



System of  
Environmental  
Economic  
Accounting

# INTRODUCTION TO THE SEEA EEA REVISION AND STATE OF PLAY

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# Ecosystem accounting: international guidance

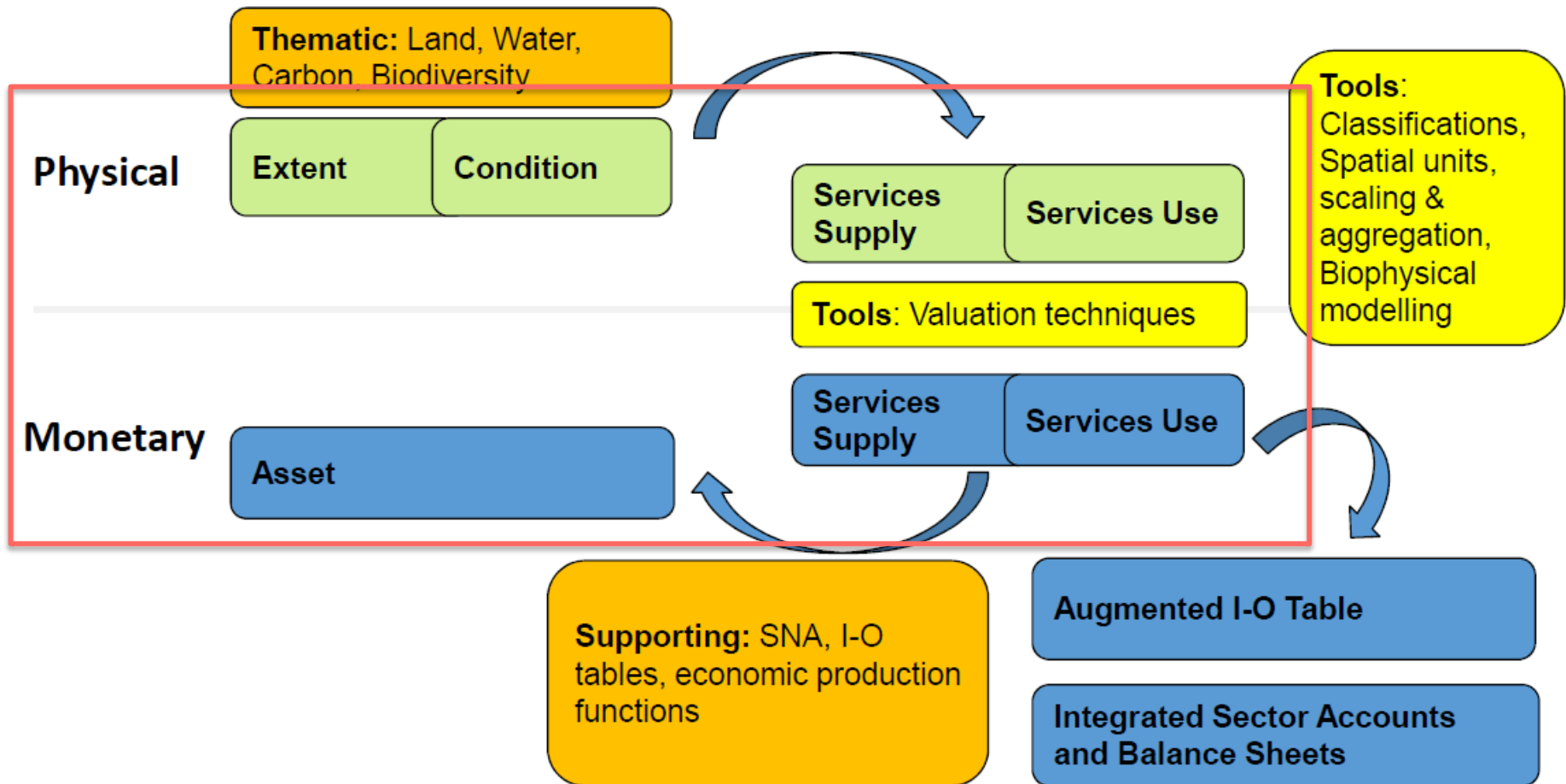
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- Several other



# The revision of the SEEA EEA handbook

- 48<sup>th</sup> UNSC in 2017 supported a revision
- UNCEEA in June 2017 decides to go ahead. Aim is to finish revised handbook by end 2020, for submission to UNSC in March 2021.
- UNCEEA establishes SEEA EEA Technical Committee, to oversee revision
- *NB: 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of SEEA EEA TC will be on 3 Oct 2018, upstairs in Sir Patrick Dun Library, starting after the end of the LG meeting at 16h00*
- By spring 2018 funding of an editor was secured, thanks to Australia, UK and Eurostat.

