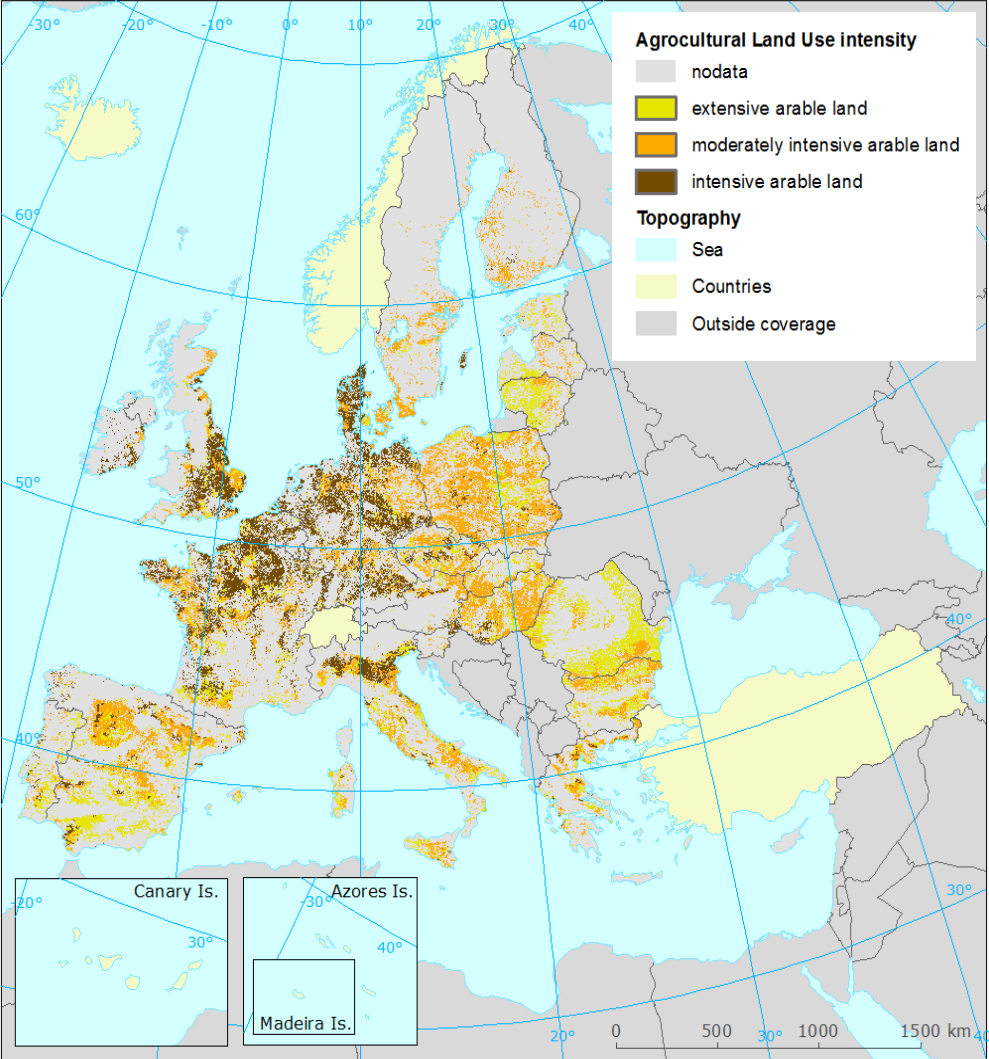


# Cause-effect framework for ecosystems



# Pressure on agro-ecosystems functioning

## Land use intensity (2006) and trends (2000-06 versus 2000)



Source: European Topic Centre Spatial Information and Analysis 2014

# Land accounts – from land cover mapping to accounting

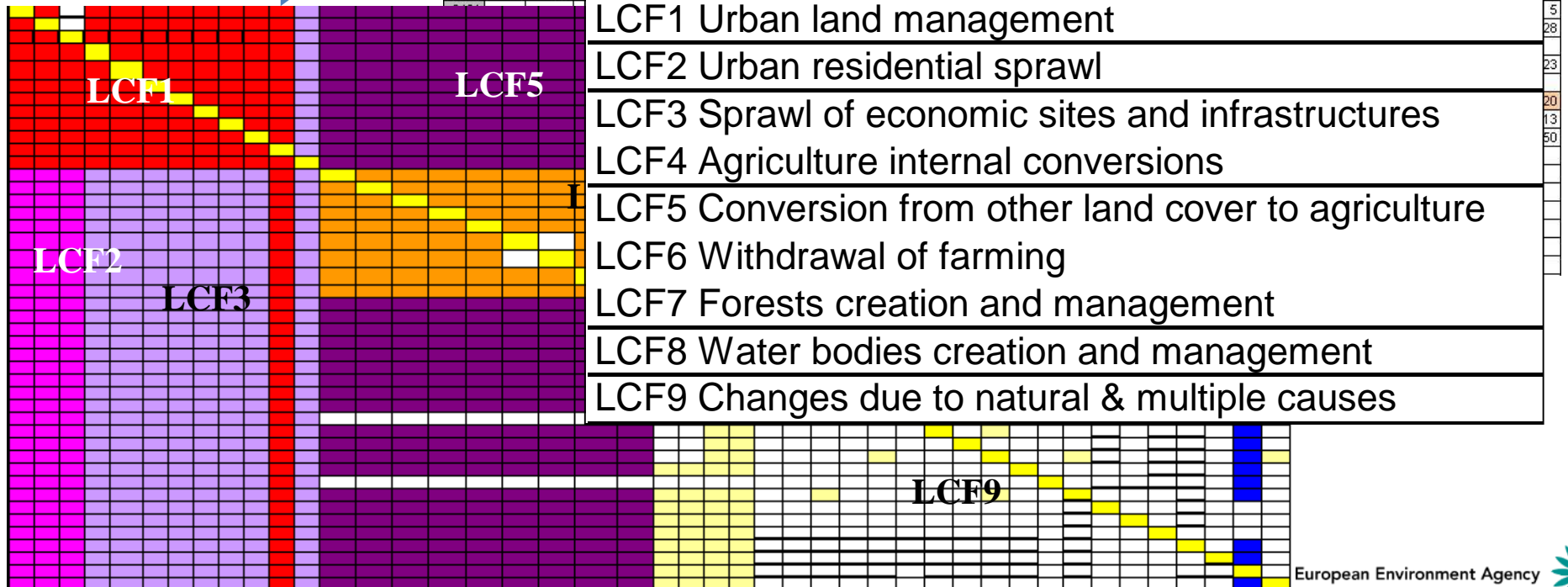
Change matrix  
(44x43=1932  
changes)  
summarised into flows



