



Future Cooperation in Research and Innovation with countries beyond Europe

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Perspectives from the Belmont Forum

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Water
International Cooperation



31 members
representing over 55
countries



The Belmont Challenge:
Understand, mitigate, and
adapt to global
environmental change

Developing opportunities with more than
125 resource organizations

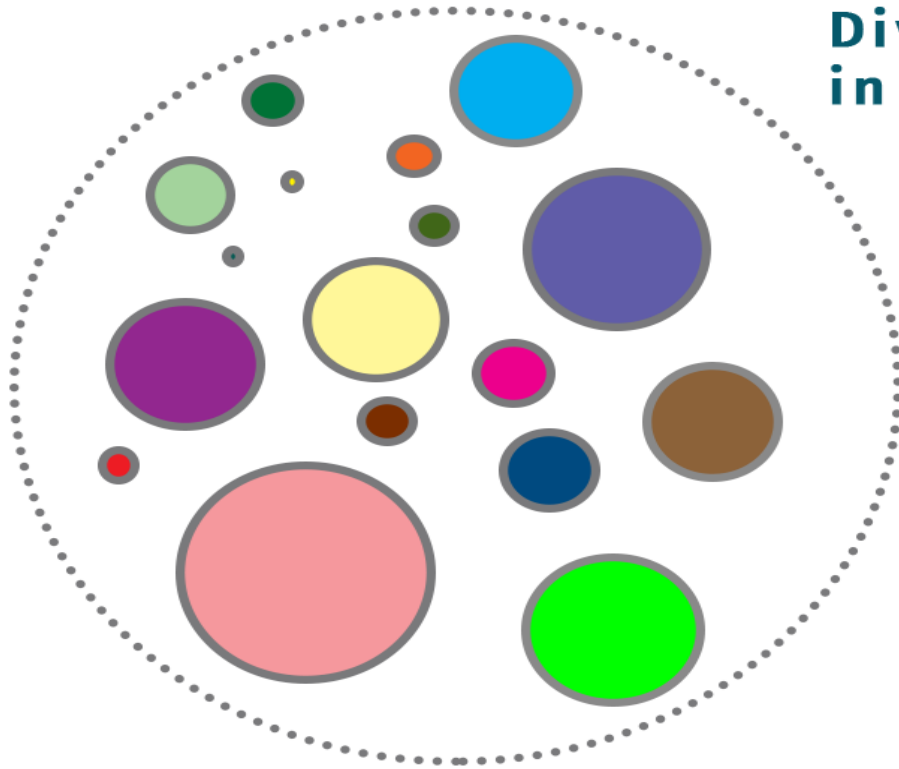


BELMONT FORUM MODEL:



■ Social Scientists ■ Natural Scientists ■ Policy makers ■ Stakeholders





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Diversifying support in a virtual pot

Every award leverages resources

Small investments may be returned 20x's over

Large investments can be synced with planned programs

Pledged support can come at any governance level

Annexes align awards with programmatic needs

Low administrative overhead

Mechanisms to date

- ERA-Net
- Joint call with JPI's
- Individual Agencies

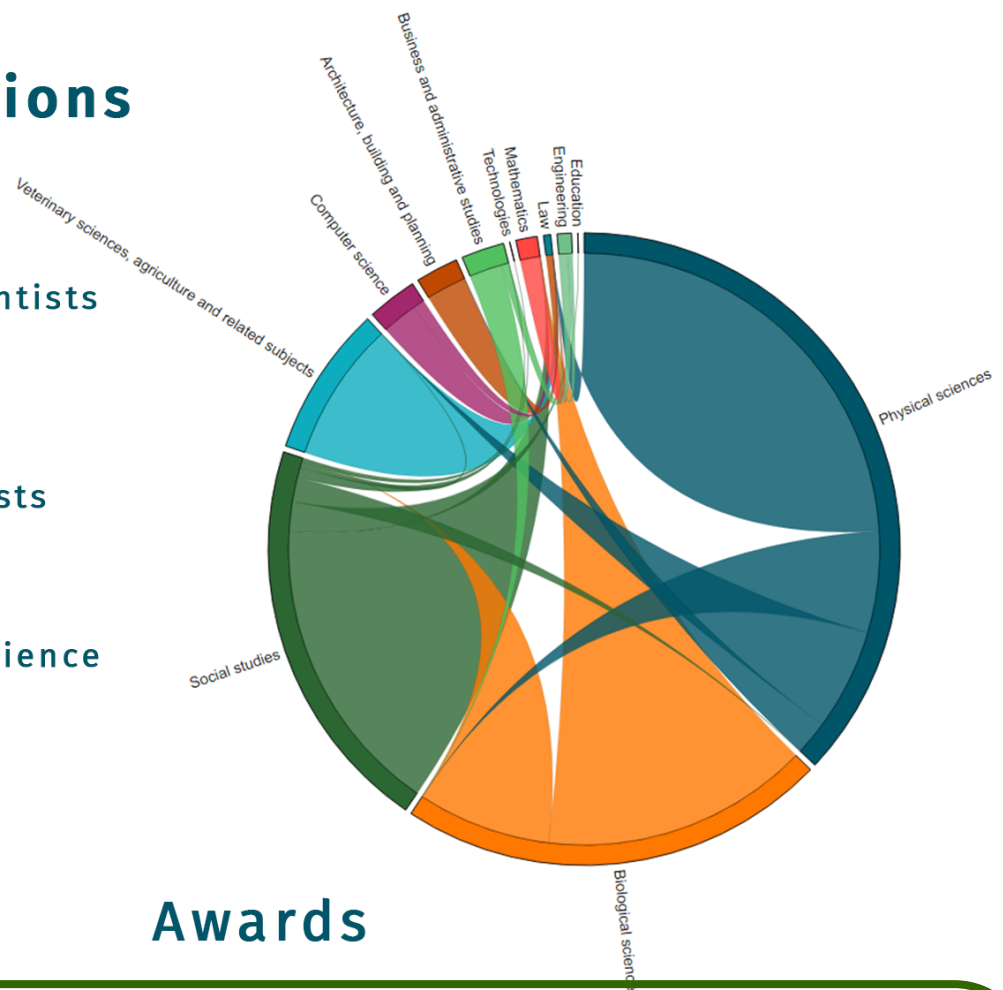
Challenges

- Timing
- Seed grants
- Left over funds?
- Transdisciplinary is mandatory
- Panel ranking

Supported collaborations

primary interaction is among physical, social, and biological scientists

- growing representation from planning and management sector
- education and technology specialists are scarcely represented in awards
- targeted calls are fostering collaborations with other domain science
- review process often eliminates collaborations with humanities
- challenge with reporting as many participants don't self-identify



Awards

Targets and Pathways to Sustainability



Networking – focus for the first phase – designed to establish earth system targets for sustainable development pathways using a systems approach to understand trade-offs and balances

Restoration & Resilience of Soils & Groundwater



Research projects that focus on the interaction of critical zone elements (soils, groundwater, atmosphere, biogeochemical cycling) for sustainable land management