

## EVIDENCE-BASED & EVIDENCE-INFORMED POLICY AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL - THE EKLIPSE MECHANISM

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The H2020 EKLIPSE project aims to develop an innovative, light, ethical and self-sustainable EU support mechanism for evidence-based and evidence-informed policy on biodiversity and ecosystem services. One characteristic of EKLIPSE is to answer requests from a range of stakeholders, conduct a scoping exercise to refine the request, and then offer the requester a range of relevant methods to answer the request, which is carried out thereafter by a European expert working group selected for each request. Among those methods, systematic maps and reviews are presented as robust tools but requesters may have specific constraints that limit the use of such approaches. This talk will present the EKLIPSE mechanism and its current activities, and will give an overview of methods used for different requests as well as lessons learned in how to present the pros and cons of various approaches and understand the expectations of requesters.