Uncomfortable Knowledge in WEF Nexus Governance: Results from the H2020 MAGIC project









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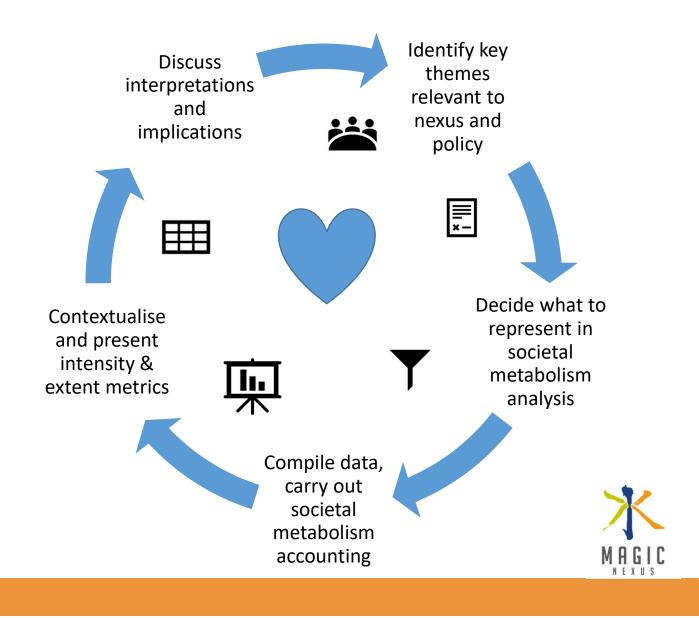


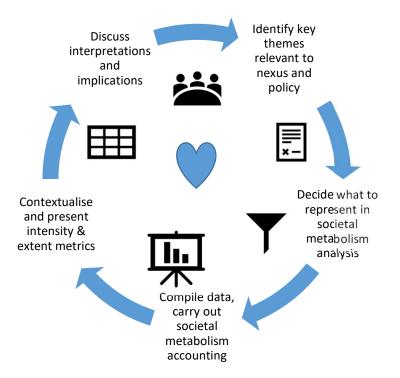
What have we learnt about working with policy actors?

Products arising from H2020 depend on processes involving both consortium members and the wider actors involved in our 'mixed teams'









56 individuals from several EU organisations

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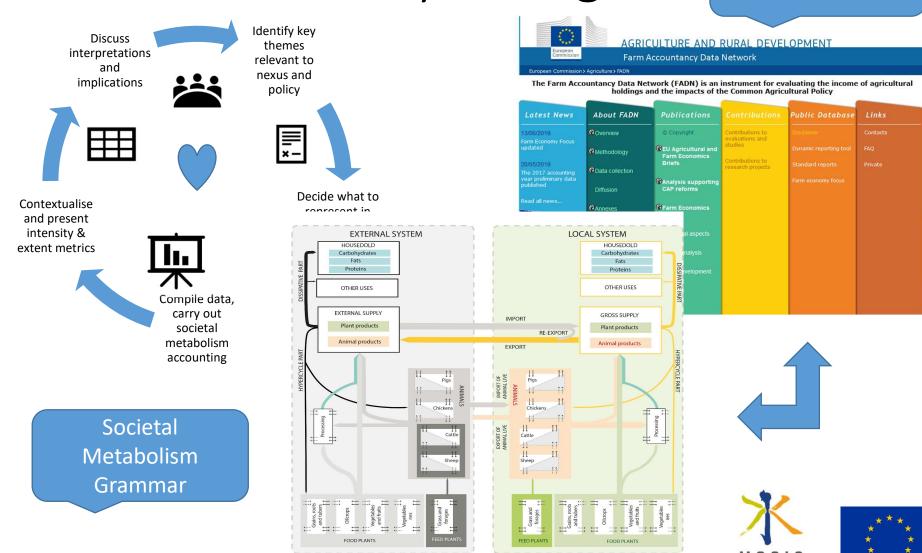


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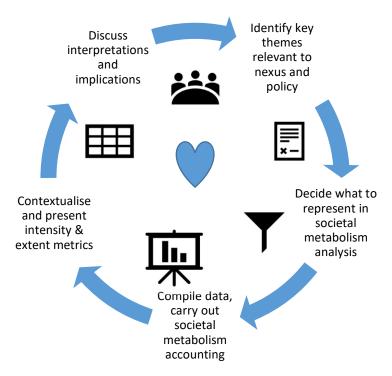
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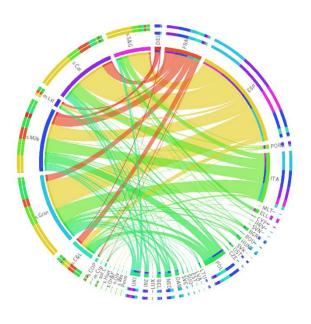
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Animals slaughtered for meat production

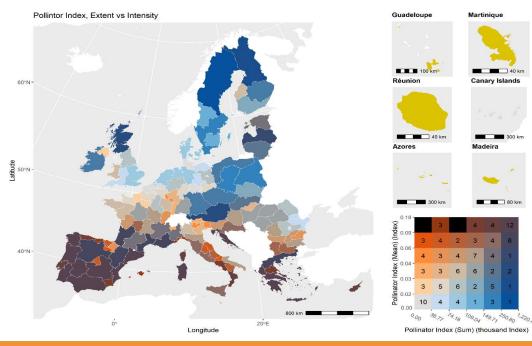
Flow element from technosphere (fertilizers, pesticides, energy, etc.)



