# BESAFE

## First stakeholder workshop

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# Partners and particulars

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| UK | | The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford (UOXF-AF) |
| GE | | Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) |
| UK | | Natural Environment Research Council - Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (NERC-CEH) |
| SE | | Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) |
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| BE | | Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) |
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| RO | | University of Bucharest (UNIBUC) |

# What the call asked for:

**An analysis of alternative ways to improve biodiversity policy making and governance at local, national and global scales**

# Our angle

**To find out which type of argumentation is most effective in a given situation, or:**

**.. to describe the relationship between the effectiveness of argument(ation) types and the context in which they are used …**

# Our main product for stakeholders:

.... **and to make this knowledge easily accessible and usable through a user-friendly web tool**.

# What do we need to consider?

Who do the convincing?

What's in between?

Who need to be convinced?

| NGO's, other policy makers, etc. | Arguments | Policy makers |
|---|---|---|
| Usually biodiversity people | The ones they THINK the policy makers in question will accredit | The ones deciding on biodiversity aspects – in any policy. Usually NOT biodiversity people |

Both parties are influenced by the situation: their own convictions, their relationship with each other, the problem at hand, public opinion, other interests, ….

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Our **research target**:

the value they accredit to arguments determines their effectiveness

## Policy makers

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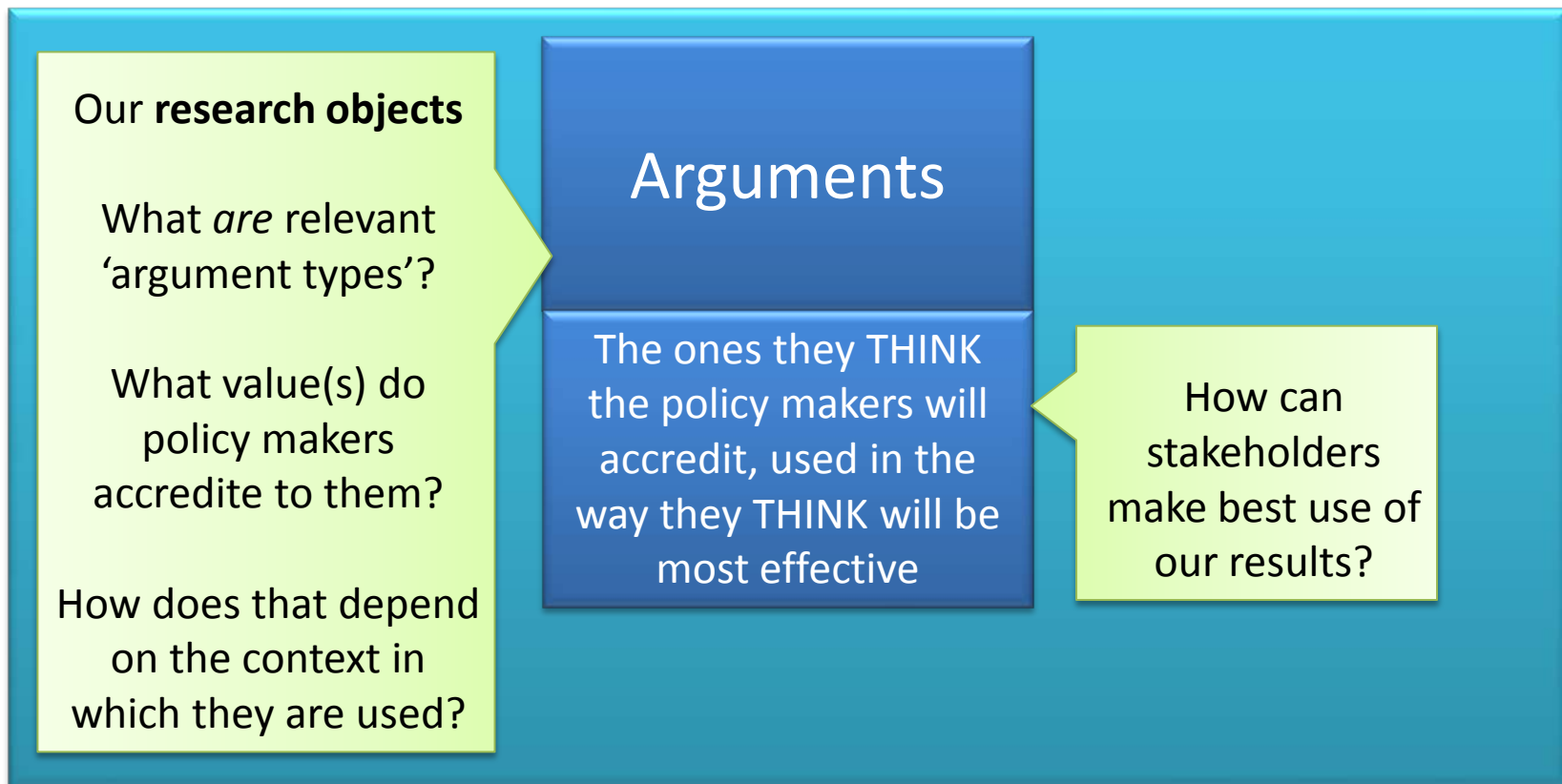NGO's, other policy makers, etc.

