

Environmental Sustainability Knowledge Transfer Network

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What are Knowledge Transfer Networks?

- Established by the UK's Technology Strategy Board
- 16 Groups with a shared interest in emerging technology e.g. Biosciences, Materials, ICT, Nanotechnology, Electronics, Sensors & Photonics
- Collaboration, best practice and knowledge sharing
- Use existing R&D funding mechanisms effectively





Environmental Sustainability KTN mission:

Accelerating the transition to a low carbon, resource and energy efficient economy by connecting businesses, universities, other research organisations & Government agencies

Catalysing innovation across emerging environmental technologies



Knowledge Transfer Network

Network Access and Influence

Technology Strategy Board Driving Innovation



Environmental Sustainability















Europe's Leading Farming Company















London

Imperial College



NESTA Making Innovation Flourish











Carbon Capture &

Storage Association

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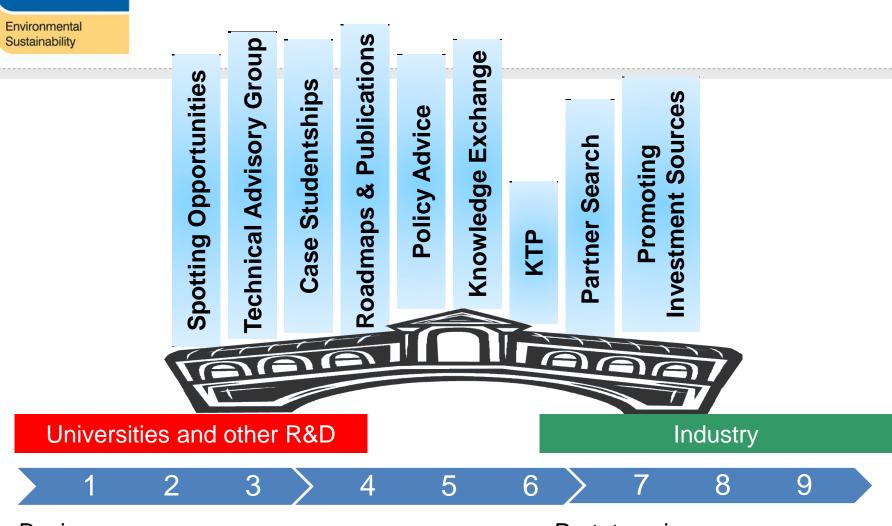








