

Providing evidence for biodiversity policy

The request process of the Science Service for Biodiversity



Get the science you need for biodiversity policy

The Science Service for Biodiversity is the scientific pillar of the Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD). It helps you, as an EU policy actor, to access tailored knowledge from a diverse range of experts to support policy and decision-making.



What is a request?

A request is a policy question formulated by EU policy actors when they need targeted, scientific and expert-based insights on a biodiversity-related issue, evidence to inform a decision, strategy, or regulation, or synthesised knowledge from multiple disciplines and knowledge systems.

What are the strengths of the Science Service knowledge request?



Co-designed through interactions with policy actors

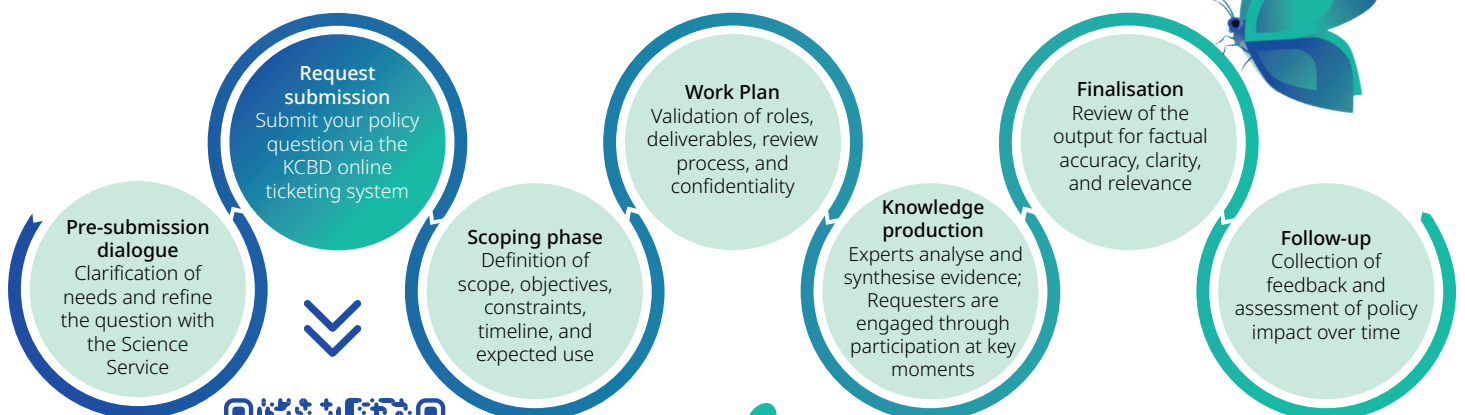


Answers tailored to policy needs



Involvement of recognized experts from science and practice

Key steps of the knowledge request process



Expected duration: 6-7 months

What kind of outputs can you expect from the Science Service?



The Handbook on Urban Greening Tools

December 2024 - July 2025

The EC's DG ENV submitted a policy request that led to the development of practical resources to support urban planners with designing, implementing, and monitoring Urban Greening Strategies and Nature Plans. The Science Service delivered a set of complementary tools, including a comprehensive handbook to guide users; a database of 59 urban planning tools and an interactive online tool recommender.



Policy impact

EU's Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Article 8 of the Nature Restoration Regulation



Policy impact

Marine Strategy Framework

Upcoming directive review

In depth Knowledge Synthesis on Offshore Wind Farms

December 2023 - October 2025

In response to an EC DG ENV's request, the Science Service, via the Eklipse mechanism, delivered a comprehensive assessment of how the expansion of offshore wind farms may affect the achievement of Good Environmental Status across EU marine waters. It synthesises critical knowledge gaps in current scientific evidence and integrates scientific literature with expert interpretation, making complex evidence accessible and usable for policymakers and stakeholders.

Why is this process crucial for biodiversity policy?

The policy request process connects you with the knowledge community to facilitate dialogue and interaction. We are making knowledge around specific topics accessible and actionable for implementing and achieving the targets and ambition of the EU Biodiversity Strategy.

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