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*Session: Policy uses of environmental accounts*

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The answer is definitely YES

but what is the QUESTION ?

# Policy uses and policy processes

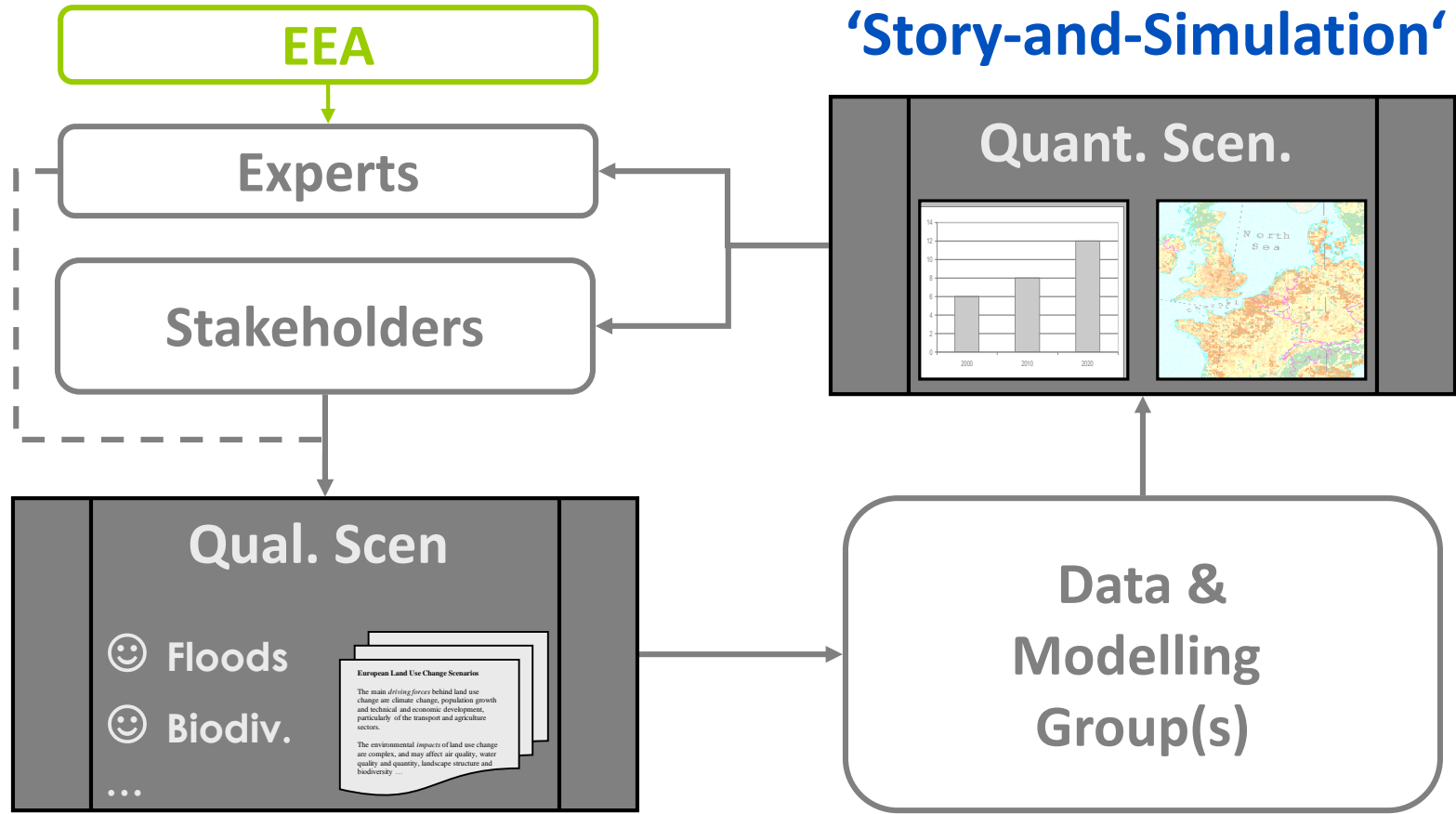
- The « good indicator » tells a story that users can understand: *e.g. the oil and mineral resource depletion and their substitution to other types of assets (2nd Session)*. Users buy (after discussion) good indicators.
- Production being a long & costly process and timeliness being an issue for users, it is often not possible to wait that users express their requirements...
- Statisticians need to be pro-active, to anticipate, to analyse the market (the policy needs as expressed in national and international regulations...),  
and to **participate in policy processes**

# Ways of dialogue

- The language issue: indicators are first of all communication tools
- Indicators developments: joint activity involving stakeholders, decision makers, not only technicians: *e.g. IRENA indicators in Europe*
- Scenarios making on top of model development: *e.g. Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (International Conventions, effect on ecosystems and on human well-being), the PRELUDE approach at the EEA ...*

# Scenario making: an approach to dialogue

Example: the PRELUDE project at the EEA



# Adapt to various institutionnal settings

- Institutional frameworks:
  - National accounts, specific role of the ministry of finance
  - Environmental planning, specific role of the ministries of environment and of finance
  - State of Environment Reporting (Envir)
  - Integration of environment in sector policies (Agri, Transport...)
  - Prospective analysis, specific role of science in assessments, emerging issues...
  - Participatory processes, public, local government, companies
  - International context, the Conventions

So, what to do within the  
London Group ?