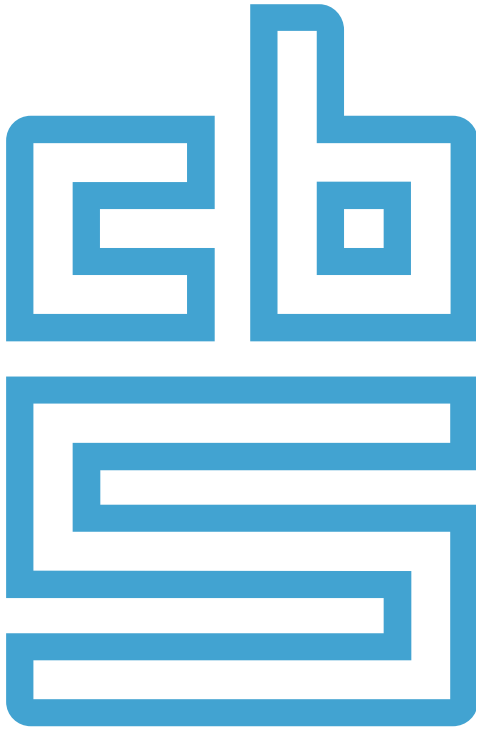

Break out #1

Main revision issues

1. Establish **generic principles** for defining ecosystem type classes.
2. Develop an international standard classification of ecosystem types for both **terrestrial** and **marine** areas, and **integrate** them.
3. Develop guidelines for **urban** or **rural** areas characterized by a mosaic of primary ecosystem types.

Questions: *Are these the key issues to be solved for spatial units ? What is missing ? What should be given prioriy ?*

Establishing clear principles

→Build upon **UNSD standards** for classification

1. Consistent conceptual basis
   - Link to landscape-ecological theory, link to socio-economic practice
2. Hierarchical structure
   - Implements flexibility, allows divergent user needs
3. Well-defined, mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories
4. Statistical balance
5. Statistical feasibility

Q1: *Are these the key principles to consider when constructing a classification for Ecosystem types? What is missing ?*

Q2: *What would the concequences be for spatial units when applying these principles ?*

User needs

- Who **are** our users?
- What are their **needs**?
  - To what extent are the user needs **consistent** with SEEA-EEA core principles?
- How can the user needs guide the **classification?**
  - In terms of the scheme itself
  - In terms of the process?
- How do we balance **credibility**, **saliency** and **legitimacy**?