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Biodiversa+ 2026-27 joint call

BiodivFuture information webinar for UKRI-NERC applicants
Thursday 10th September 13:30 – 14:00

Agenda

- UK-specific rules for applying to the BiodivFuture call
- An overview of the Resilient economy and security through ecosystem transitions (RESET) programme
- BiodivFuture and RESET
- Any questions?



UK-specific rules for applicants

- NERC has a total of £3,000,000 in funds and will support UK components of up to £375,000 (at 100%, of which NERC will fund 80%)
- Funds in the initial application must be requested in Euro, using the official exchange rate on 9 Sept 2026.
- Only people eligible for UKRI funding and based at an eligible research organisation can apply.
- Individuals can participate in up to two applications and only in one as the Project-partner coordinator

UK-specific rules for applicants

- The research in the UK component must fall within NERC's remit but the involvement of other disciplines (e.g. economics, social science, arts, humanities) is encouraged. Contact NERC to discuss the remit of your application if unsure. (biodiversa@nerc.ukri.org)
- You can add partners, co-leads and researchers to your proposal between the pre-proposal and full bid stages and your budget can change between stages but must remain within the limit.
- When the award decision has been made, UK project leads of successful bids must submit details of their application through the UKRI Funding Service. This will be during October 2027.
- All awarded UK components must start by 14th Feb 2028.
- In addition to any reports required by the Biodiversa+ secretariat, UK grant holders must submit reports annually to NERC (details to follow).
- NERC funded grants must fully integrate into the NERC-Defra RESET programme.

Resilient economy and security through ecosystem transitions (RESET)

VISION is to generate the knowledge, evidence, tools and approaches needed to anticipate and respond to ecosystem transitions at local to global scales.

RESET will deliver understanding of how ecosystem change affects resilience, security and prosperity, and will support decisions and actions that sustain ecosystem functions, strengthen economic prosperity, societal resilience and national security.

RESET is co-funded by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and NERC, with a total budget of £25 million

RESET - Background

Ecosystems are changing rapidly and in more disruptive ways, creating material risks to ecological function and the societal outcomes that depend on it.

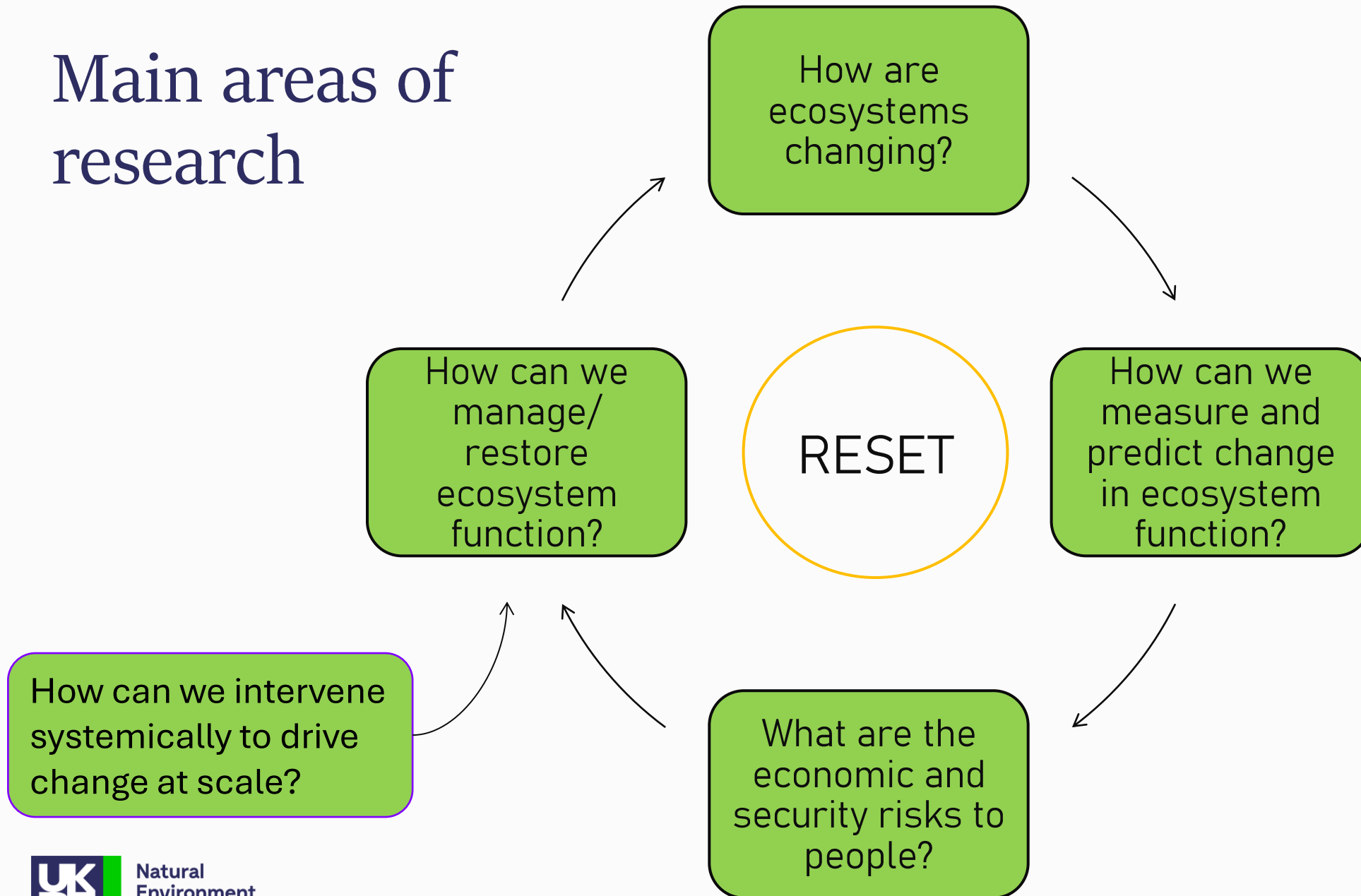
This threatens growth, infrastructure, supply chains, food and energy security, and societal wellbeing, with potential resulting impacts including conflict, geopolitical tension, mass migration, terrorism, and wider security risks

In response, Defra and UK Research Councils are partnering on a long-term joint research and innovation programme: Resilient Economy and Security through Ecosystem Transitions (RESET).



