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ACTION PLAN – The Regional Policy Statement for Wallonia (2014-2019)

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SHORT PRESENTATION OF POLICY INSTRUMENT

**FROM BIODIVERSITY DATA TO DECISIONS: ENHANCING NATURAL VALUE
THROUGH IMPROVED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**



WALLONIA (BE)

The Regional Policy Statement for Wallonia (RPSW) 2014-2019

The Regional Policy Statement for Wallonia (RPSW) 2014-2019 aims clearly under the point XXI /2 the strengthening of biodiversity and nature conservation through the development of nature reserves, the Natura 2000 program and European nature restoration LIFE projects by improving the partnership dynamics between public authorities, associations, owners and managers of the sites, by evaluating management measures, simplifying procedures and adapting them to local and economic realities. On 20th July 2015, the EC has adopted the Walloon rural development program (PWDR), which means Wallonia need to improve all measures described inside. Particularly, the measure 7.6 “Restoration of the natural heritage and preserving biodiversity” aims to implement the goals of the policy instrument RPSW. DGO3 is responsible for this implementation. The Walloon Government has also agreed upon the PWDR on July 23th, giving an additional instrument to nature conservation.

Targets in Brief:



Natura 2000

Management



Life projects

Restoration



Nature reserves

Development

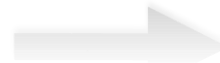
Major Nature
Conservation
Instruments
in Wallonia

Targets

Needs



Natura 2000



Data for site
management
and communication



Life projects



Data to identify
restoration actions



Nature reserves



Data to target
potential areas

OBJECTIVES OF ACTION PLAN

Reliable, relevant and
efficiently accessible
biodiversity information

Semantic analysis!

Ongoing, not in AP!

Validation ... still a lot of job to be done!



Reliable, relevant, and
efficiently accessible
Biodiversity information



Communication: in AP!!

Matching the users needs
and the needs of uses !

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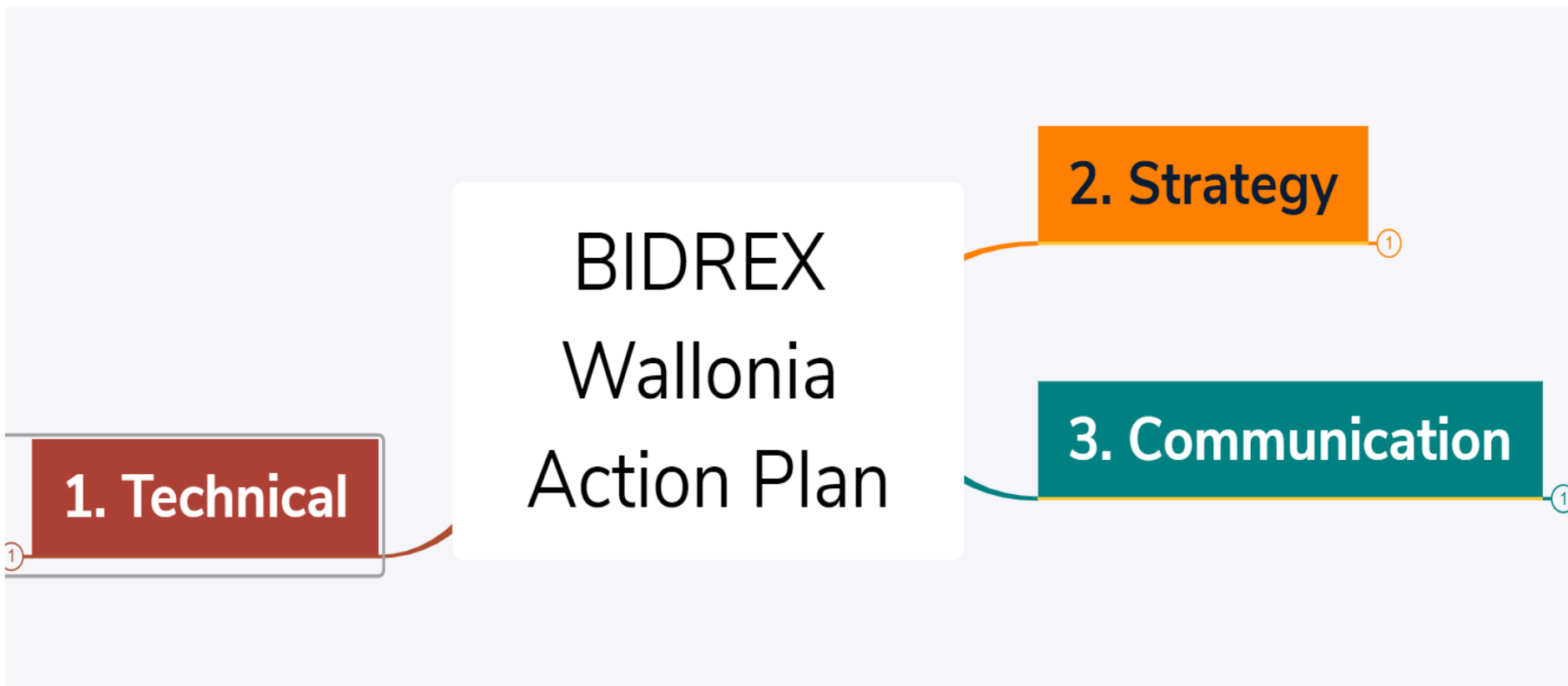


