



Belgium for
Biodiversity

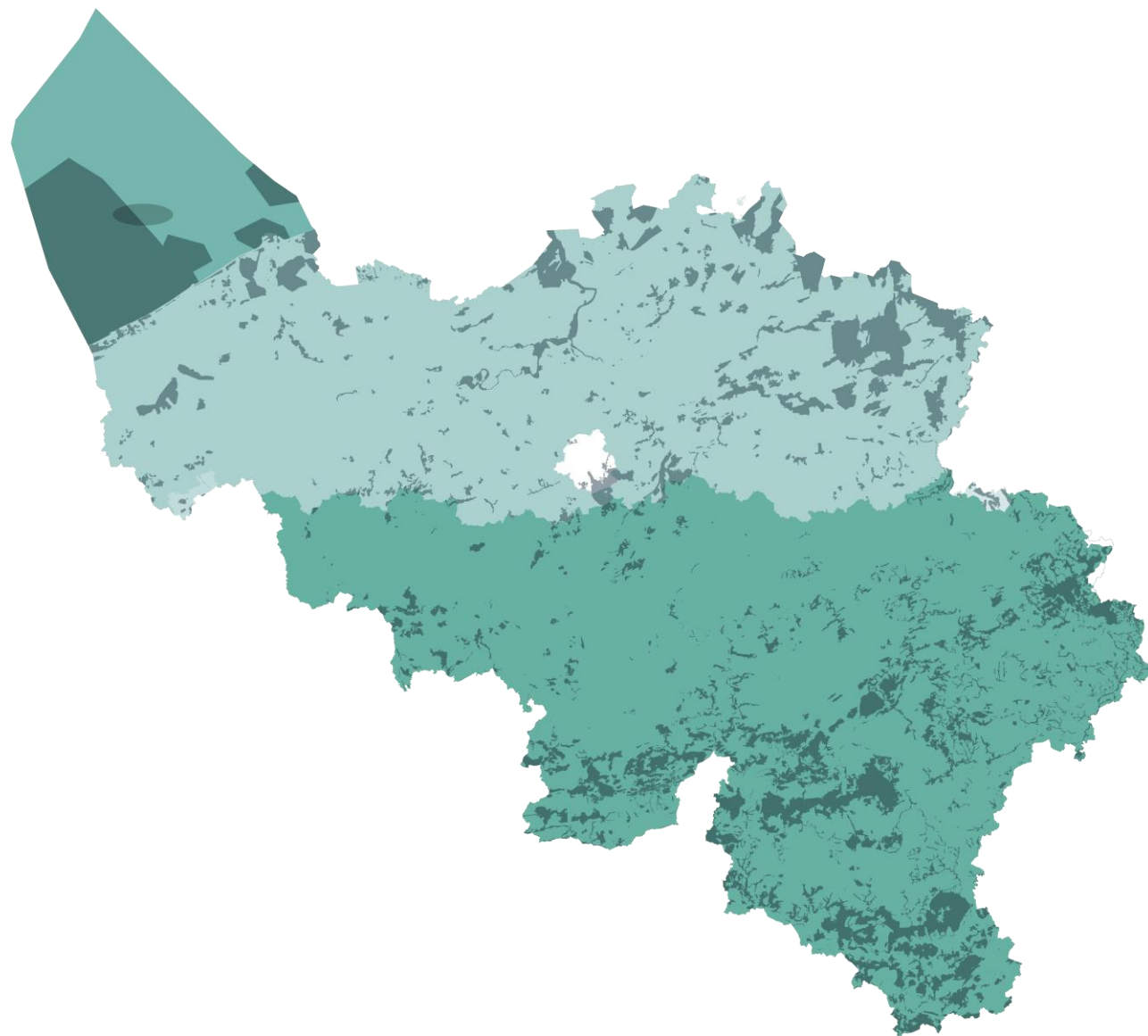
LIFE Belgium for Biodiversity

a LIFE Strategic Nature Project

Investing in Nature Restoration
Building a Sustainable Future



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SNaP = Strategic Nature Project



Belgium: federal country with 3 regions
(4 governments)



Protect and restore biodiversity
in Belgium by contributing to
the implementation of the **PAFs &
MSFD** and subsequent strategies, plans
and programmes.



Duration: **108 months** (2023 – 2031)



Budget - **€ 36.4 million**



Mobilising **€603 million** complementary
funding



Who are we?

