



Kick-Off Meeting from 21. - 23. February 2024

at conference venue of the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research:
Leipziger KUBUS
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Germany

Day 1 is planned for getting to know each other, the presentation of your own background and how it can contribute in the corresponding work packages. We are also pleased to present contributions from the Commission and CINEA and our already started sister project SpongeScapes.

Day 2 in the morning is planned to present the workpackages for synthesis and upscaling as well as dissemination, communication and exploitation. In the afternoon we will go on an excursion to the Leipzig floodplain forest, one of our SpongeBoost case study sites, to present the challenges of floodplain restoration and water management in the shadow of a large dynamic city.

Day 3 is dedicated for further shaping the workpackages, administrative issues, and a final feedback round. The meeting will officially end with lunch at 12:30. After lunch there will be an optional opportunity for further group work.

online participation: <https://ufz-de.zoom-x.de/j/62539348651?pwd=cVdSUlBSdi9lcEVvRE02V25abmQrZz09>

DAY 1, Wednesday Feb 21				Programme	
Start:		9:00			
min	online	start	end	What	Who
30		9:00	9:30	Registration and Coffee	
5	✓	9:30	9:35	Welcome and Opening	Mathias Scholz (UFZ)
15	✓	9:35	9:50	Project overview and objectives	Mathias Scholz & Michael Vieweg (UFZ)
15		9:50	10:05	Icebreaker I	
20	✓	10:05	10:25	Introducing the Mission	Prisca Haemers <i>Miss. Secretariat (DG CLIMA)</i>
20	✓	10:25	10:45	Introduction by Project Officer	Pilar Roman (CINEA)
15	✓	10:45	11:00	Introducing SpongeScapes	Christian Albert (LUH)
15	✓	11:00	11:15	Introducing OPTAIN	Martin Volk (UFZ)
30		11:15	11:45	Coffee Break	
30	✓	11:45	12:15	<u>WP1 Literature & best available knowledge (WP lead: UJEP)</u> > Introduction WP1, including Milestones and Deliverables and responsible parties > How do you envision the literature compilation as input for WP3 (catalogue structure, hosting, timeline)? > Collaborations: Which contributions are needed and from whom?	UJEP as lead of WP and Task1.1 15 min presentation + 15 min Q&A
15		12:15	12:30	Group photo	
60		12:30	13:30	Lunch Break - Catering	
10	✓	13:30	13:40	Reception by the UFZ	Rolf Altenburger (<i>Scientific Director UFZ</i>)
30	✓	13:40	14:10	<u>WP2 Pan-European database and assessment of restoration projects (WP: UTARTU)</u> > Introduction WP1, including Milestones and Deliverables and responsible parties (UTARTU) > How do you plan the starting point of this WP - experiences with setting up databases (structure, hosting, timeline) (STROMING)	UTARTU and STROMING as Task 2.1 lead 15 min presentation + 15 min Q&A
10		14:10	14:20	Icebreaker II	
60	✓	14:20	15:20	<u>WP3 part 1: Implementing and testing innovative solutions in case study sites (WP lead: CIREF)</u> Introducing field sites: Where, What, How, and connections to SpongeBoost, especially: --> measures, data and innovative approaches (Task 3.1) --> multifunctional Benefits (Task 3.2) --> governance structure and utilized policy instruments (Task 3.4) --> any economic NbS solutions & business models yet? (Task 3.3)	10 min / 5 slides for each site [1] - Azores by SPEA [2] - Xistral mountains of Galicia + Ebro/Toledo by CIREF [3] - Eifel-High Fens by RWTH and WI-EA [4] - Weiße Elster catchment by UFZ and DUH [5] - Pärnu catchment + Alam-Pedja by UTARTU
30		15:20	15:50	Coffee Break	
60	✓	15:50	16:50	<u>WP3 part 2:</u> > rest of field site presentations > presentation of existing modelling approaches (RWTH, x?)	moderated discussion by UFZ
10		16:50	17:00	Break	
60		17:00	18:00	<u>Workshop (Whiteboard and dots)</u> > broad discussion of similarities and connections between field sites > ideas to harmonize measuring and modelling approaches	moderated workshops by UFZ
60		18:00	19:00	take public transportation to the city center	
120		19:00	21:00	Conference-Dinner at "Moritzbastei" in the city center (meal and one beverage included)	



DAY 2, Thursday Feb 22				Programme	
Start:		8:30			
min	online	start	end	What	Who
30		8:30	9:00	Registration and Coffee	
40	✓	9:00	9:40	<p>WP4 Synthesis and upscaling: A roadmap to boost sponge functions for policy and practitioners (lead: WI-EA)</p> <p>> How to synthesize and upscale the results of WPs 1-3, support policy makers in upscaling sponge solutions?</p> <p>> Collaborations: Which contributions are needed and from whom?</p>	WI-EA as lead of WP and Task 4.1 30 min presentation + 10 min Q&A
40	✓	9:40	10:20	<p>WP5 Dissemination, communication and exploitation (lead: PENSOFT)</p> <p>> Presentation of project branding, website, communication materials and tools by PENSOFT</p> <p>> innovative communications by DUH</p> <p>> plans and discussion about promotion, dissemination and communication by PENSOFT and all</p>	PENSOFT as lead of WP 5 and DUH as lead of Task 5.4 30 min presentation + 10 min Q&A
30		10:20	10:50	Coffee Break	
100		10:50	12:30	<p>interactive WP-Workshop: collecting ideas and expertise from all participants</p> <p>> How can you contribute to the WP and tasks</p> <p>> What knowledge can you bring into work</p> <p>> What are the linkages between different tasks in the WP (each WP)</p> <p>> Room for specific questions asked by the WP leader</p> <p>> determine in-depth-discussion-groups for friday</p>	all WhiteBoards & sticky notes & votedots for identifying the most pressing issues within the WP's for a successful start and implementation of the project goals
60		12:30	13:30	Lunch Break - Catering	
60		13:30	14:30	travel to the Leipzig floodplain forest	
180		14:30	17:30	Guided tour	
60		17:30	18:30	Return to the city	
180		18:30	21:30	optional Dinner and Drinks at "Pilot" in the city (on self-pay basis)	

DAY 3, Friday Feb 23				Programme	
Start:		8:30			
min	online	start	end	What	Who
30		8:30	9:00	Registration and Coffee	
75		9:00	10:15	<p>in-depth-discussion-groups</p> <p>> discussing outcomes of WP workshops day 1&2</p> <p>> concrete next steps in each WP</p>	all
30		10:15	10:45	Coffee Break	
60	(✓)	10:45	11:45	<p>WP6 Administration</p> <p>> Internal Communication and project management</p> <p>> Administrative and financial aspects of project implementation</p> <p>> next project meeting</p>	UFZ
45	(✓)	11:45	12:30	<p>Feedback</p> <p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>Concluding Remarks</p>	UFZ
60		12:30	13:30	Lunch Break at UFZ canteen (official end)	
120		13:30	15:30	optional further group work	