

BEST III Consortium

Voluntary Scheme for **B**iodiversity and
Ecosystem **S**ervices in **T**erritories of European
Overseas



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A Partnership for putting in place key components of the Voluntary Scheme

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BEST Consortium Partners:



- IUCN

CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL



- Conservation International (CI) and the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)



- the French IUCN Committee



- the WWF France

- the UNEP SPAW Regional Activity Center (SPAW RAC),



- the Fundo Regional para a Ciência (FRC)

- the South Atlantic Environment Research Institute (SAERI)



- the French Antarctic and Sub Antarctic Territories

- One Agency-Ausy Belgium - De Visu



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A Partnership for sustaining the BEST Preparatory Action

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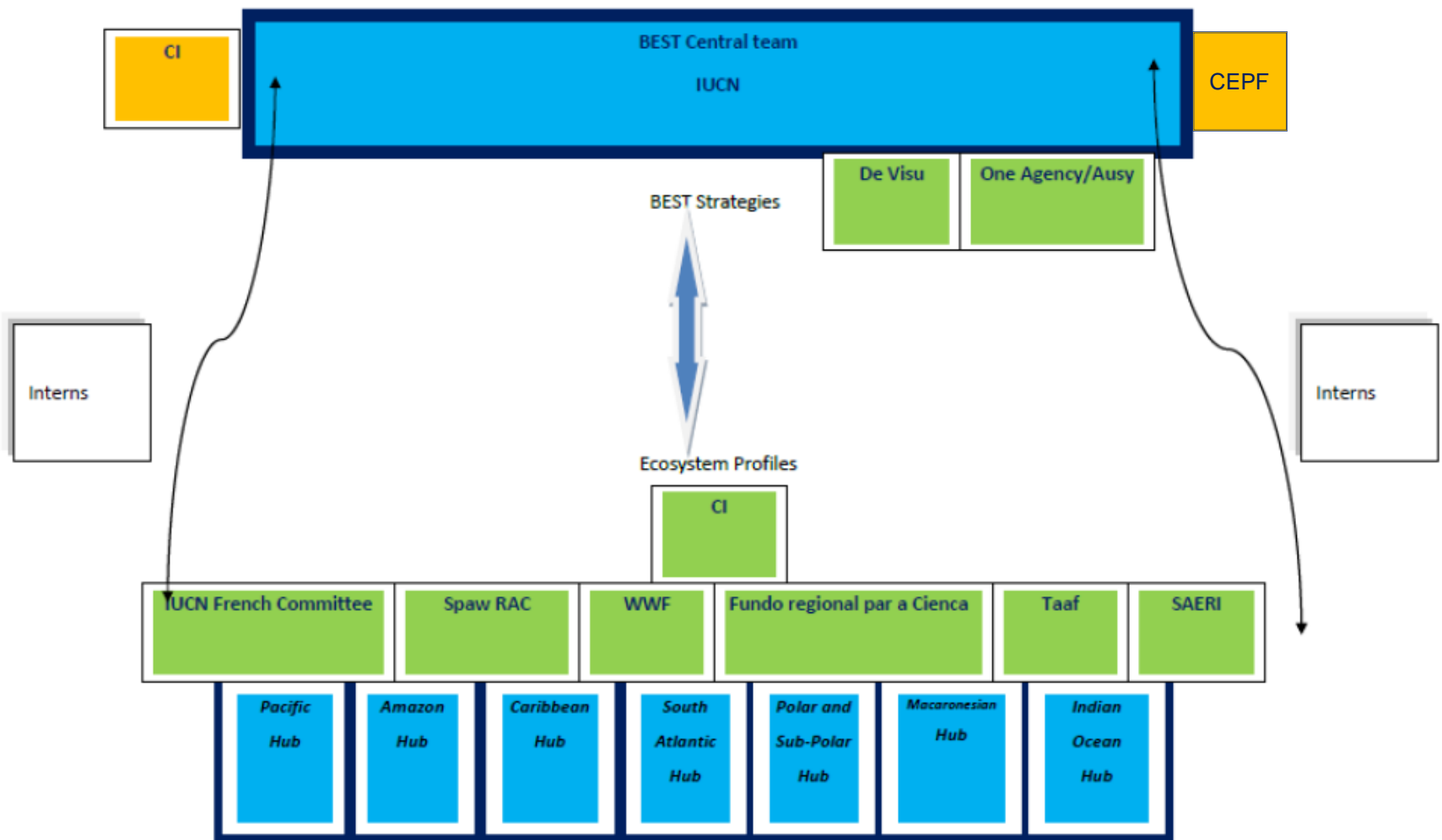


Organizational Structure:

- Central coordination team based in Brussels
- 7 Regional hubs: Indian Ocean, Caribbean, Pacific, Amazon, South Atlantic, Polar and Sub-Polar, Macaronesia

