BID-REX

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Towards an Action Plan for Norfolk

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OBJECTIVE

BID- REX aims to **improve the use of biodiversity information and increase the impact of regional development policies for preservation of the European natural heritage** by providing decision-making processes with appropriate biodiversity information.

ERDF - England Operational Programme 2014-2020.

INVESTMENT PRIORITY 6d- Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: *6.1 Investments in Green and Blue infrastructure and actions that support the provision of ecosystem services on which businesses and communities depend to increase local natural capital and support sustainable economic growth*

By 2023

- **1500 ha** GI

- **30ha** of rehabilitated land

- **2113ha** of habitats supported to attain better conservation status (Natura 2000 sites)
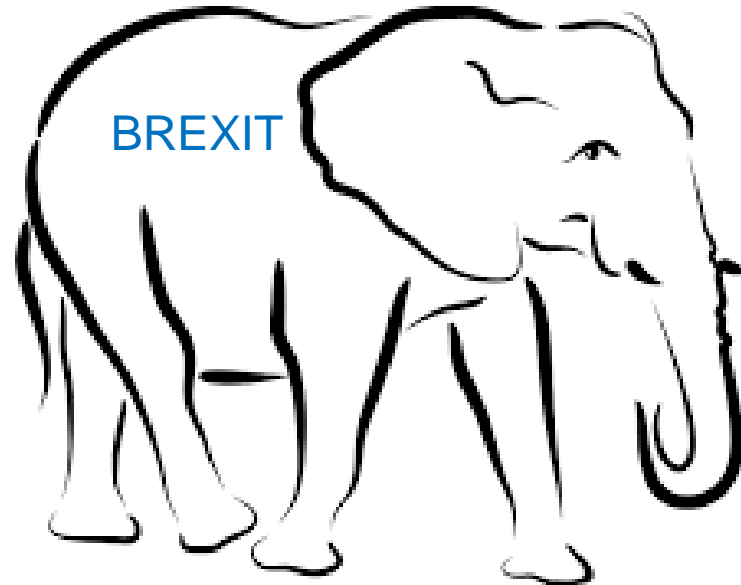
New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership have a target of **500ha** of wild space to be created **by 2020**

2.8% of England ERDF funding goes to objective 6

NEW Anglia LEP receive £40 million

= £1 120 000

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BREXIT

- We need to future proof our work
- Essential to link BID-REX to changes in UK and Norfolk policy and approach

The changing UK context

- **New 25 year plan for the environment**

- **National Planning Policy Framework**

- **Net Gain for Biodiversity**

- **Norfolk GI Strategy**

- **New UK CAP – no area based payment. Public money for public goods**

- **25 year plan for Norfolk (and Suffolk?)**

HM Government

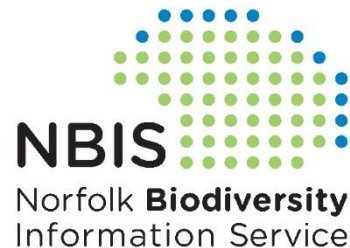A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment

OBJECTIVES OF ACTION PLAN

- **Knowing data, knowing users**

- **Address the needs for access to data and interpretative tools for decision makers.**

- **Enable better use of online systems to deliver tools and services to decision makers and planners.**

- **Tools that help a more strategic approach to GI planning through access to data and use of ecological network assessments and modelling.**

- **Deliver work to enable site managers to access and submit data to systems that allow them to make better decisions about Site management and condition on site.**

- **Ongoing changes to biodiversity policy in England mean that there is a need to monitor biodiversity change resulting from the planning system and the plan will develop an approach for monitoring the delivery of biodiversity Net Gain through housing and infrastructure development.**

ACTIONS THAT WILL BE CARRIED OUT

- **Creation of an online system** for delivering data and interpretation tools

- **Work to improve access** to the techniques of the Biodiversity Audit approach via the Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service online system

- **Integration of the Biodiversity Audit approach** into the NBIS online data enquiry service.

- **Delivery of a structured approach to taxonomic training** in Norfolk

- **Design and delivery of a monitoring system** for biodiversity **Net Gain**

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

We will draw on experience gained from all presentations and discussions but in particular:

- **Supporting information tool for the Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects (IAIA)**

- **Use of BD data in decision making: The SITxell project**

- **The Biodiversity Audit Approach**

- **SISEBIO. Global Monitoring Program of Biodiversity in Catalonia**

- **Invertebrate recorders of the future - (Field Studies Council - FSC)**

ISSUES TO DISCUSS

- **Online systems – Should we be building for use on multiple devices including mobile phones**

- **Open Data – A key principle but what is the impact? Can all data be open?**

- **Technical support – Do you have you own experts? Do you need this in house? maintenance costs?**

- **How do we promote the use of our products to decision-makers?**

- **Recovering costs – free or paid services? Long term funding vs project**

Thank you!

Questions welcome

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