

Programme call

- *“Studies of humans as thinking, acting and social individuals and groups in relation to unsustainable and sustainable use of soil in order to enhance our understanding of the current situation and conditions as a basis to propose and develop measures that promote change of current soil policy, planning and use practice”*



Beyond (more) information and best practices

- How to bring in more focus to social-cultural perspective in reseach programme?
 - power relations, organization, communication, institutional values
- How to bring more focus on causal relation?
 - will, commitment, solution focus, challange the problem focus
- How to get more insight in relation of people and soil:
 - which **best practices** could work: how to use them in other countries = different cultures: how to ,qke sense to another group
 - which soil system is used: nomadic sea and land; snow and ice; concrete:::: soil earth coal ice --> effects on social groups
 - Broaden the scope: ANOTHER CONFIGURATION/ rethinking and challenging generally accepted concepts

Multidisciplinair

- Same manner of speaking (soil, subsurface, ground...)
- Ask the right questions: new questions and different ways of asking them INVOLVE SOCIQL SCIENTISTST IN THE CALL RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING
- Multidisciplinair, inter or trans: which approach would be best?

Policy and legislation

- How to deal with remediation and **social equity**?
- How to come to see soil as 'common goods'?
- Need for comparative law: what can be different, which goals should be the same?
- Lack of power and political will to implement in Law

Soil Capital

- How to build in the complex dynamics of soil into economical models ?
- Which models can be used?
- Paradigm shift: production function to natural capital concept = natural resource capital
- how to model soil capital dynamics
- trade offs; externalities etc
- alternative ways of financing
- possibilities for new funding, fair system of cofinancing, ensure economic flexibility



Other topics

- How to **implement SD GOALS** by planning organisations: **how do groups change and how do groups learn**
- do not jump to conclusions with fast solutions in an **instrumental way**
- what are conditions for change and learning
- solution focus
- Soil is (part) of the solution: how to bring this key element
- How to come to sustainable soil use and management?

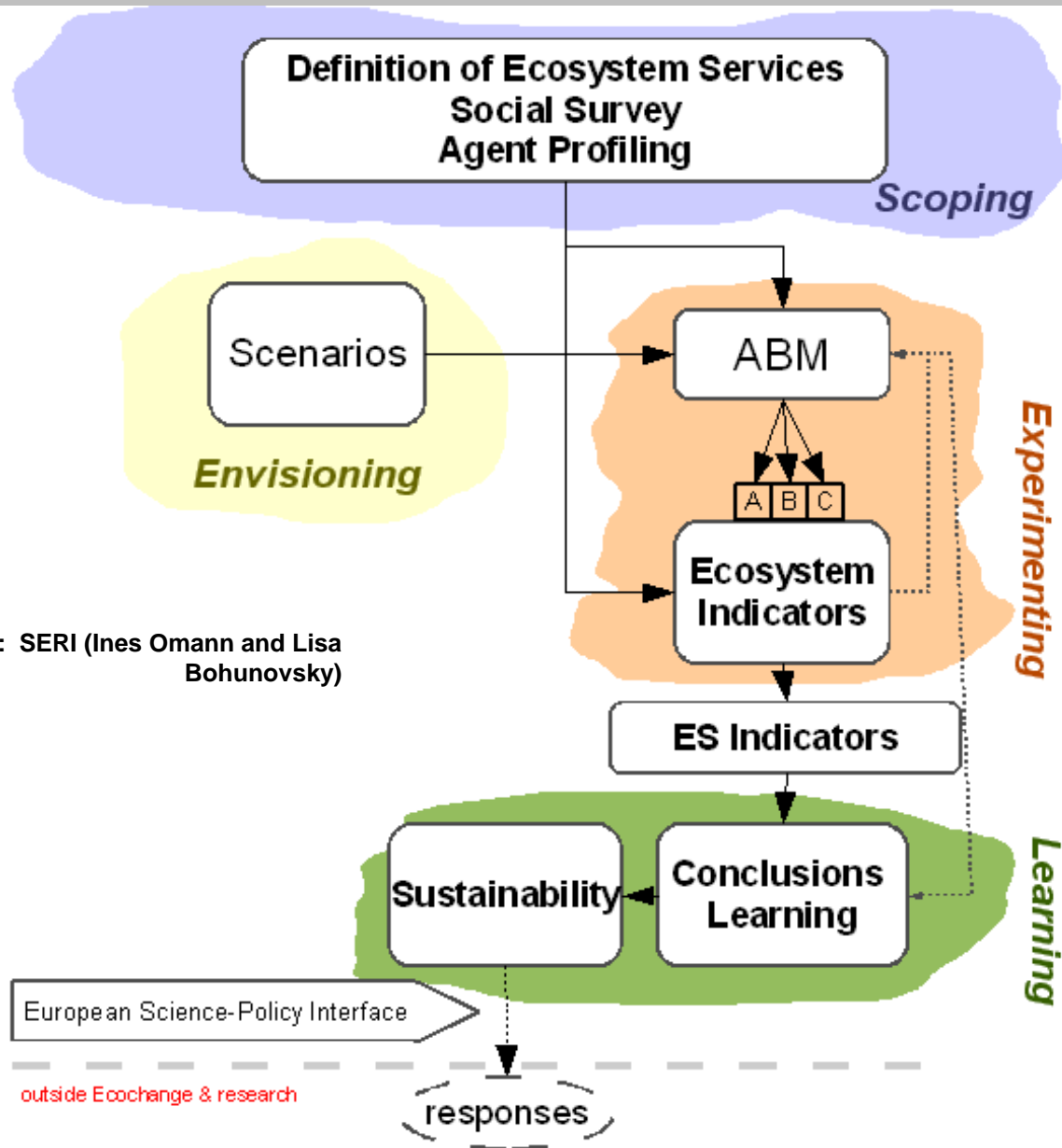


Other topics

- Role of agents and actors and stakeholders
- Agent based modelling (WITH INPUT FROM ANTHROPOLOGY, SCOPING social survey, agent profiling)
- Valuation
- problem definition / system definition and boundaries
- what is the relevant system; definitions and boundaries
- Complexity, synchronisation of physical and decision making system, polycentric decision system
- Adaptive arrangements

Other topics

- How to use *social* cost-benefit analysis for evaluating policy?
- How to deal with uncertainty in a consequent and transparent way?
- How to identify ESS, account a economical value and how to prioritise ESS?
- Analysis of impact of liabilities on remediation motivation, prevention, transaction of soil
- Analysis of alternative ways of financing for remediation projects



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