Partners roles:

- **IUCN and its EU Overseas programme:** lead the consortium
- **IUCN French Committee, SPAW RAC, WWF France, FRC, TAAF and SAERI:** in charge of the Regional hubs and of implementing regional Ecosystem Profiles work
- **CEPF-CI:** Support Development of Ecosystem Profiles and Fund-raising activities
- **DeVisu and One Agency:** IT and communication technologies for the BEST platform



- Advisory Partners
- Joint Tender/Sub-contractors
- BEST Team

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Structure

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Macaronesian
Francisco Wallenstein
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Indian Ocean
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Gerard Rocamora
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Polar and SubPolar
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Paul Brickle
Paul Tixier
+

+ Interns in each hub

Activities and tasks

1. Set up a Steering Committee – biannual meetings
2. Set up Regional hubs
3. Develop and manage an interactive website
3. Facilitate information sharing on funding and Fund-raising through: Website-Face-to-face meetings with donors-Financing Roundtables-BEST Strategy Group
4. Development of Ecosystem profiles
5. Development of BEST strategies

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1. Set up a Steering Committee – biannual meetings

“Representatives of OCTs, ORs, Commission services, Member States including through relevant financial institutions, the BEST working team, the co-ordinators of the BEST facilitating project and NETBIOME CSA,
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2. Set up Regional Hubs

- “Representing the 7 regions in which the EU Outermost Regions and the Overseas Countries and Territories are located;
- Promote and deliver enhanced cross- regional cooperation, exchanges and implementation in support of BEST objectives;
- Disseminate best practices;
- Increase buy-in from all the relevant actors and publicise BEST work and achievements at regional level
- Capitalise on existing networks for regional cooperation;
- Directly input into the development of regional ecosystem profiles and therefore contribute to the link between LOT1 and LOT2;
- Require the establishment of functioning secretariat support at the regional level and the organisation of regional coordination and implementation workshops;
- A representative of each regional hub shall undertake a 6 months paid internship;
- Build partnerships and promote BEST information exchange in the region;
- Communicate regularly with the BEST central working team through phone calls, skype and reports to forum and structures;
- Provide regular communications and reports to the BEST working team on the progress of the profile;
- Provide lessons learnt and other information to the BEST working team to be communicated via the interactive website;
- Visit stakeholders, and attend meetings and events to ensure collaboration, coordination and outreach.”

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3.BEST Website:

- Fostering interactions
- Clearing-house
- Funding opportunities
- Liaison between donors and actors
- info on Overseas biodiversity
- BEST projects
- Best practices

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COCALOCA – Indian Ocean
This regional project led by Kélonia has for objectives:
- Study the oceanic movements of Loggerhead turtles in the territorial waters of Reunion and Mayotte using satellites, genetic, isotopes and modeling technologies;
- Establish cooperation between Reunion, Mayotte and the countries hosting nesting sites of this species;
- Exchange good practices, experiences and scientific knowledge. [See more](#)

Best practices

MAYOTTE
The French overseas department of Mayotte is located in the biogeographical area of the Comoros Archipelago, at the heart of the Mozambique Channel and close to Madagascar. Mayotte hosts a variety of land and marine tropical ecosystems which are of major ecological value, despite significant landscape changes due to the exploitation of first sugar cane and later rice. For its limited territory, Mayotte's natural landscape hosts a vast array of rare biodiversity. Landscapes range from tropical forests located on summits and ridges, wetlands amid alluvial plains, bays covered in mangroves, coasts outlined by coral reefs and surrounded by marine flora. [SEE MORE](#)

Regional ecosystem profiles

South Atlantic Macaronesia Indian Ocean Polar and Sub Polar

The objective of BEST is to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services in European regions and European Overseas Countries and Territories.

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Latest projects

- **MAP FOR** Monitoring of Alien Plant in Outermost regions [SEE MORE](#)
- **WIOCEAN** Western Indian Ocean Connectivity [SEE MORE](#)

Latest funding opportunities

- Call for applications open on ecosystem restoration – deadline 15 Oct. 2013
- Darwin + call – deadline 20 Sept.2013

Latest news and events

- ICUN –CAR SPAW Workshop on climate change and marine protected areas in the Caribbean region – 25 Nov. 2013

Latest video interviews

- Interview with MEP Ponga – What progress in BEST?