Wallonie
service public
SPW

AGENTSCHAP
NATUUR & BOS

bruxelles
environnement
leefmilieu
brussel
.brussels

federale overheidsdienst
VOLKSGEZONDHEID,
VEILIGHEID VAN DE VOEDSELKETEN
EN LEEFMILIEU

Competent authorities
N2000 policy

DEPARTEMENT
OMGEVING

VLAAMSE
LAND
MAATSCHAPPIJ

RESEARCH INSTITUTE
NATURE AND FOREST

NATUURINVEST

NAT
AGRI
WAL

Beneficiary authorities

natagora

Eurosite

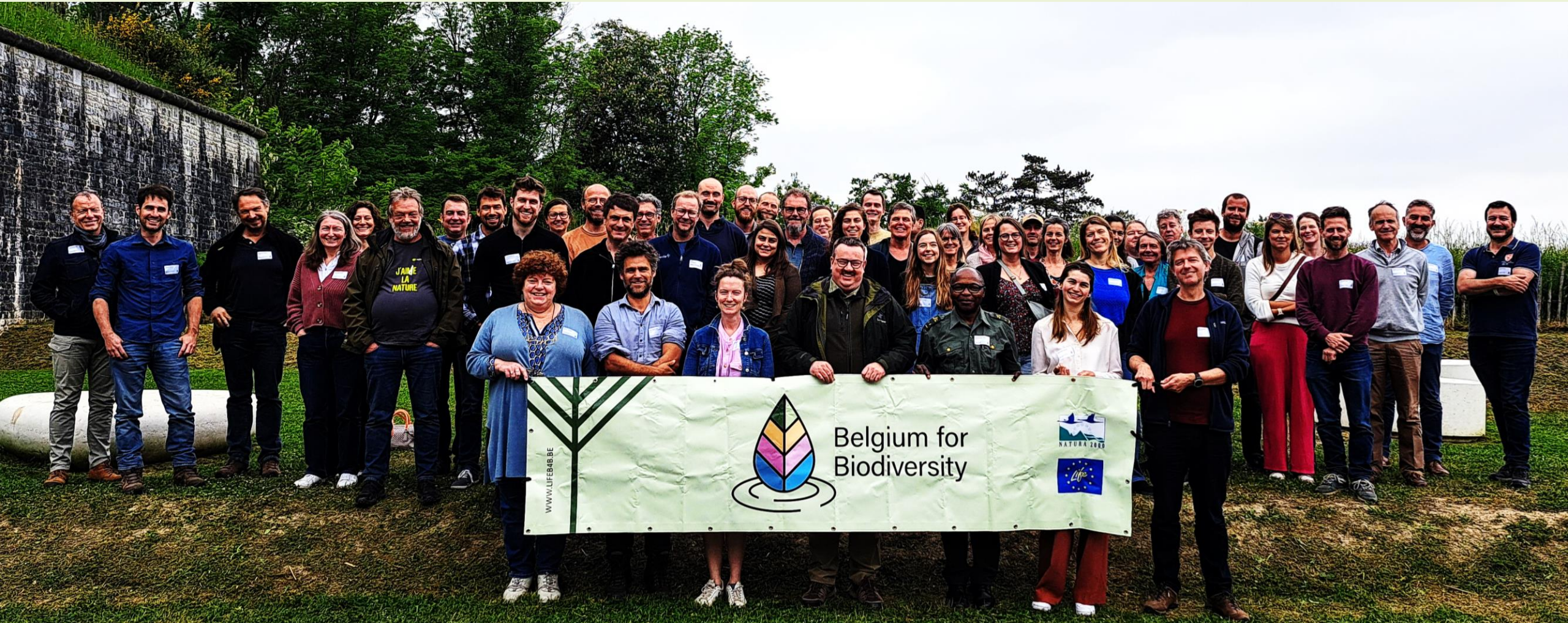
natuurpunt

ELO
European Landowners' Organization

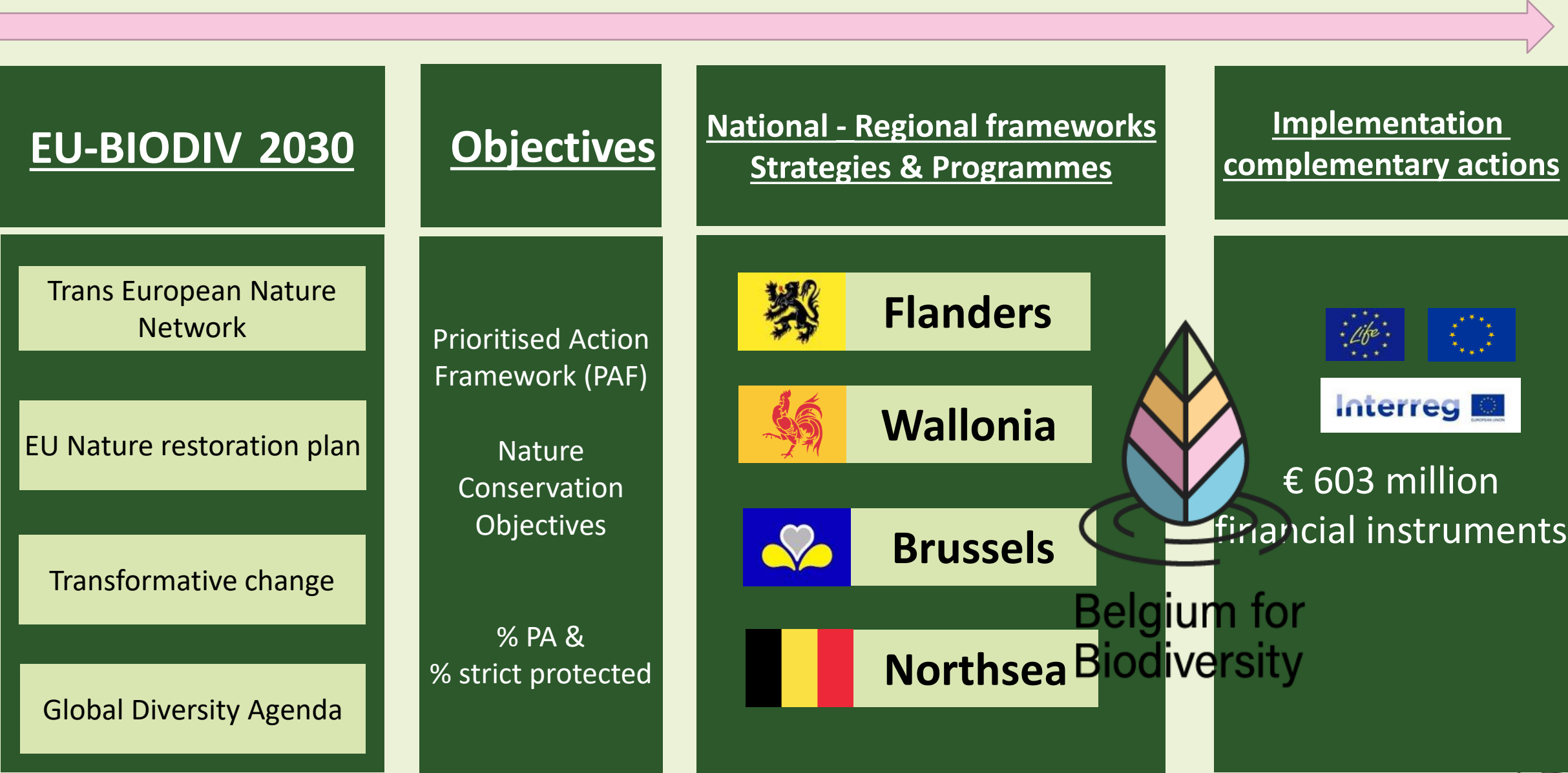
ZONIËNWOUDE
FORÊT DE SOIGNES

Stakeholders

In short: a lot people!



LIFE B4B implementing EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and Natura 2000



Pillar A: Coherent and resilient Trans European Nature network

- Enlarging protected areas
 - National parks - spatial planning
- Connecting protected areas
 - Green blue infrastructure
 - Nature inclusive agriculture
 - Landscape parks
 - Flemish action programme defragmentation
- Managing protected areas
 - Appropriate management
 - PLC tools
 - Compliance promotion

Pillar B: Restoring Biodiversity

- Restoration of ecosystems
 - Development of strategic tools
 - Large scale restoration projects
 - Restoration Marine habitat (oyster banks)
 - Agri-environmental measures (AEM) – nature inclusive agriculture (e.g. paludiculture)
- Species specific programmes
 - Drafting and implementing species programmes
- Habitat specific programmes
 - Drafting and implementing habitat programmes

Pillar C: Reducing Environmental Pressures

- Into the dark: light pollution
- Effluents of highways
- Recreation as a pressure
- Hydrology (floods and desiccation)
- Climate: impact on habitats & species