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Our **dissemination target**

They need to know which arguments to use when

# What do we need to consider?

What do they use?

Our **research objects**

What *are* relevant 'argument types'?

What value(s) do policy makers accredite to them?

How does that depend on the context in which they are used?

## Arguments

The ones they THINK the policy makers will accredit, used in the way they THINK will be most effective

How can stakeholders make best use of our results?
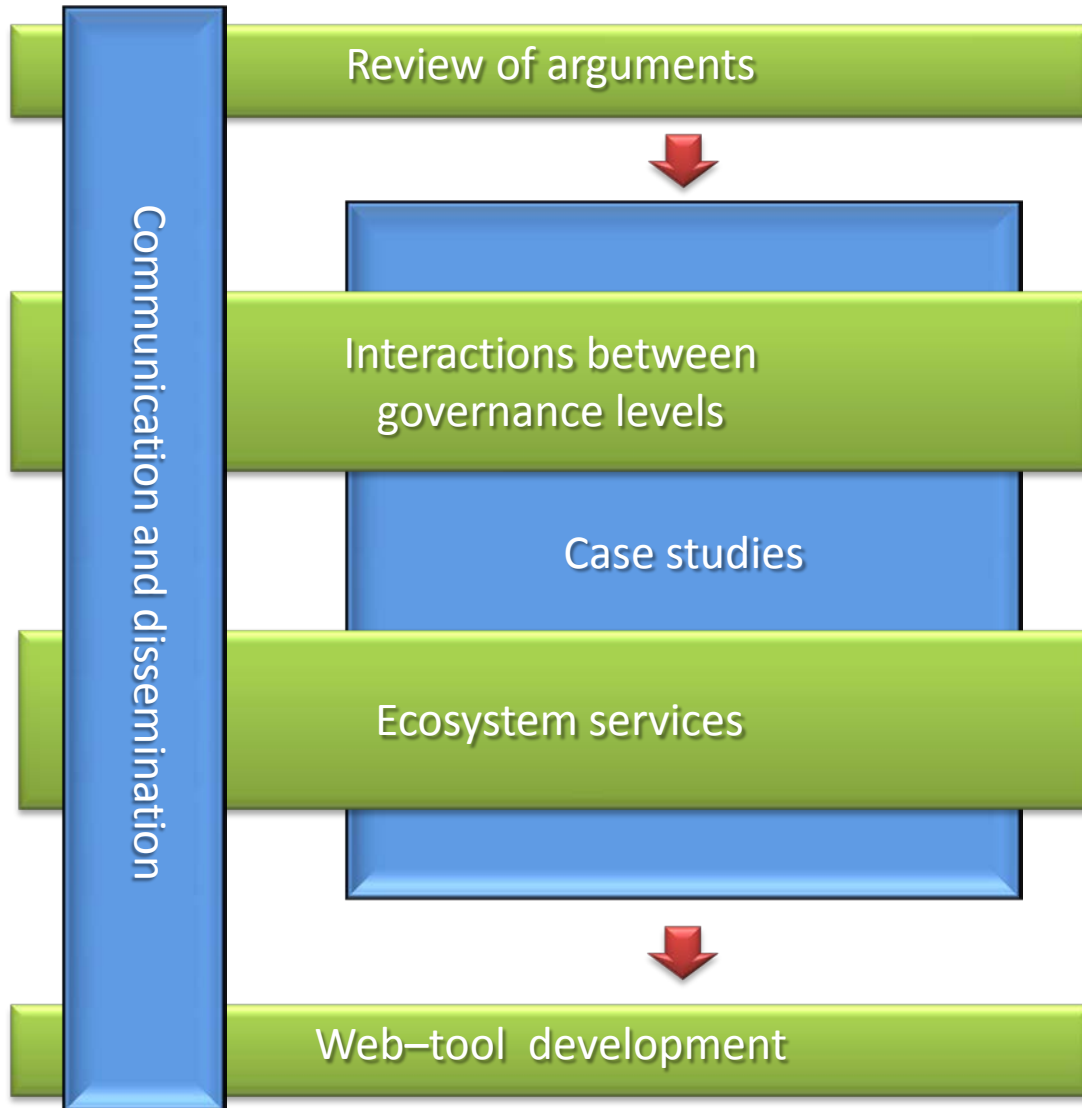
So .....

