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INSPIRATION – a Strategic Research Agenda on Soil, Land-Use and Land Management in Europe

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INSPIRATION

- **INSPIRATION** = **I**ntegrated **S**patial **P**lanning, land use and soil management **R**esearch **A**ction
- Call SC5-10b-2014: Structuring research on soil, land-use and land management in Europe
- **17(+4) countries** and Advisory Board
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INSPIRATION goal

- **Establish & promote a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) for Europe**
 - for **land use, land-use changes and soil management**
 - considering current & future **societal challenges**
 - Bottom-up and **demand-driven**
 - Establishing a **transnational network**
- This SRA will help **public and private research funders identify research** in soil and land to invest in, to innovate and **contribute to a greener, more resource efficient, and more competitive Europe**

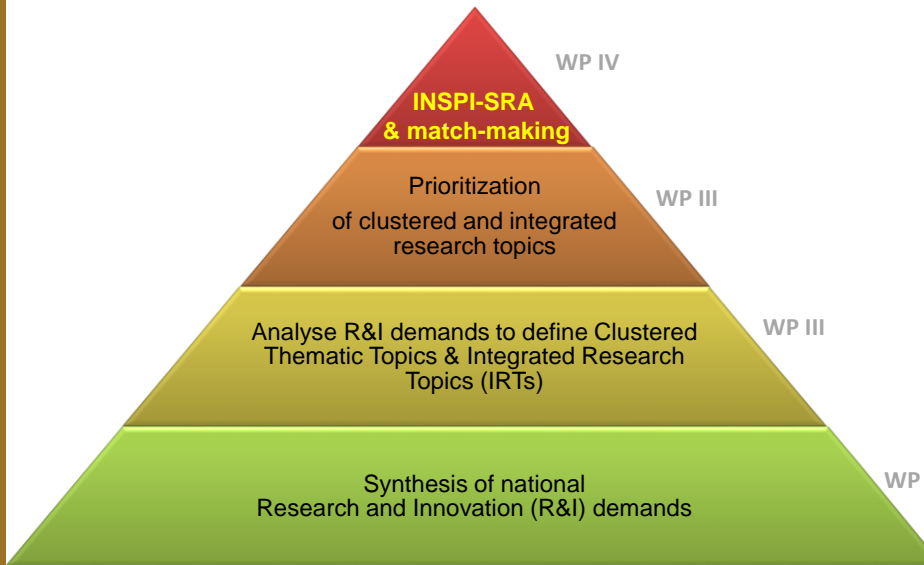
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Bottom-up approach



WP IV

WP III

WP III

WP II

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WP2: National Demands of research from industry, end-users and funders

--- WP2 national state-of-the-art

country 1

1 in
2 in
x in

country 2

1 in
2 in
x in

country x

1 in
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x in

out → state-of-the-art

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State-of-the-art on:

- R&I needs
- connection science-policy/practice
- national funding schemes
- transnational funding schemes

