

futureearth
research for global sustainability

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General message

- Be ambitious
- Europe to play a leading role
- "Champion" countries within Europe
- Pro-active communication (importance of FE; opening funding doors)

Activities & structure

- Mapping existing projects, infrastructures, stakeholders
- Identifying new priorities; new projects (quick win projects)
- Developing guidelines, best practices, standardizations
 - Co-design, stakeholder engagement
 - National committees (common overarching framework, trans-disciplinary, different stakeholder communities)
- Ideas to structure a European FE community
 - Platform
 - Joint infrastructures (e.g. observation networks; inter-comparison modeling)
 - Research centers
 - Web resources (e.g. discussion forum, sharing data, curricula, communication resources)

FE-Europe character

- Broad geographical focus of Europe
- Structure/mechanisms at
 - National (different visions; policy briefs)
 - Several sub-regional (e.g. topic related)
 - Regional levels
- Flexible, evolutive structure
- New & innovative structure to ensure fulfilling FE mission through
 - Unified voice on sustainability (policy relevance)
 - Inclusion of a diversity of players
- Openness, no exclusive ownership (structure & projects)

Opportunities

- European Environmental Agencies
- ERANet
- COST action (research priorities, gaps)
- European – South partnerships (e.g. AMMA, LBA, national ones)
- National platform
 - Independent funding (from programme & projects)
 - New funding sources through stakeholders engagement
 - Re-structure into FE Platforms