.... what about this workshop?

# Workshop aims

- To do a reality check
- To get stakeholders involved
  - We need you
  - We want to k⋯⋯⋯⋯our problems wit⋯⋯⋯⋯ation
  - We want you⋯⋯⋯⋯o help you

# BESAFE's basic setup

Communication and dissemination

Review of arguments

Interactions between governance levels

Case studies

Ecosystem services

Web–tool development

# 'Learning by doing'

## We have an iterative approach

Policy cycle
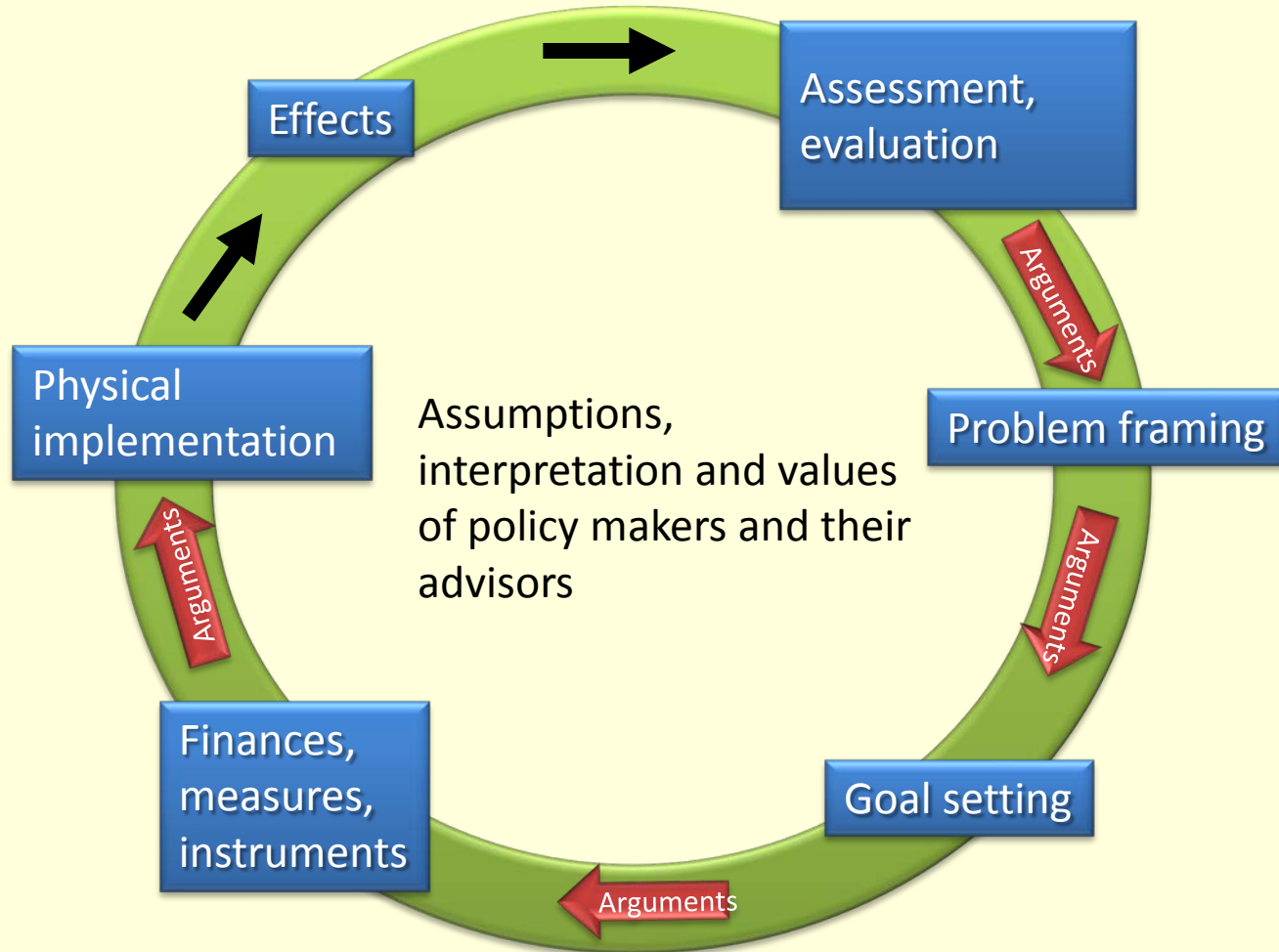
# 1) Results of the arguments review

What can you find about 'types' of arguments in scientific and gray literature?

