



WESTERN EUROPE

BIODIVERSITY & CEPA

Threats to biodiversity



Increasing Fragmentation of landscape

- Brown hare in Switzerland (killed by vehicles, cannot escape bad weather)



Conflict of Interest between different stakeholders

- Brown bears in the Spanish Pyrenees (sheep farmers) Iberian Lynx (habitat loss)
- Butterflies, beetles, dragonflies (agricultural practices, habitat loss, wetlands)



Introduction of Exotic/ Alien Species

- European mink, White-headed duck, Brown tree snake in Guam Islands (destroyed the endemic birds and now rodents, lizards etc)

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Illegal and Over Fishing, Bycatch, Dumping of Toxic Wastes

- Albatross (Aggressive fishing techniques), Benthic species
- Salmon, (habitat destruction), The Giant devilray (bycatch)



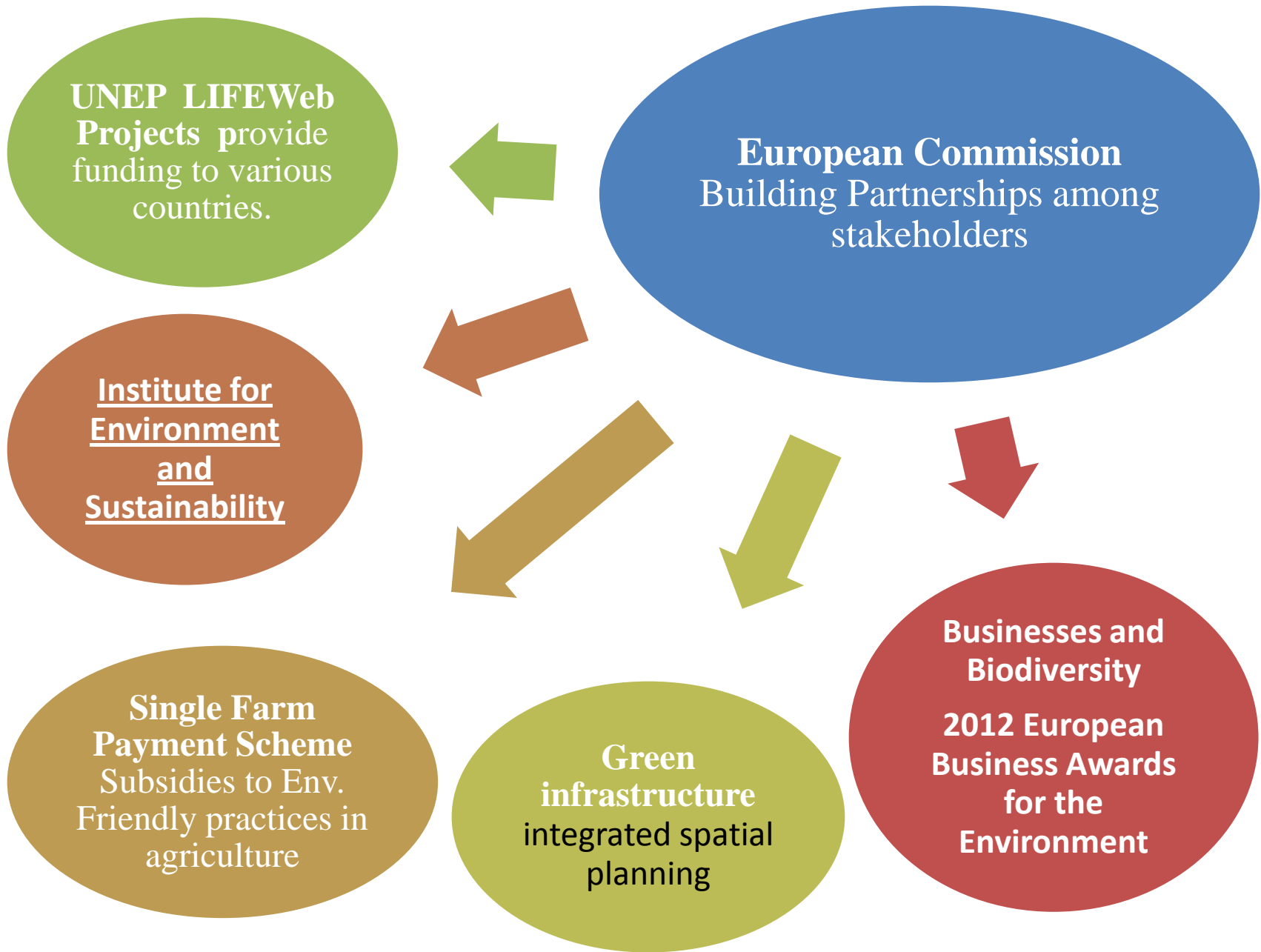
Forest Fires

- Spain, Finland (climate change)



Loss Wetlands

- Drainage for agriculture, conversion to farmland, pollution



Small steps to BIG ones.

- Specific structure and plans to monitor conservation practices at municipality level and below.
- Hiring of people to monitor and educate the public.
(Creates employment)
- Reach out through organisations and educational institutions to spread awareness

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European Capitals of Biodiversity

- Competition among **municipalities** for biological diversity and traditional culture, environment preservation and promotion.
- France, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain



Blue Flag Programme

- IUCN (International Union for conservation of Nature) and FEE (Foundation for Environment Education) together are working towards protecting and monitoring Marine Protected Areas (‘Blue Flag’ areas – **Beaches, Marinas**)