**2000**

**1990**

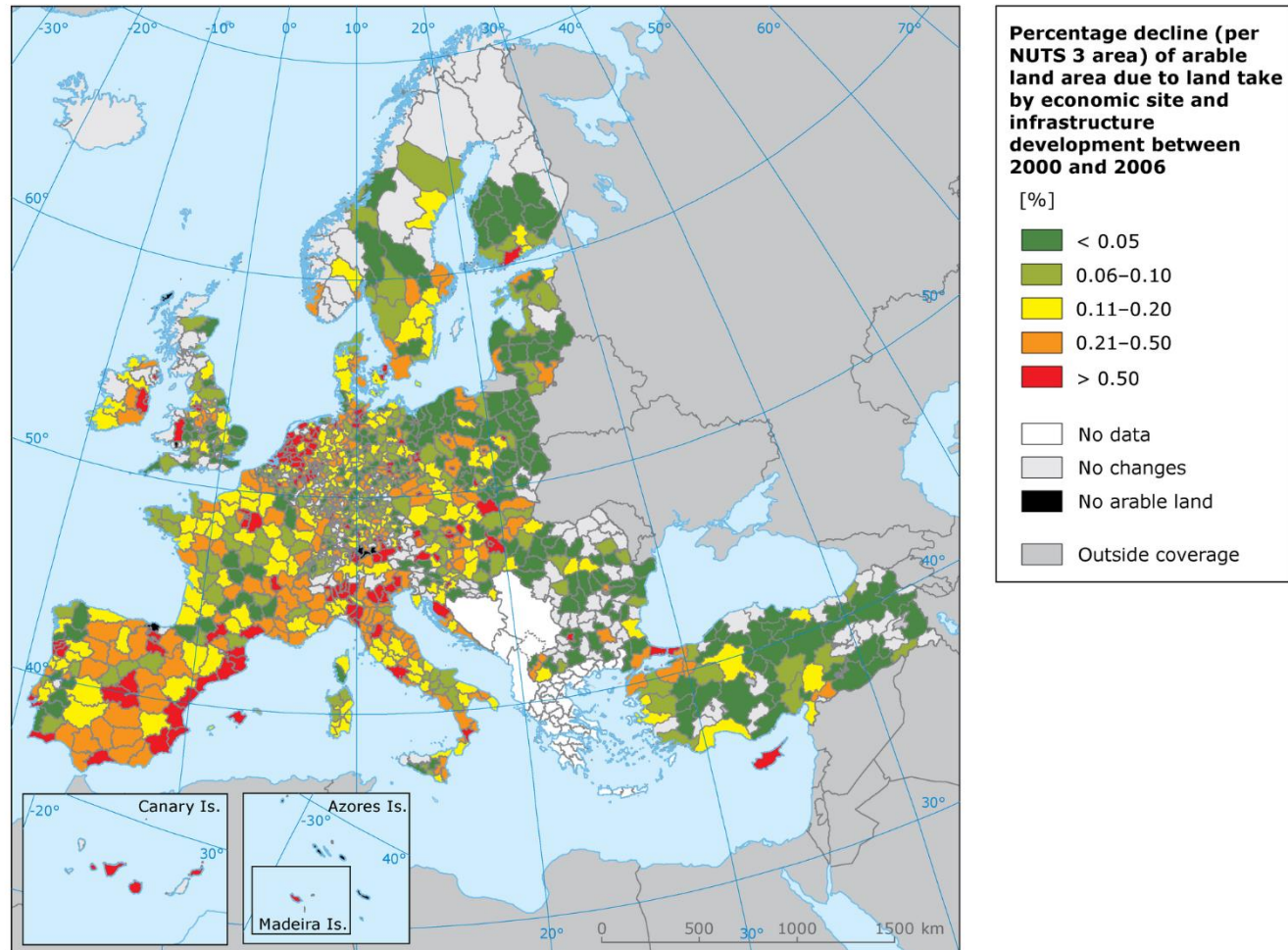
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# Land cover changes – ‘Land take’

## Pressure on soil and ecosystem functioning

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Source: [EEA, 2015, The European Environment: State & Outlook 2015 \(SOER 2015\), European briefing 'Soil'](#).

# Nutrient data/information & EEA

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- EEA is user
- Data/information feeds into
  - ecosystems assessment
  - ecosystem capital accounting
  - food systems assessment (across economy)
- Time series and geographical coverage required



# Thank you!

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Countries  
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