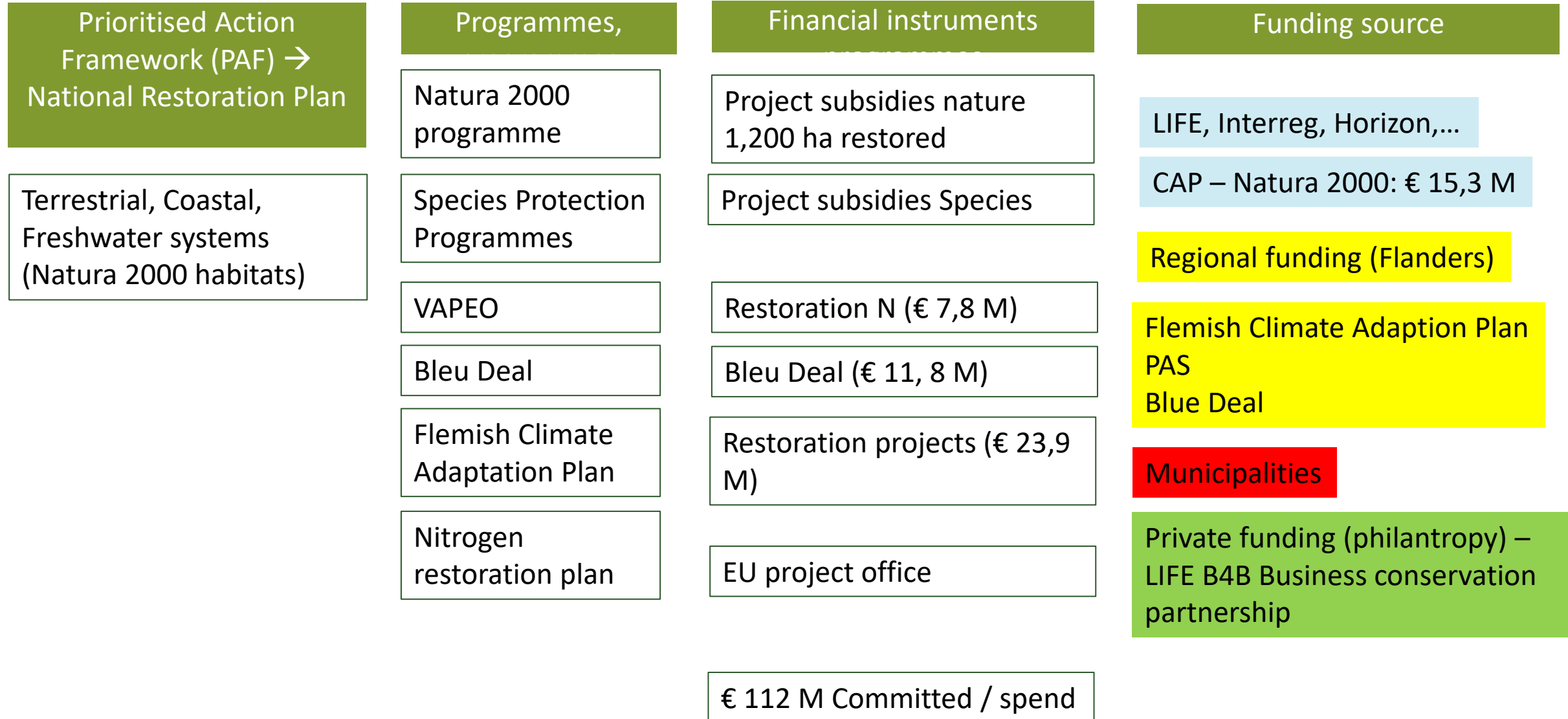
Pillar D: Transformative change (horizontal measures)

- **Mainstreaming biodiversity:** relation managers – ambassadors liaise with other policies
- *Training stakeholders/actors: setting up a programme and development of tools (blended learning)*
- *Knowledge network - sharing information: setting up **Interregional Working Groups** (also at EU level) – Actively contribute to the biogeographical processes – set up **interregional working groups** on various topics (tbd)*
- *Awareness raising - **Branding Natura 2000***
- ***Fair transition** with mitigative policy: including nature inclusive agriculture, Business Conservation Partnerships*
- ***National EU project office:** better coordination and agenda setting of large-scale restoration projects (higher impact)*

**€36
million**
LIFE project
funding

**€600
million**
mobilised
funding

Complementary funding – financing nature in Flanders



Financing needs PAF Flanders



EU project office and financing (task 1.3)