Connecting for Innovation



Basic principles observed

Laboratory demonstration

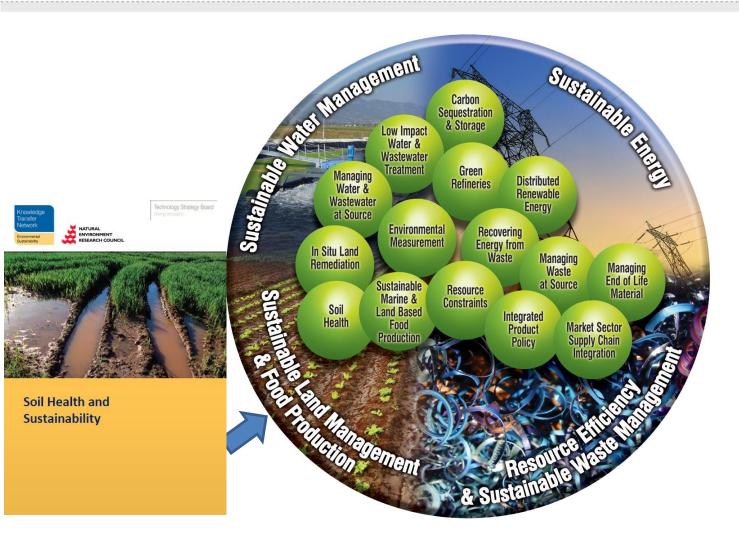
Prototype in an operational environment

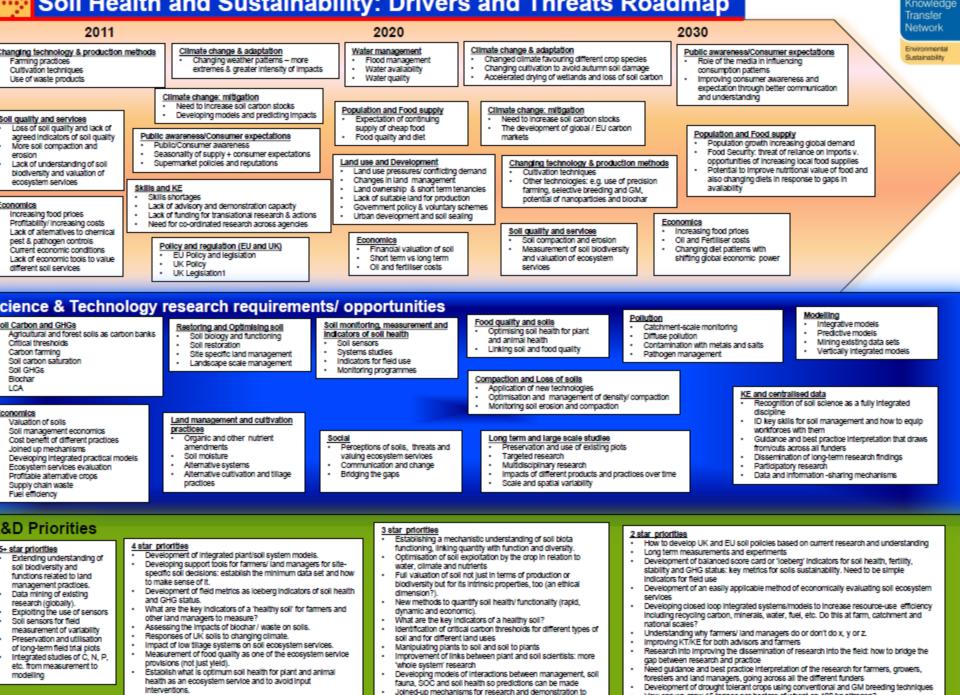
New product or service

Knowledge Transfer Network

Environmental Sustainability

ESKTN Priority Areas in Sustainable Land Management and Food Production





avoid wasting money on duplication of research, plus linking

up research outcomes from different groups and putting it into

More participatory research to improve the exchange of

knowledge.

How can we grow 15 tonnes per hectare of wheat on 100 kg nitrogen?

develop sustalnable solutions

invest in a lot more applied research and engineering applied to soil management to



ESKTN priority work in Soil Health

- Top 5 Priorities identified by workshop participants:
- Better understanding of soil biodiversity and functions related to land management practices
- Establishment of more (and funding of on-going) long-term trials and demonstration plots
- Integrated studies of nutrient fluxes from field measurements to modelling and more integrated plant and soil system approaches and models
- The potential for using data mining on existing global research outputs
- More development and use of sensors in order to provide adequate field measurements and assessments of variability: (now the subject of a lot of industry interest related to precision farming and TSB collaborative R&D projects)



Ecosystem services and the UK NEA

An opportunity for further development and business engagement, especially around soil health, land and catchment management and other aspects of resource efficiency and the circular economy



Synthesis of the Key Findings





WaterDiss 2.0 General objectives

- To promote the use of FP environmental research results in the definition of national, EU and international policies, in order to support economic growth;
- To identify FP funded environmental research projects and results with high EU added value;
- To carry out innovative dissemination activities to share the results with stakeholders at national and/or international level;
- To identify research priorities and environmental policy gaps to cope with future societal needs while contributing to sustainable growth;
- To disseminate in different user-friendly media for targeted audiences of policy makers, PhD students, researchers, Small and Medium size Enterprises and industries.