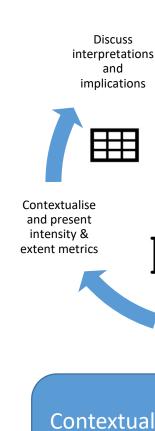
Circos diagram linking imported blue and green water in livestock feed 2014-17



Extent and intensity relationship map for pollinators index 2014-17



http://societalmetabolism.hutton.ac.uk/



Identify key themes relevant to nexus and policy



Decide what to represent in societal metabolism analysis



Feedback workshops and interviews



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Compile data, carry out societal metabolism





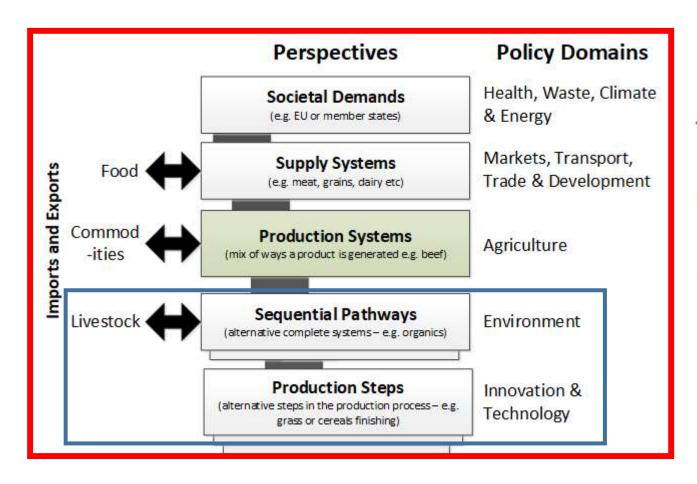
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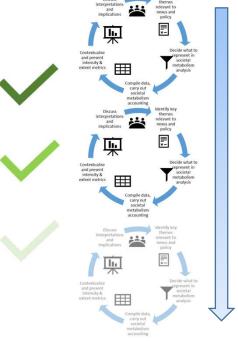
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Strategic then policy led QST









Co-learning in mixed teams

 Salient diagnosis (Green Recovery Deal)

but

 Participants expected technical solutions

We expected to:

- Discuss and debate interpretations
- Learn about what is meant for their roles
- Co-produce solutions and ideas



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Process learning

Policy entrepreneurs

- Share, not just receive, knowledge
- Part of, not additional, to their role
- Empowered to fail forward
- Rewarded for innovation

Knowledge ecosystems

- Participation not just for citizens
- Bureaucrats, parliamentarians, lobbyists with scientists











Policy Support Learning

ANNEX

Proposal for a legislative framework for sustainable food systems	2023
Develop a contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security	Q4 2021
NSURE SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION	
Adopt recommendations to each Member State addressing the nine specific objectives of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), before the draft CAP Strategic Plans are formally submitted	Q4 2020
Proposal for a revision of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive to significantly reduce use and risk and dependency on pesticides and enhance Integrated Pest Management	Q1 2022
Revision of the relevant implementing Regulations under the Plant Protection Products framework to facilitate placing on the market of plant protection products containing biological active substances	Q4 2021
Proposal for a revision of the pesticides statistics Regulation to overcome data gaps and reinforce evidence-based policy making	2023
Evaluation and revision of the existing animal welfare l egislation, including on animal transport and slaughter of animals	Q4 2023
Proposal for a revision of the feed additives Regulation to reduce the environmental impact of livestock farming	Q4 2021
Proposal for a revision of the Farm Accountancy Data Network Regulation to transform it into a Farm Sustainability Data Network with a view to contribute to a wide uptake of sustainable farming practices	Q2 2022
Clarification of the scope of competition rules in the TFEU with regard to sustainability in collective actions.	Q3 2022
Legislative initiatives to enhance cooperation of primary producers to support their position in the food chain and non-legislative initiatives to improve transparency	2021-202
EU carbon farming initiative	03 2021









Policy Support Learning







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Processes not Projects

Magic's legacy > policy advice

About building relationships

Workshops bringing together DGs

Learning and sharing can be uncomfortable for 'experts'





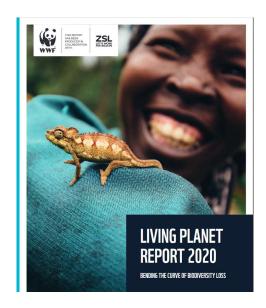






Take Home Messages...

- WEF systems (across scales) not yet sustainable
 - Threats to planetary & socioeconomic boundaries
- Clear aspiration for systemic approaches to sustainability
 - Scale of challenge requires more than technical solutions
 - Coherence via reflective transdisciplinary learning
- Uncomfortable, exciting, appropriate?









Magic may be ending...

But the sustainability journey is ongoing

Please use our resources @ https://magic-nexus.eu/ migrating to Uncomfortable Knowledge Hub shortly

- Videos, briefings, games, interactive maps & tools
- People contacts via website

























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