

Multi-Actor approach manual

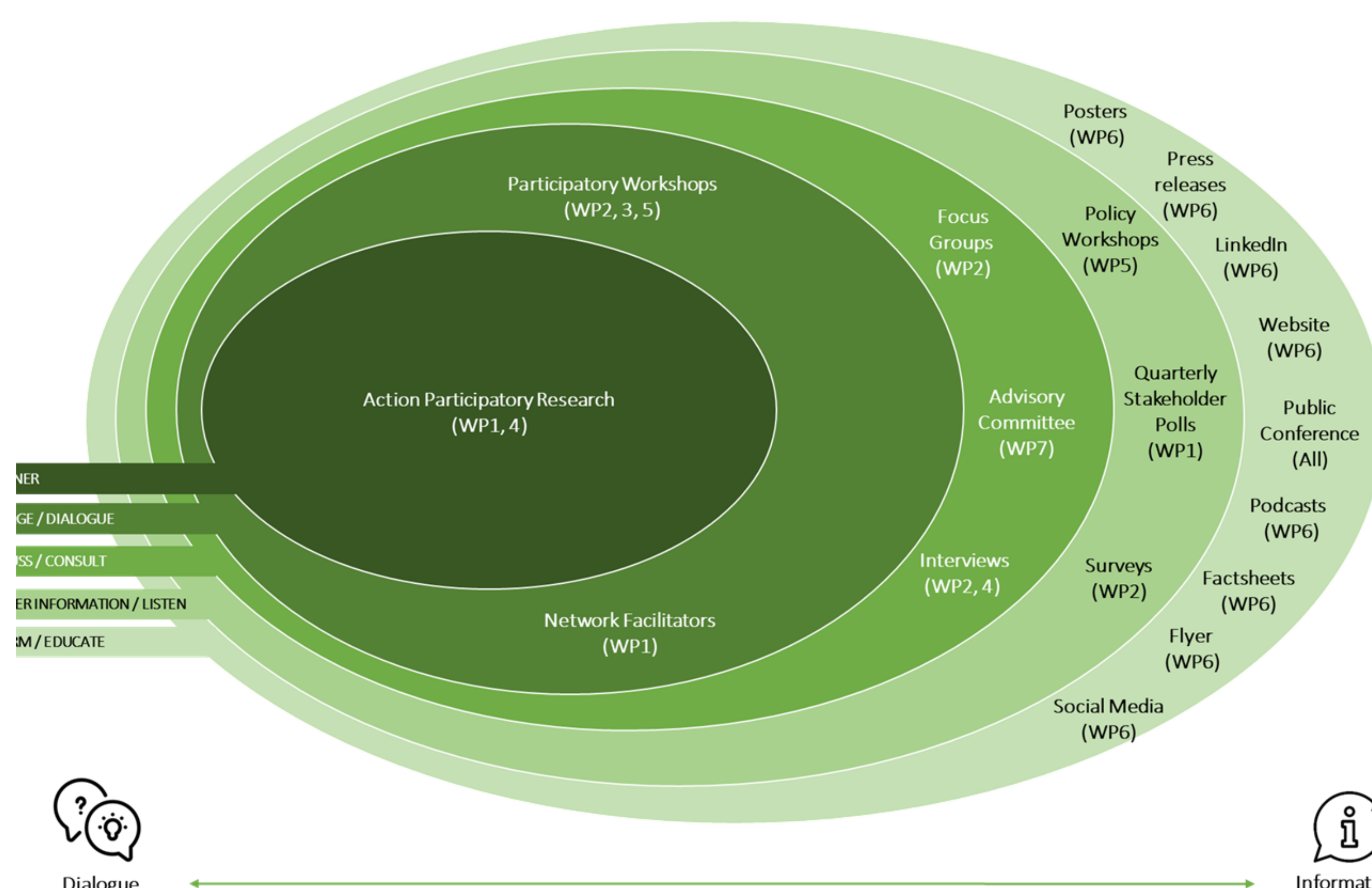
One of the key aspects of BIOSECURE is the use of a multi-actor approach according to the Horizon Europe requirements. The BIOSECURE multi-actor approach manual is a key piece of the project to accommodate greater inclusivity of thought and diversity of opinion from a range of different actors during the decision-making of the research to ensure more participatory innovation.

The manual is grounded in principles of transdisciplinarity, two-way engagement and dialogue and the use of social and behavioural science techniques for participatory processes. It draws on empirically based and validated multi-actor approaches embedded in previous EU Horizon 2020 projects. To aid transdisciplinarity, the manual is developed to be accessible to all scientific disciplines. It follows the streamlined multi-actor approach protocol which is organised around 3 simple questions: Who? How? What?

Who? The manual guides partners to identify what actors should be involved in each research task. The BIOSECURE National Stakeholder Maps identify stakeholders who can be engaged on a case-by-case basis throughout the project.

How? The manual guides partners to consider what participatory methods can be used to engage stakeholders. The BIOSECURE engagement onion (figure below), provides a tangible overview of the concrete social science techniques and methodologies which allow partners to move from dissemination to partnership with different stakeholders.

What? The manual encourages partners to consider the type of diverse knowledge or information they can access to ensure participatory project objectives are achieved.



The multi-actor approach manual is key to warrant transdisciplinarity in research projects that include interaction with stakeholders (multi-actor approach).

The multi-actor approach manual guides researchers on:

- who to involve in the project activities
- how to engage with them (methods) and
- what information is needed to reach the objectives.

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