Related links

- BISE
- CLIMATE ADAPT

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- The website will increase the appreciation of the biodiversity of EU Overseas by featuring the variety and value of its species and ecosystems, Promoting new opportunities of actions and projects





- by featuring projects - the issue they address, the achievements - the website will seek to inspire new donors. For example, help illustrate the vital ecosystem services coral reefs provide

4. Facilitate information sharing on funding and fund-raising :

- Website/ Clearing House
- Face-to-face meetings with donors
- Financing Roundtables
- BEST Strategy Group

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5 Development of Ecosystem profiles

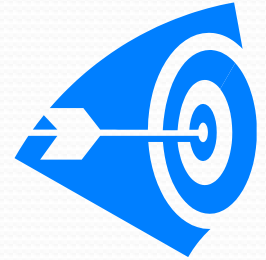
- Thorough work of assessment, inventory, data collection, etc.
- Well tested methodology



Ecosystem Profiling is a **PROCESS**, involving broad stakeholder consultations

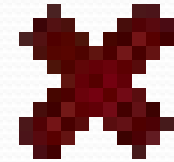


Ecosystem profile objectives



- 1) Set up Conservation Outcomes**
- 2) Provide an overview of the socio-economic context**
- 3) Identify and Prioritize Threats**
- 4) Identify Funding Gaps**
- 5) Define a niche and strategy for future investments**

What Ecosystem Profile **is NOT**



- 1) A stand alone document or a “consultant” document
- 2) A process to generate new data (profiles are based on existing data)
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- 3) A “Research” Study that you stuck in the shelf
- 4) A static and standard document (flexible to adjust to the local reality)

Participative approach:

Participation and close consultation to ensure **ownership and relevance** of work



6 Development of BEST Strategies

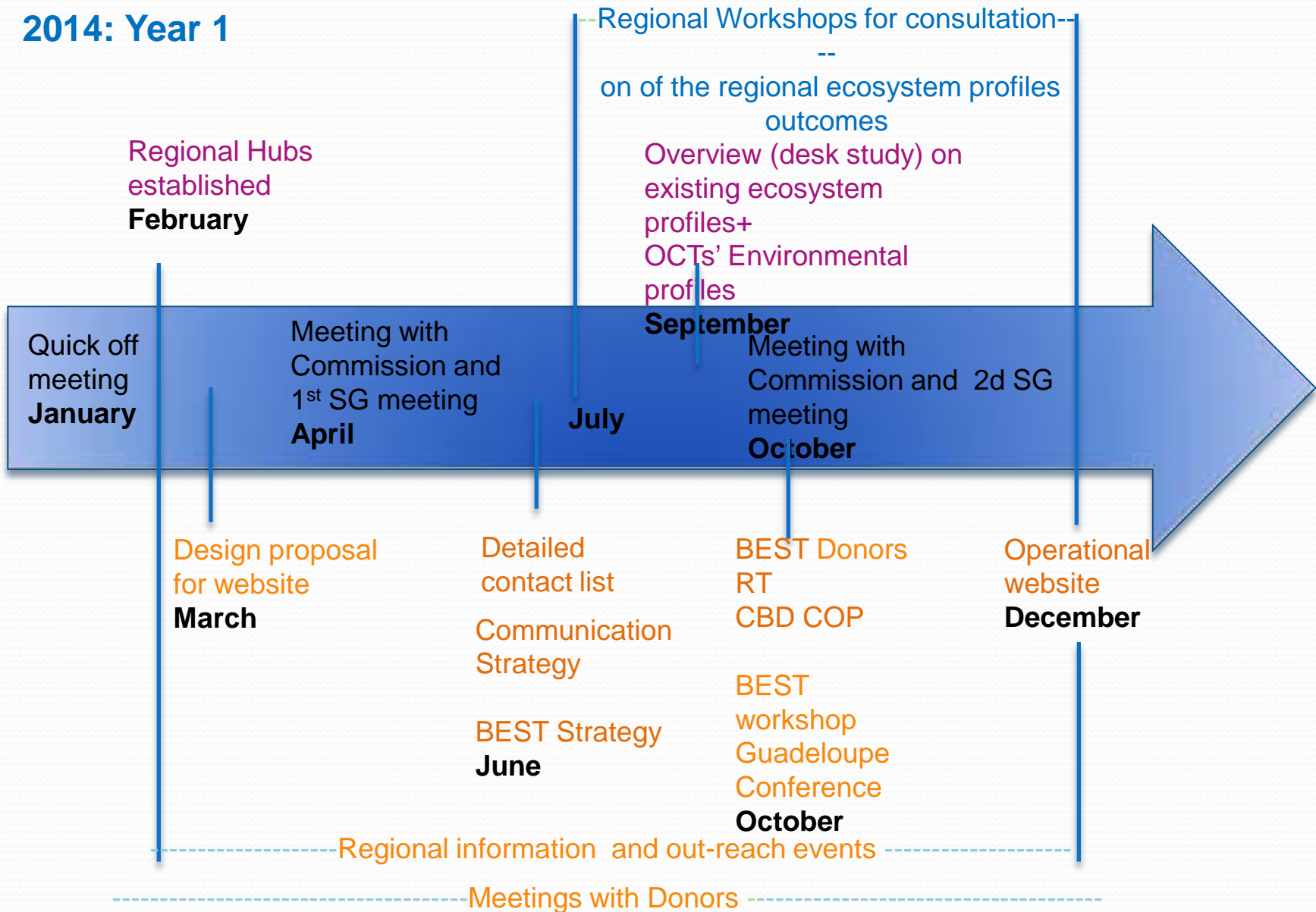
Participative approach:

