

THE IDEA OF ERBF EMBASSADORS AND THEIR POSSIBLE ROLES



AMBASSADOR

FACILITATOR

MEDIATOR

INTERMEDIARY

COORDINATOR

PIVOT

FOCAL POINT

CONTACT POINT

ARTICULATION POINT

LINKING POINT

JOINT POINT

LIAISON

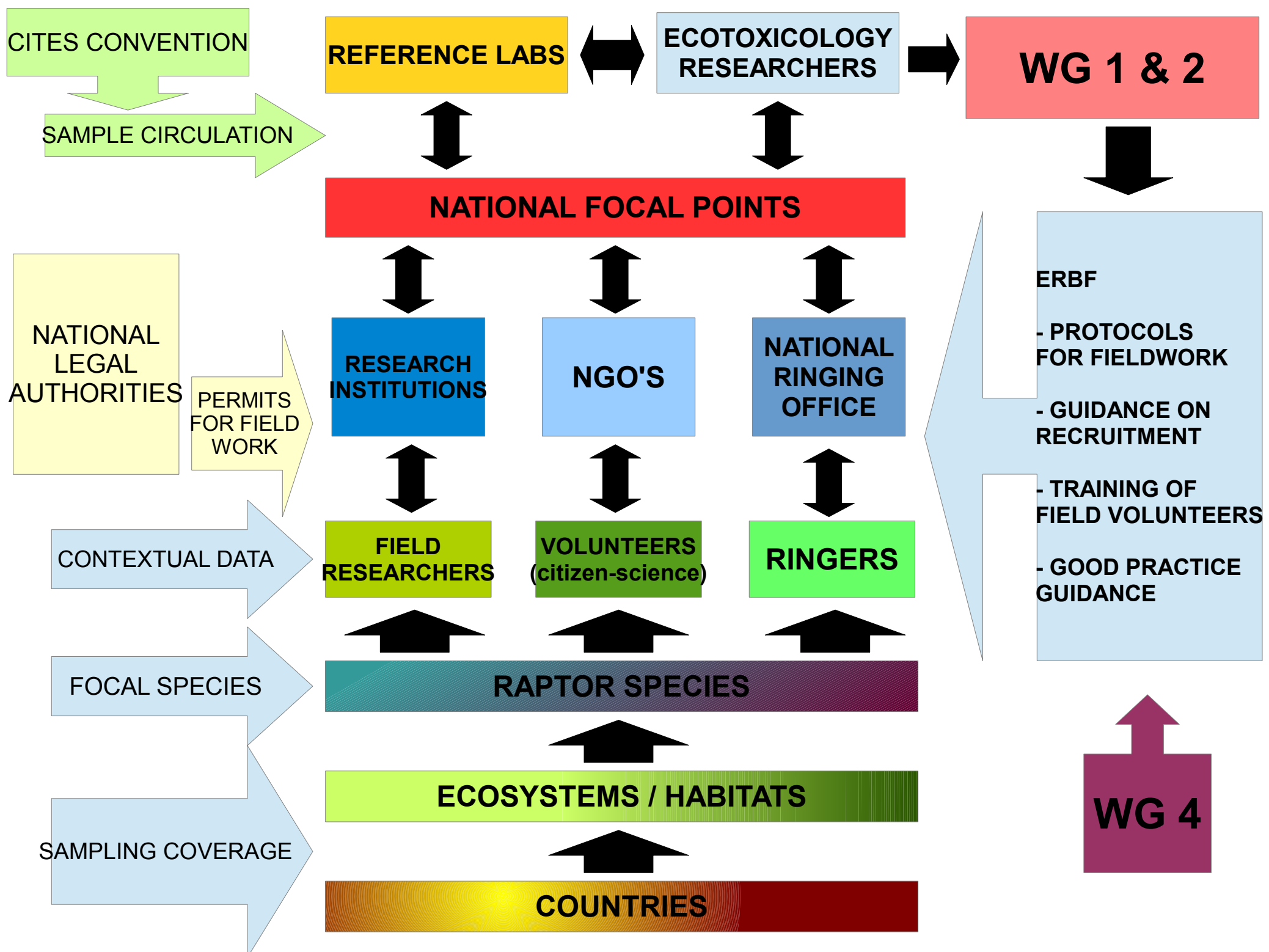
CONNECTION

CONTACT

INTERACTION

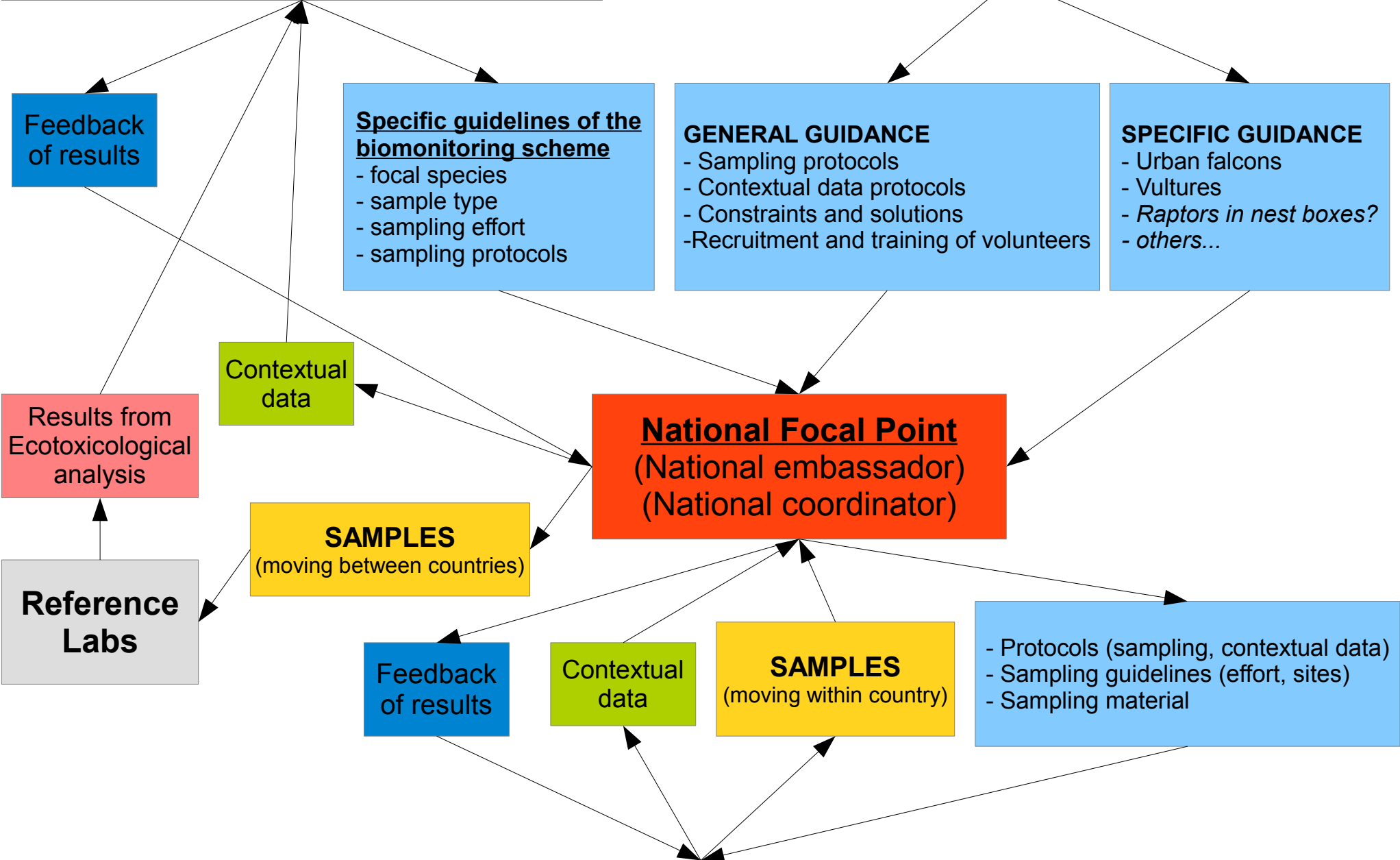
LINKAGE

INTERFACE



ERBFacility Executive Committee
group of people coordinating a future biomonitoring scheme