# System of ecosystem accounts



## Revision process

- Revision issues were identified
- 5 research areas with a lead and a small working group of 5-7 members each to draft issues papers
- Members selected to ensure appropriate involvement of experts from all relevant communities of interest
- Consultants to prepare materials and documentation (consultants would become members of the relevant working groups)
- Broader expert review groups - to review (LG role)
- Coordination by editor, UNSD and TC

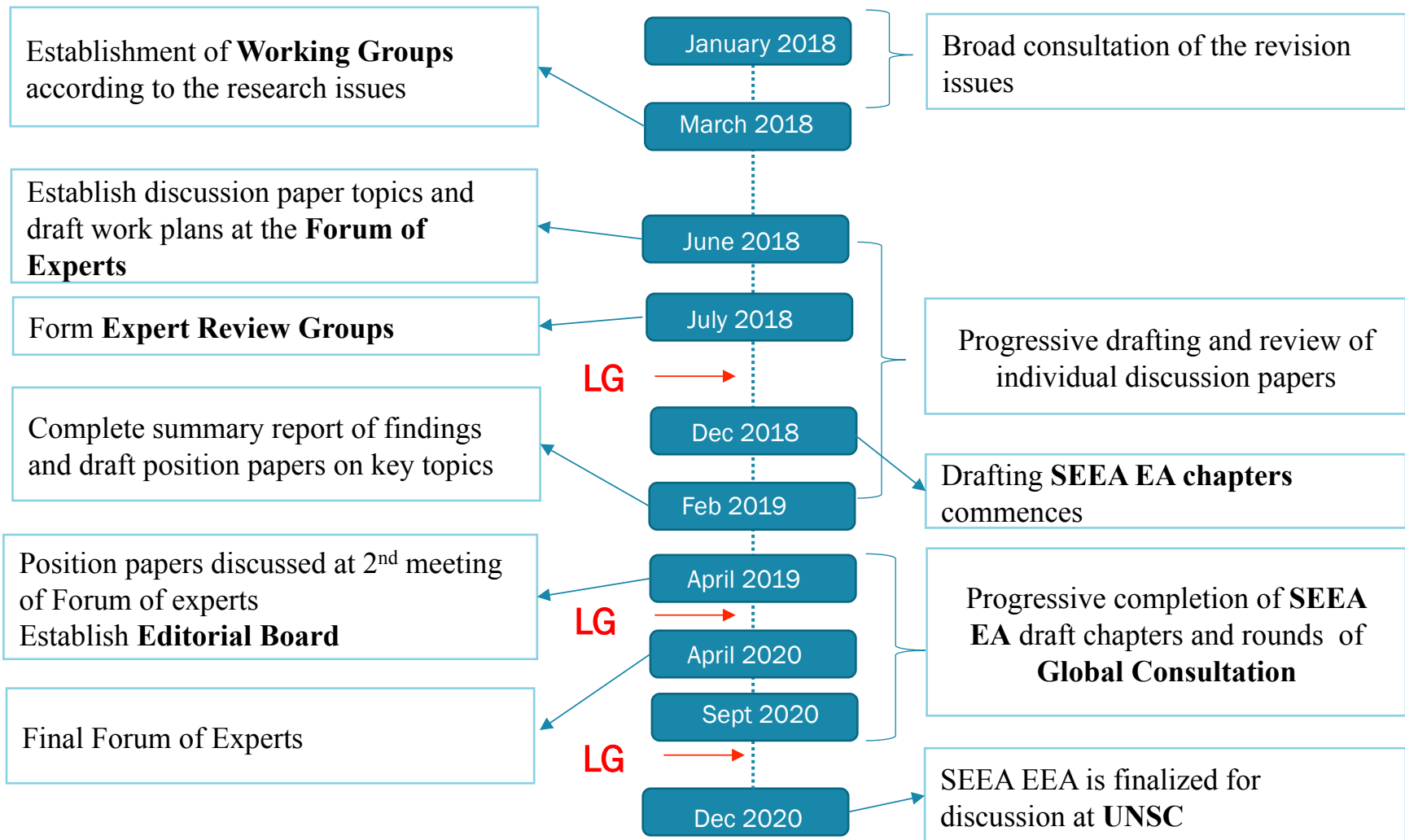
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- Research area #1 – Spatial units: Sjoerd Schenau (Statistics Netherlands)
  - Research area #2 – Ecosystem condition: Joachim Maes (EU JRC)
  - Research area #3 – Ecosystem services – concepts and measurement issues: Lars Hein (Wageningen University)
  - Research area #4 – Measurement and valuation of specific ecosystem services: Rocky Harris (UK DEFRA) & Lars Hein
  - Research area #5 – Valuation concepts and accounting treatments: Juha Siikamaki (IUCN)
  - Revision issues will be focus of 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum of Experts in April 2019. Working groups operate until April 2019.
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# Revision process – topic workshops

- *1-4 October 2018 (Dublin): London Group meeting*
- 14 November 2018 webinar on valuation planned
- 17-19 December 2018 (New York): Valuation and measurement of specific ecosystem services

# Revision process: keystones & timeline







**THANK YOU**

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