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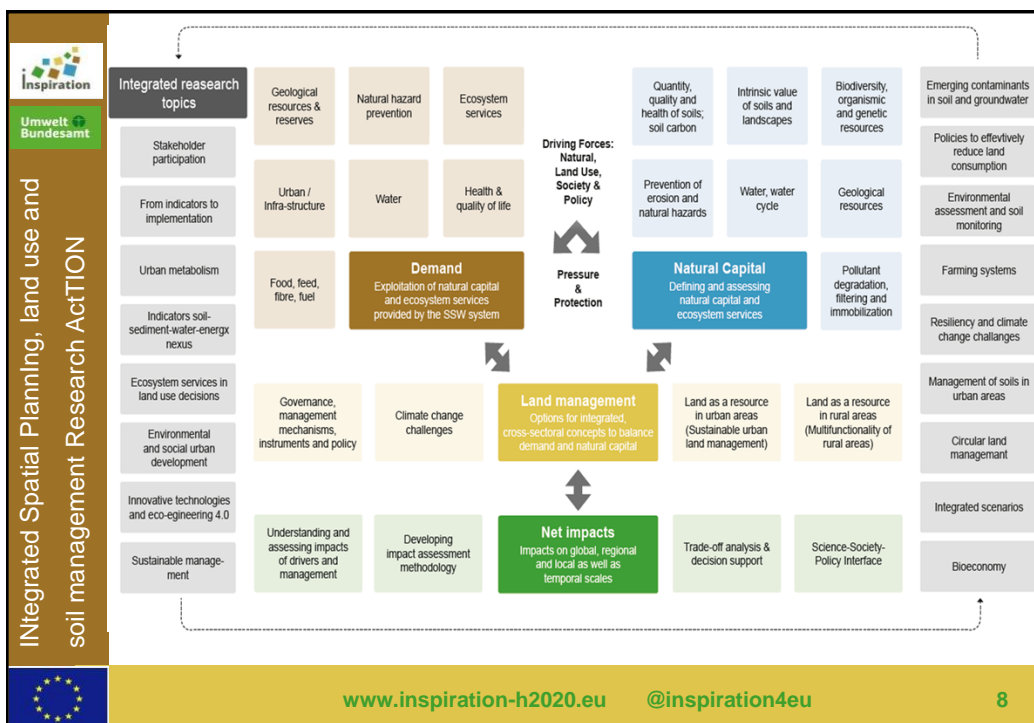
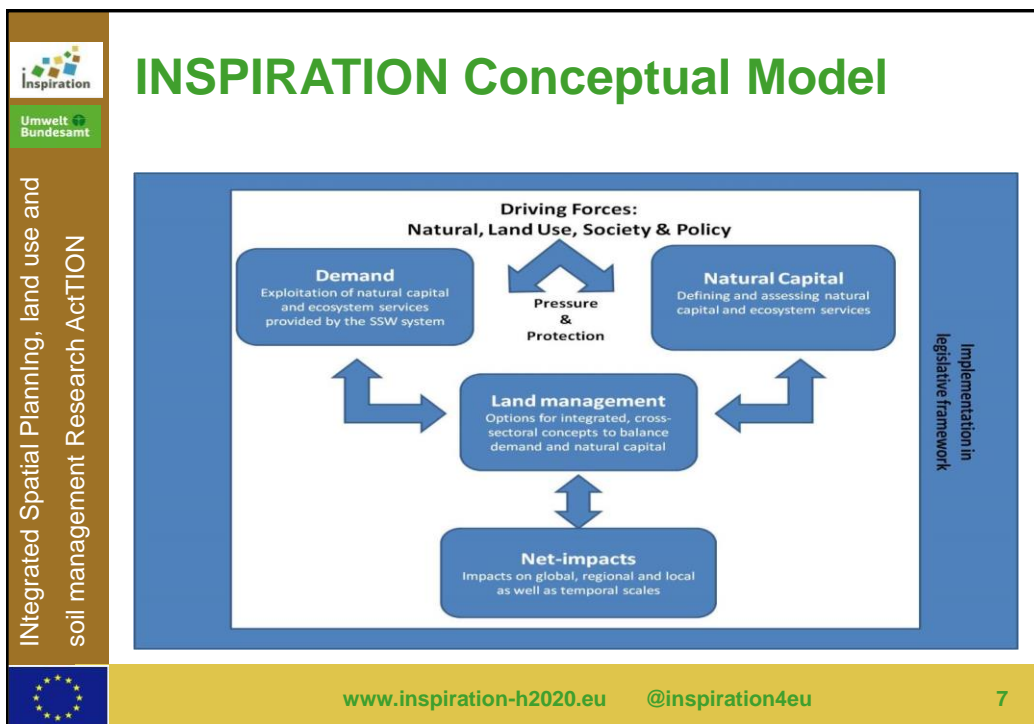
WP3: Transnational commons aggregated under integrated themes

- Demand orientation
- Clustering of topics to conceptual model

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    subgraph Driving_Forces [Driving Forces: Natural, Land Use, Society & Policy]
        Demand[Demand: Fragmentation of natural capital and ecosystem services provided by the land system]
        Pressure[Pressure: Fragmentation of natural capital and ecosystem services]
        Land_mgmt[Land management: Interventions for integrated, cross-sectoral and multi-scale land management and use for nature]
        Nat_Cap[Natural Capital: Fragmentation of natural capital and ecosystem services]
    end
    Demand --> Pressure
    Pressure --> Land_mgmt
    Land_mgmt --> Nat_Cap
    Nat_Cap --> Land_mgmt
    Land_mgmt --> Net_impacts[Net-impacts: Impacts on global, regional and local as well as integrated nature]
    Net_impacts --> Land_mgmt
    
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The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	

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Digital web-based SRA on line available

- Research and innovation (R&I) needs as identified by more than 500 European funders, end-users, scientists, policy makers, public administrators and consultants as the baseline for the SRA.
- **Strategic Research Agenda**, www.inspiration-agenda.eu

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Evaluation of the INSPIRATION approach

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Some findings


- The bottom-up approach based on stakeholder engagement was well received by all stakeholders and helped to create co-ownership of the SRA
- The identified knowledge gaps helped differentiate activities:
 - knowledge creation,
 - knowledge transfer,
 - demonstration,
 - training and education,
 - survey and monitoring,
 - networking

A problem in practice is not solely due to a lack of scientific knowledge but to the effective and widespread application of existing knowledge


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More findings



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- Our conceptual model enabled transcendence of traditional scientific disciplines, policy domains and industry and lobbying agendas towards a more holistic approach
- Our approach facilitated discussions on systematic, overarching challenges and knowledge needs
- It also provided a context for discussing research needs between stakeholders, irrespective of their institutional backgrounds and position



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Proposition

Current societal challenges are increasingly **complex**,
requiring **integrated, cross-sectoral and
transdisciplinary** knowledge creation in **close
cooperation with the users** of the knowledge

Saskia Visser of WUR proposed this already last Tuesday:

- Scaling up, area approach
- Connect to societal challenges and all stakeholders
- Integral approach to land management

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