Technical solution: in AP!!

**Coordination between data
suppliers and users: in AP !!**

**Reliable, relevant, and
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ACTIONS THAT WILL BE CARRIED OUT

Activities

- Definition of needs in terms of consultation and provision of biological data (formats, accuracy ...)
 - Definition of flows
- Integration of a pilot dataset into the regional portal
 - Evaluation of the pilot phase
- Patch and adaptation of the prototype
 - Final data preparation (including validation, establishment of collaboration agreements for external data)
- Verification of security protocols (related to sensitive data and data ownership)
 - Launch of the portal

Players

- Natagora
- Natagriwal
- ULg-Gembloux Agrobiotech
- la Plate-Forme fédérale Biodiversité,
- l'Université de Mons,
- l'Université de Liège
- la DNE du DEMNA,
- le Département de la Géomatique du SG

Costs

Since this is an integration with an existing SPW portal, the costs will be borne by the Walloon Administration.

Setting up of a
consultation and
download
interface for
biological data

1. Technical

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Activities

- ☐ Bring stakeholders together and develop the statutes and missions of PF.
- ☐ Establish rules of operation and governance
- ☐ Establish a work program (eg validation of data, legal issues, capacity building ...)
- ☐ Implement and monitor the program
- ☐ Organize communication on platform actions and collaborative modes with external institutions
- ☐ Identify the ways for the sustainability of the structure

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- ☐ la Direction de la Nature et de l'Eau du DEMNA

Costs

The administration will provide its infrastructure as a framework for the PF
External sources of funding could be mobilized if specific needs were identified (legal consultancy, invitation of foreign experts ...)

Creation of a platform for coordination, exchange and expertise on the management of biological data.

2. Strategy

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3. Communication

Communication plan for actors of processes and data users.

Activities

- ☐ Development of the communication plan in a concerted way
- ☐ Conduct a survey of data users to better target their needs and interests for biological data
- ☐ Organization of a workshop bringing together representatives of users with the aim of defining data needs and information to be disseminated via the window and their expectations vis-à-vis the Platform