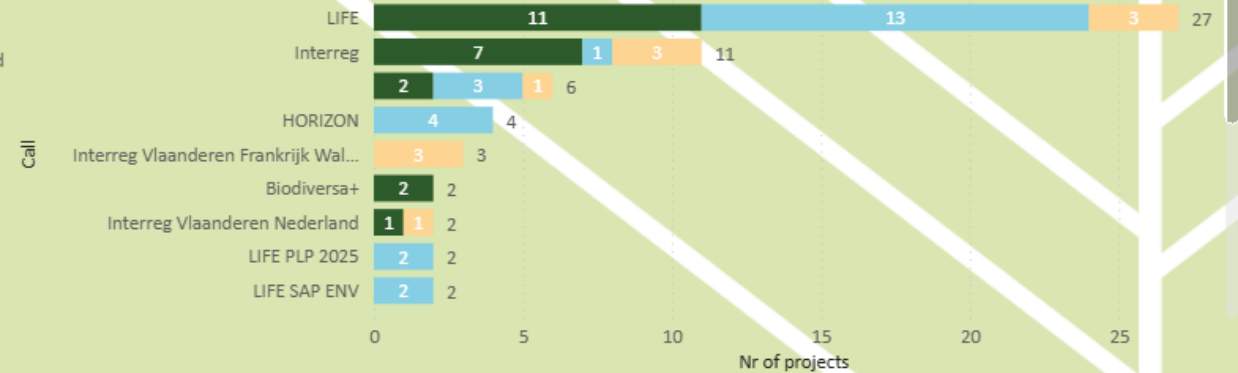
Submitted projects

Total submitted projects during LIFE B4B

72

Status

- Full proposal: approved
- Full proposal: submitted
- Not approved



Awarded projects

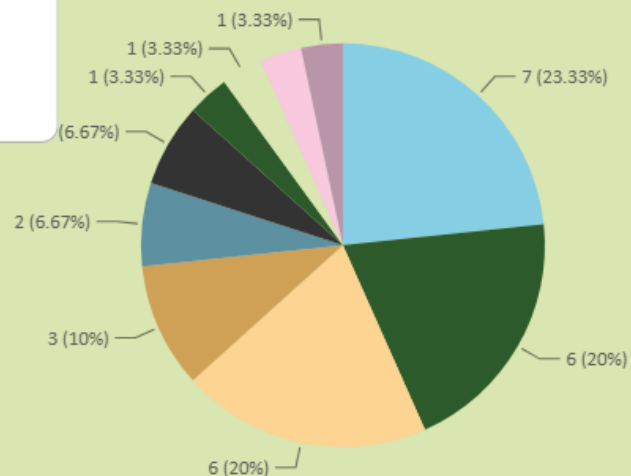
Total Budget
€ 92.9M

EU funding
€ 51.8M

EU share LIFE B4B partners
€ 24.6M

Total awarded projects during LIFE B4B

30



objective LIFE B4B

- B.2 Species specific programmes
- B.3 Habitat specific programmes
- B.1 Restoration of ecosystems (carbon rich...)
- C.4 Climate
- D.1 mainstreaming biodiversity
- A.2 Connecting protected areas-green blu...
- A.3 Appropriate Management protected a...
- C.6 Water
- D.4 Fair transition



3 reasons why we organise this event

- Think BIG - Replicate and scale-up
 - Learn about new and existing funding mechanisms
- Network:
 - collaboration between regions and member states is key,
 - Blend public and private resources
- Dear to innovate
 - Set-up new funding mechanisms!



Questions?



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National restoration plan: targets

Tools, processes, programs

Financing instruments

Terrestrial, coastal, Freshwater

Forest ecosystems

Urban ecosystems

Planting 3 billion trees

Restoration of the Natural connectivity of rivers and natural functions of the related floodplains

Agricultural ecosystems

Pollinators

Marine

Natura 2000 programme / NRP

Species protection programmes

Restoration agenda

project subsidies 'natuur in de buurt'

Project Subsidies Nature / species

Nature development project

Nature inclusive farming / farmland birds

Blue deal

Sigma / Grensmaas

Stakeholders

Competent authorities

Flemish action plan pollinators

Implementation

CAP

EU financing (LIFE, Interreg, Horizon,...)

EU - reliance

Regional funding (Federal, regional)

Municipalities

Vap

PAS

Carbon credits, blue credits, biodiversity credits

Philantropy

Other private financial instruments