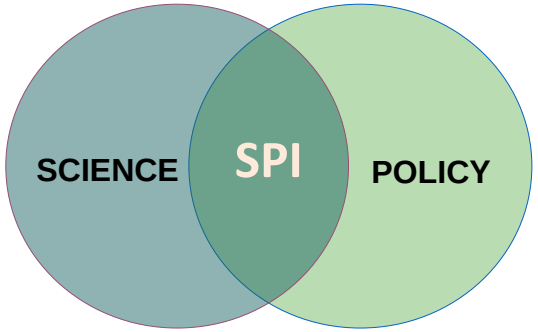
Plan Bleu pour l'environnement et le développement en Méditerranée

EcApMed II, Output 3: Stronger Ecosystem approach related science-policy interface in the Mediterranean.

- Regional meeting on NAPs Implementation – lessons learned and the way forward.
- Agenda Item 5 : Brief information on Science Policy Interface (SPI) strengthening for the implementation of the UNEP/MAP IMAP for pollution.
- *Marseille, 17 October 2016*

Short introduction to Science policy interface

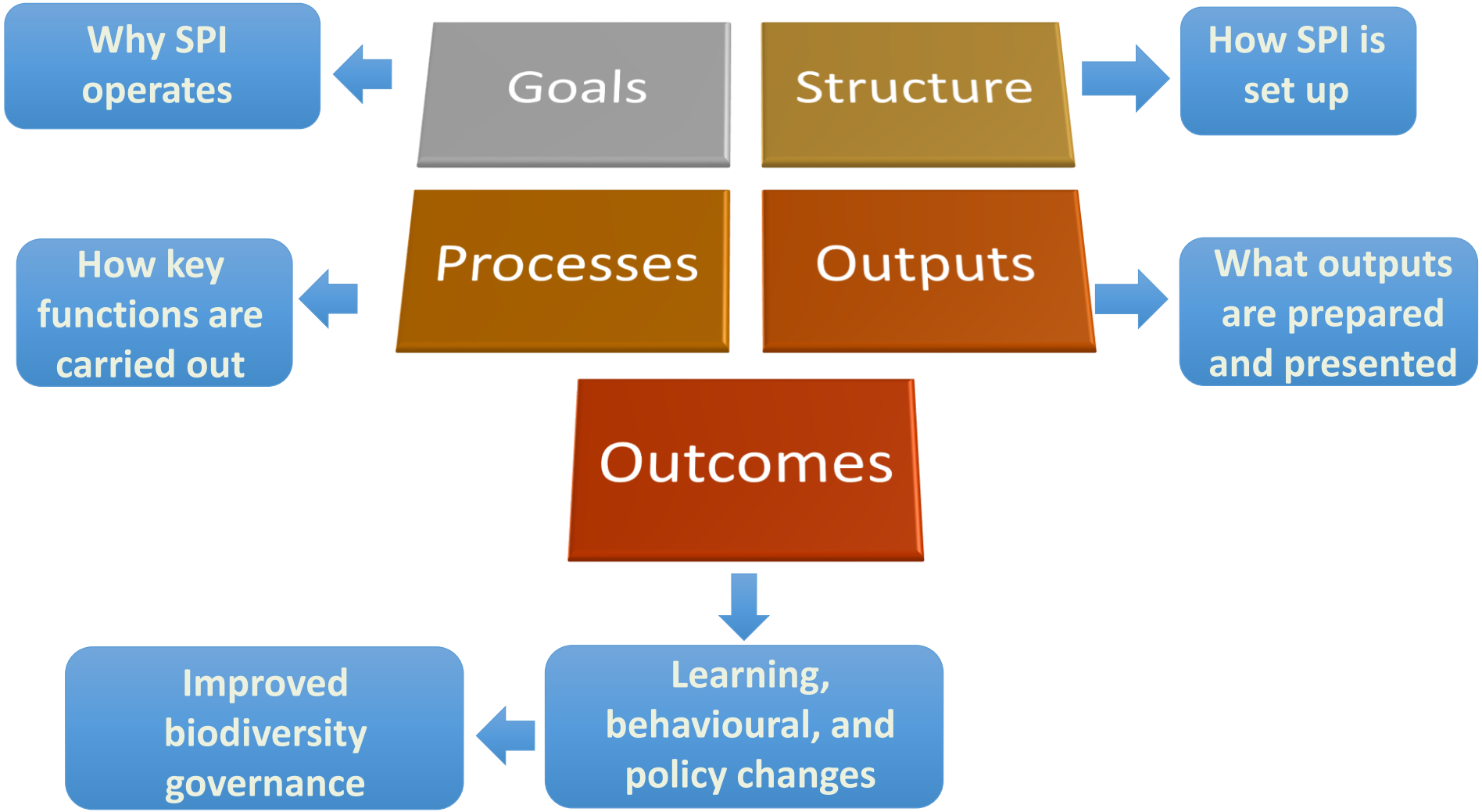


SPI: ways in which scientists, policy-makers and other actors link up to communicate, exchange ideas and develop knowledge jointly to enrich policy, decision-making processes and research (From the SPIRAL EU project)

Factors hindering science-policy relationship :

- Uncertainty, complexity of environmental science
- Differences: disciplines and sectors/ research and policy / values and worldviews
- Inappropriate communication procedures
- Power games (conflicting interests/other sectors)

Key features of successful SPIs



Preliminary lessons on SPI

- SPI is a real issue perceived by scientists
- Diverse visions of the Policy in SPI: regulation, policy-makers, politicians
- Effective SPI actions from recent marine scientific projects, but rather intuitive and one way
- Need to mature SPI as a structured process (objective, formalization, indicators, resources, knowledge, evaluation…)
- Need of dedicated resources
- Improve capacity to communicate Science to Policy Makers: create brief and digestible materials; different visual communication tools; Contextualise findings; adapt approaches to the audience…

Strengthening Science Policy Interface for IMAP, workshops

Inception SPI workshop : Sophia Antipolis December 2015

SPI Workshop on Pollution, linked to the next CORMON on pollution, Marseille 20-21 October 2016

SPI Workshop on Biodiversity and Marine Protected Areas, linked to the 2016 Forum on MAP, Tangier 28 November 2016

Others to come in 2017.