Bruce Howard, CEH

# 2) The context of use

## What factors could influence the effectiveness of different 'types'?
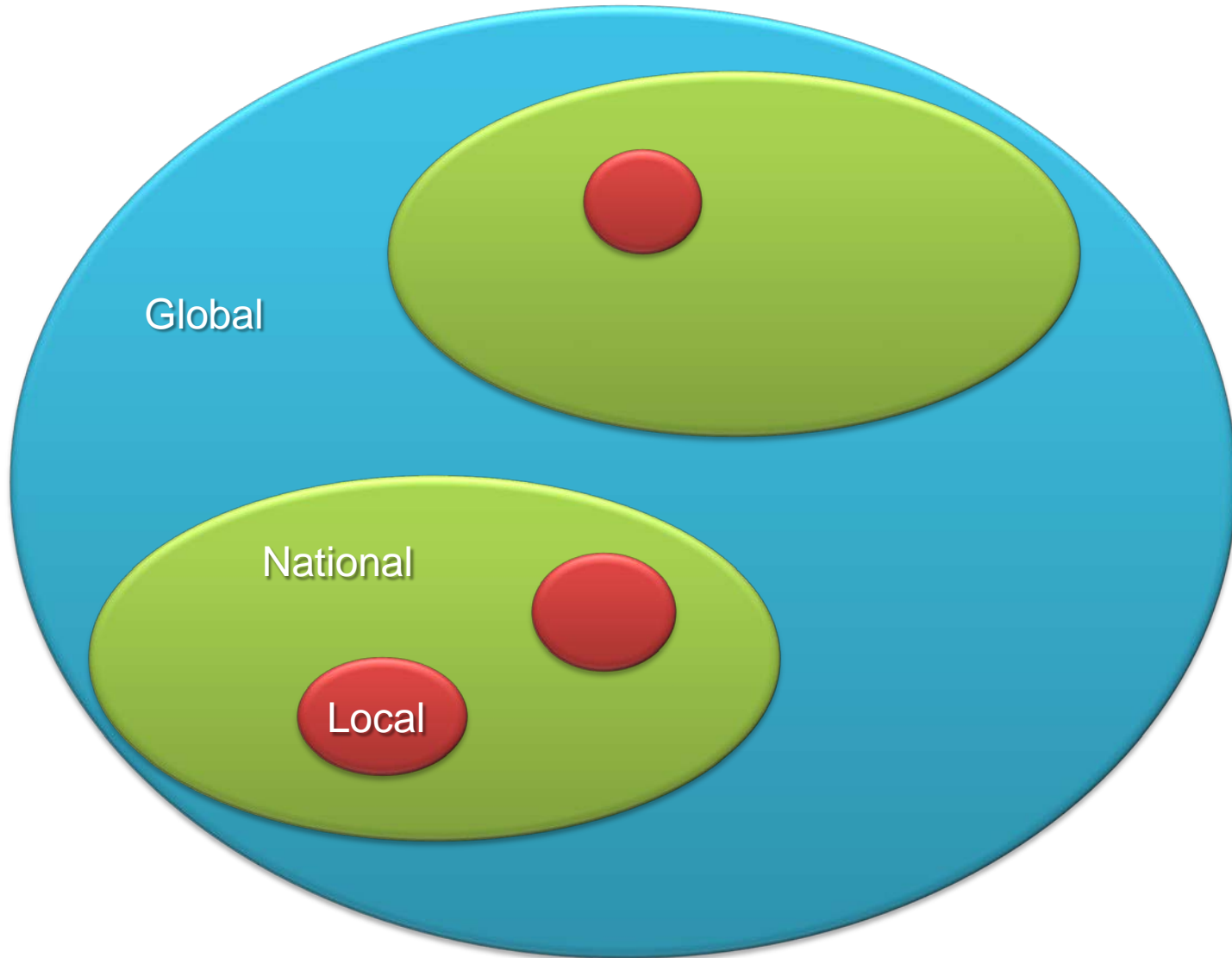
Rob Tinch, Eftec

# 3) The effect

## How do arguments generate effect

# Then ....

You get the change to 'discover' some arguments yourselve

Bialowieza forest argumentation example

# Interactions between governance levels



Global

National

Local

Ann van Herzele, INBO

# Ecosystem services



Pam Berry, Oxford University

# Case studies

Malgorzata Blicharska