COST-ACTION ERBFacility NETWORK



Feedback of results

Specific guidelines of the biomonitoring scheme
- focal species
- sample type
- sampling effort
- sampling protocols

GENERAL GUIDANCE
- Sampling protocols
- Contextual data protocols
- Constraints and solutions
- Recruitment and training of volunteers

SPECIFIC GUIDANCE
- Urban falcons
- Vultures
- *Raptors in nest boxes?*
- *others...*

Results from Ecotoxicological analysis

Contextual data

National Focal Point
(National ambassador)
(National coordinator)

Reference Labs

SAMPLES
(moving between countries)

Feedback of results

Contextual data

SAMPLES
(moving within country)

- Protocols (sampling, contextual data)
- Sampling guidelines (effort, sites)
- Sampling material

FIELD WORKING INSTITUTIONS/PEOPLE (ringers, field researchers, NGOs, WRCs, etc.)

**FIELD
ARENA**

**COLLECTIONS
ARENA**

**ERBF
AMBASSADORS**
(holding the 3 arenas together)

**ANALYSIS
ARENA**

ERBFacility

ERBioMS

ERSpeB

**ERBFacility
NETWORK**

ERSamP

**FORMAL
OR
INFORMAL
NETWORK?**

NETWORK →

- Produce guidelines/protocols/etc for analysis, collections, sampling, contextual data
- Collect, store, ship, analyse samples (starting by a Proof of Concept)
- Manage databases – joining ecotoxicological results; sample id+basic data; individual contextual data; population contextual data

→ AMBASSADORS

→ MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

ERBF AMBASSADORS

WHAT SHOULD THEY BE?

- Coordinating and pivotal figures widespread throughout Europe
- Contact points and facilitators
- People with a lot of energy/motivation
- People with very good will, resilience and patience
- People capable of contacting many actors regionally or nationally
- Consensual people – harmonizers; providing confidence to participants

(Representatives/delegates for countries/regions – there could be more than 1 per country) → members of a management committee

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Some valuable skills – how to choose?

- Be aware of the ongoing national monitoring schemes and the main groups involved
- Interest on establishing regular contacts with national/regional actors
- Have good capacity of organization and coordination
- Have interest in the monitoring of contaminants in raptors and motivation in participating in ERBioMS
- Have the capacity to receive and pass information between the network actors in order to provide feedback on the results of the ERBioMS.
- Have storage capacity for samples at least for a short-term

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WHO CAN THEY BE?

- (a) Environmental Specimen Banks (ESB),
- (b) Natural History Museums (NHM),
- (c) Ecotoxicology research institutions,
- (d) Ecology research institutions,
- (e) Wildlife Rehabilitation Centres (WRC),
- (f) Environmental NGO's

The suitability can depend mostly on the will to assume the commitment and responsibility, and the motivation to participate in the ERBFacility

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WHAT COULD THEY DO?

- Collect samples or contextual data; ship, store samples; analyse samples; analyse data
- Look for and motivate relevant actors/participants nationally/regionally (inform the network about ongoing projects in the region/country)
- Circulate information, guidelines, protocols, good-practices to participants
- Inform actors about preferable routes for circulation of samples
- Have the capacity to store samples (even if for short periods)
- Store contextual data and centralize a national/regional database
- Centralize questions about ERBFacility – advise for national legislation
- Establish contacts with local authorities
- Look for funding opportunities at a regional/national level
- Contact with regional/national media

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WHEN SHOULD WE START LOOKING FOR THEM?

- Proof of concept**
- STSMs + COST-Action deliverables**
- Future ERBFacility**

**FOOD
FOR
“TOUGHS”!**

