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Andrew,

Here is an update on the Inter-reg proposal, based upon the recent Oxford workshop.

Organisations involved:

EA, EN, Oxford ECI, Oxford Brooks (Planning), Alterra (Netherlands), Hampshire CC, Kent CC, Conservatoire de Littoral, Clare CC, Maynooth U., Tyndall

Funding:

Aiming for a 3 year project of 3-4 million Euros. Inter-reg 3B most closely fits project objectives but still unknown whether sufficient funds remain for this. Inter-reg 3C represents an alternative, but requires more high-level policy. Inter-reg deadline is April 29th. Other alternatives are LIFE and Framework VI.

Key issue:

Are Tyndall to be included as a Partner or a Contractor? Partners have more influence on project development but would require 50% matched funding (however this can be met through including other contributing R&D projects). Contractors do not need matched funding but may have to officially tender for sub-contract.

Proposed Work Packages:

- 1 Policy Review of spatial planning mechanisms for biodiversity (European, national, regional, local). How will this cope with climate change? Oxford Brooks & Oxford ECI to lead on developing this WP.
- 2 Broad-scale Review of impacts of climate change on biodiversity in NW Europe. To identify main drivers, issues and vulnerabilities on a network basis. Lead: Alterra, Oxford ECI, Tyndall
- 3 Coastal case studies - Hamble (England), Shannon (Ireland), Baie de Vaie (France). Objectives to evaluate local management issues with regard to simulation of future coastal evolution. Lead: EA, Hampshire CC
- 4 Terrestrial case studies - 2 regions: SE England, Limburg. Lead Alterra, ECI
- 5 Policy Development & Guidance - based on review of research outputs. Lead EN
- 6 Dissemination

Cross-cutting issues - stakeholder engagement, assessment/management of key habitats

Next steps - develop WPs, workplans and costing of proposal by 27th Feb.

Next meeting 4th/5th March, Oxford.

regards,

Iain