- Develop investment strategies with local actors to insure that the investment strategies and fund-raising actions will **adress the needs on the ground**



Timeline for main deliverables/ milestones

2014: Year 1



Timeline for main deliverables/ milestones

2015: Year 2



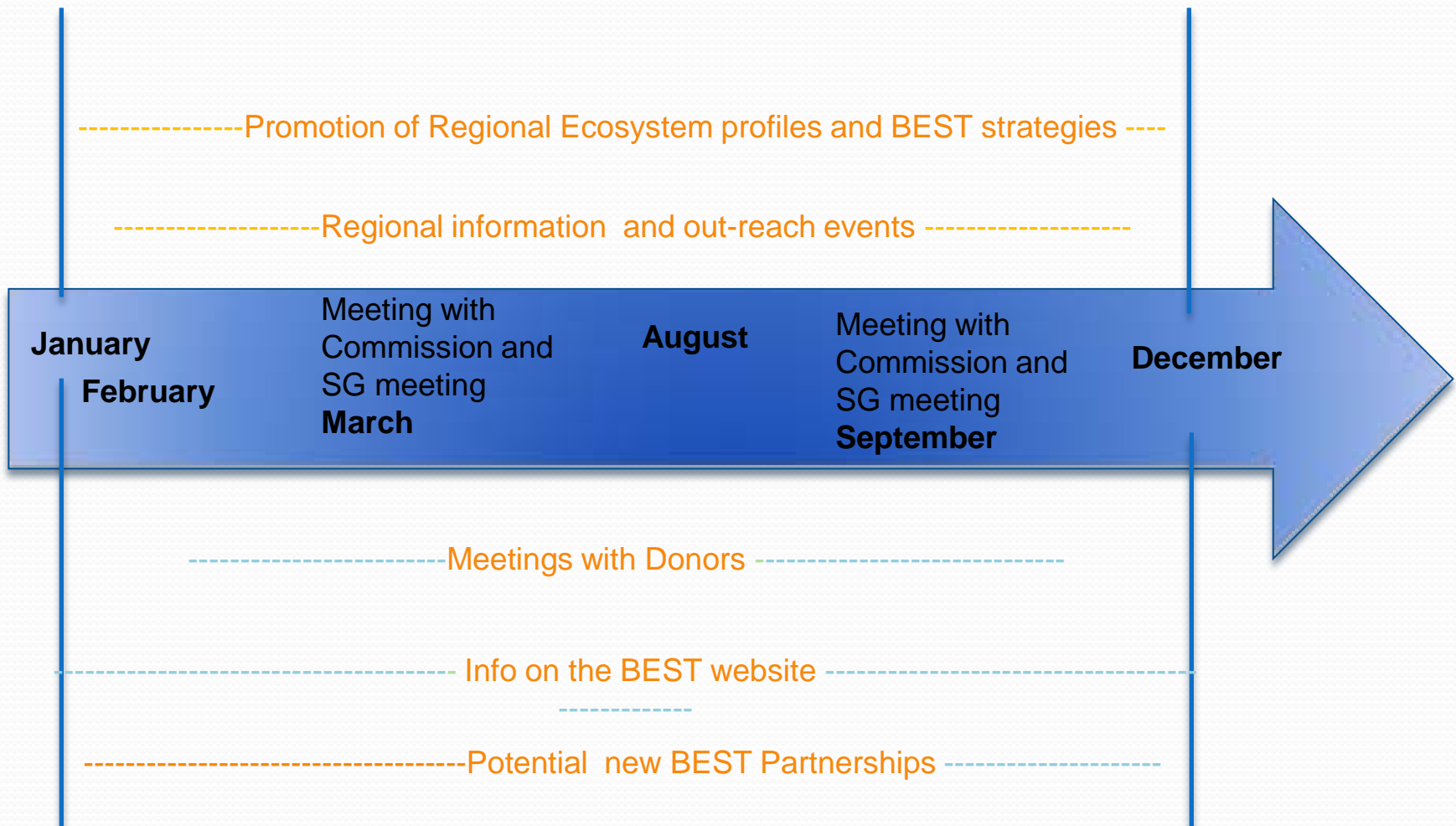
Timeline for main deliverables/ milestones

2016: Year 3



Timeline for main deliverables/ milestones

2017: Year 4



We thank you for your attention



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