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Main areas of research



Science into policy

RESET - Programme structure

Foundational science
and context specific research

Generalisation and coherence

Government application

RESET strategic research projects

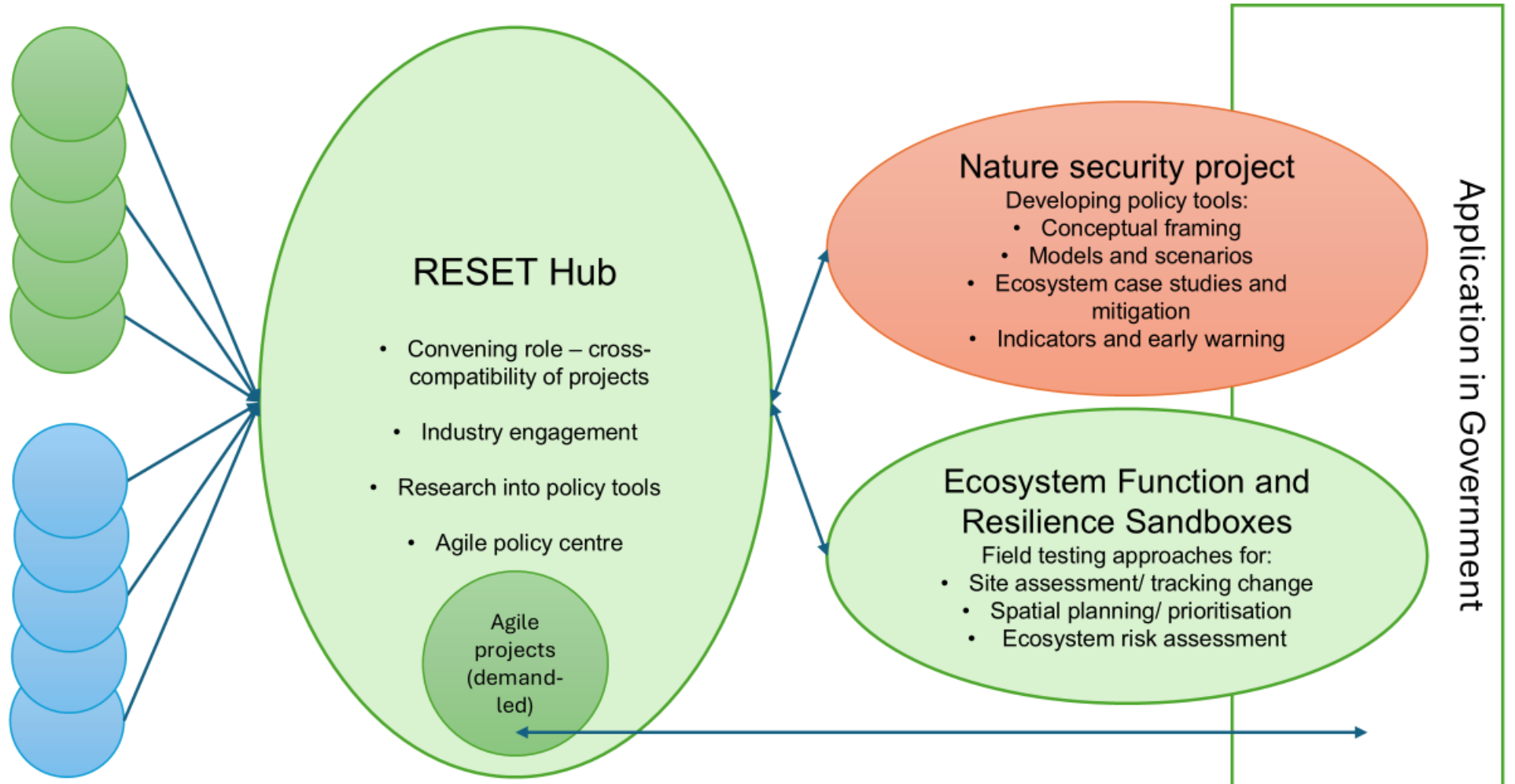
Context specific exploratory research
in domestic and international
ecosystems on:

- Ecosystem change
- Cascading risks
- Managing ecosystem transitions

EU Biodiversa Biodivfuture strategic research projects

Research on:

- Development and function of novel ecosystems
- Pathways for novel ecosystems
- Biodiversity benefits to people



RESET and BiodivFuture

- BiodivFuture projects will generate new fundamental knowledge on novel ecosystems and strengthen UK's role in international biodiversity research. The wider RESET programme will support knowledge exchange to key UK national stakeholders and deliver UK resilience, prosperity and security outcomes.
- The BiodivFuture NERC-funded grant holders will be expected to participate in the activities and events on the RESET programme. This may include workshops, conferences, joint publications, knowledge exchange events, public engagement events etc.
- UK applicants to the BiodivFuture call should include a request for funds for 1-2 team members to attend up to 3 RESET events in the UK.
- BiodivFuture grants will be expected to interact with the wider RESET programme, especially with the RESET Hub, such as reporting to it regularly (details to follow awards).



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