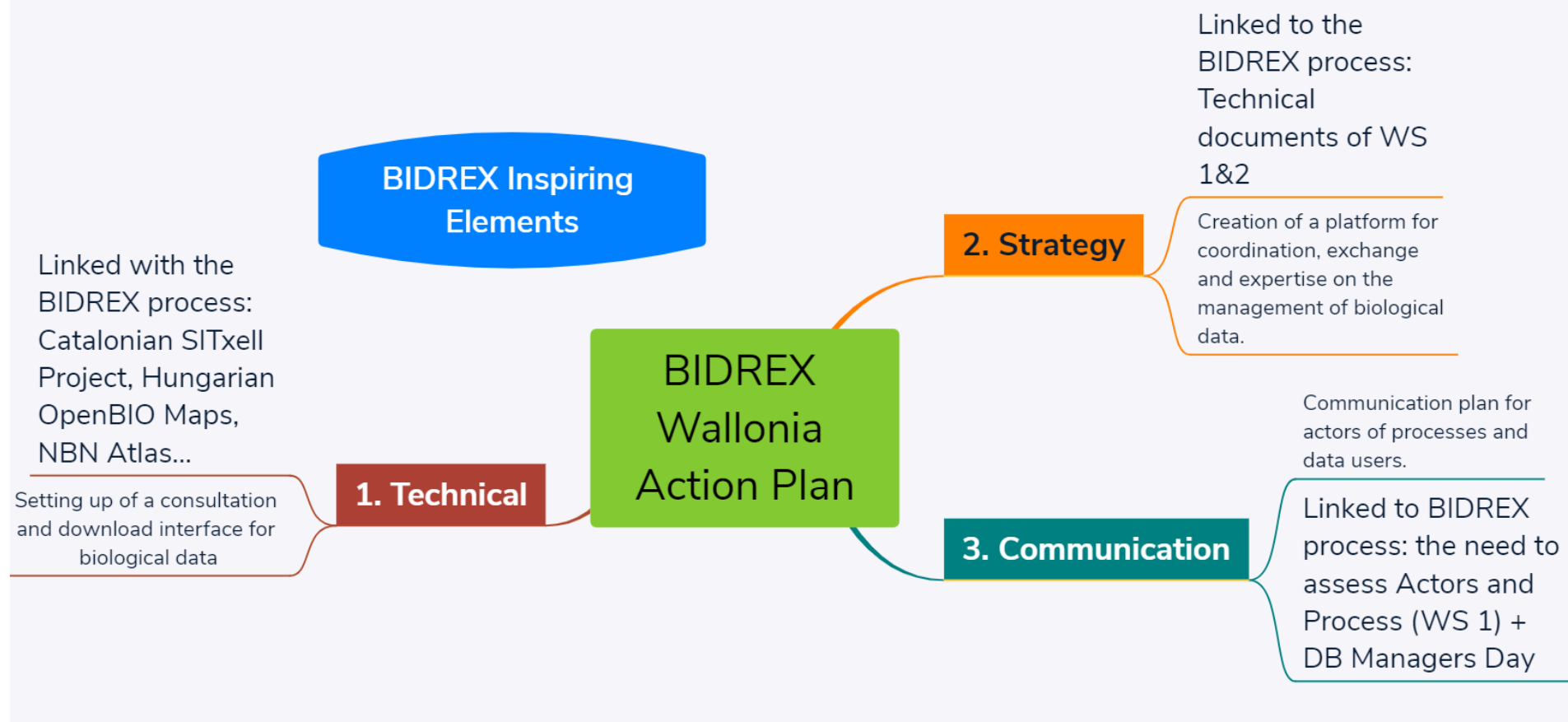
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Costs

Essentially meeting costs and media
Costs of workshop organization will be supported in the communication plan of the DNE (CREA)

GOOD PRACTICES IDENTIFIED IN THE PROJECT THAT WILL BE USED IN ACTION PLAN



ISSUES TO DISCUSS

- **Do you have any experience with such type of interface? (Action 1)**
- **Do you have any experience with such type of platform? (Action 2)**
- **What would you recommend to insure the communication plan is running efficiently? (Action 3)**
- **How to improve stakeholders involvement?**



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Thank you!



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