



GBRCN Governance Model

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WHY DO WE NEED A GBRCN ?



OECD: A **Strong, Science Based and User Orientated Infrastructure** is Necessary

- to develop collections into BRCs
- to network BRCs
- to bring them together with user communities
- to bring them together with regulatory bodies

to appropriately underpin

- bio-economical developments
- modern innovative research
- true global scientific - technical cooperation

and

- to help governments to fulfil their obligation with respect to global requirements such as biosecurity and ABS

EXAMPLE STRUCTURE GBIF and APPLICABILITY TO GBRCN



GBIF

Participants: Countries

conditions of participation laid down by a legally non binding MoU

yes

Country Representatives form a Governing Board

guides the work of the secretariat; mode of functioning laid down

yes

yes

yes

Central Secretariat, hosted by larger institution in one of the countries; host selection process, personnel, functions laid down

yes

responsible for coordinating day-to-day work, work package leaders, initiating cooperation and projects between

yes

Cooperating institutions, organisations having an interest in, or working with biodiversity data

principle yes

no preconditions

NO

GOVERNANCE COMPONENTS FOR GBRCN



Participants: Countries or Economies

- conditions of participation laid down by a legally non binding MoU or other appropriate instrument

Governing Board: formed by country representatives (representatives of relevant international organisations invited)

- guides the work of the secretariat; mode of functioning laid down

Advisory Board(s): scientific, technical, ethical, legal; ad-hoc and standing as needed



- advising the Governing Board and the Secretariat

Central Secretariat: hosted by an institution in one of the participating countries

- host selection process, personnel, functions laid down
- responsible for coordinating day-to-day networking, responsible coordinators for specific areas, initiating cooperation and projects for, with and between Cooperating Entities, outreach and linkages

Cooperating Entities: ex-situ collections of laboratory held, living biological material; service CCs in their various stages towards the BRC status

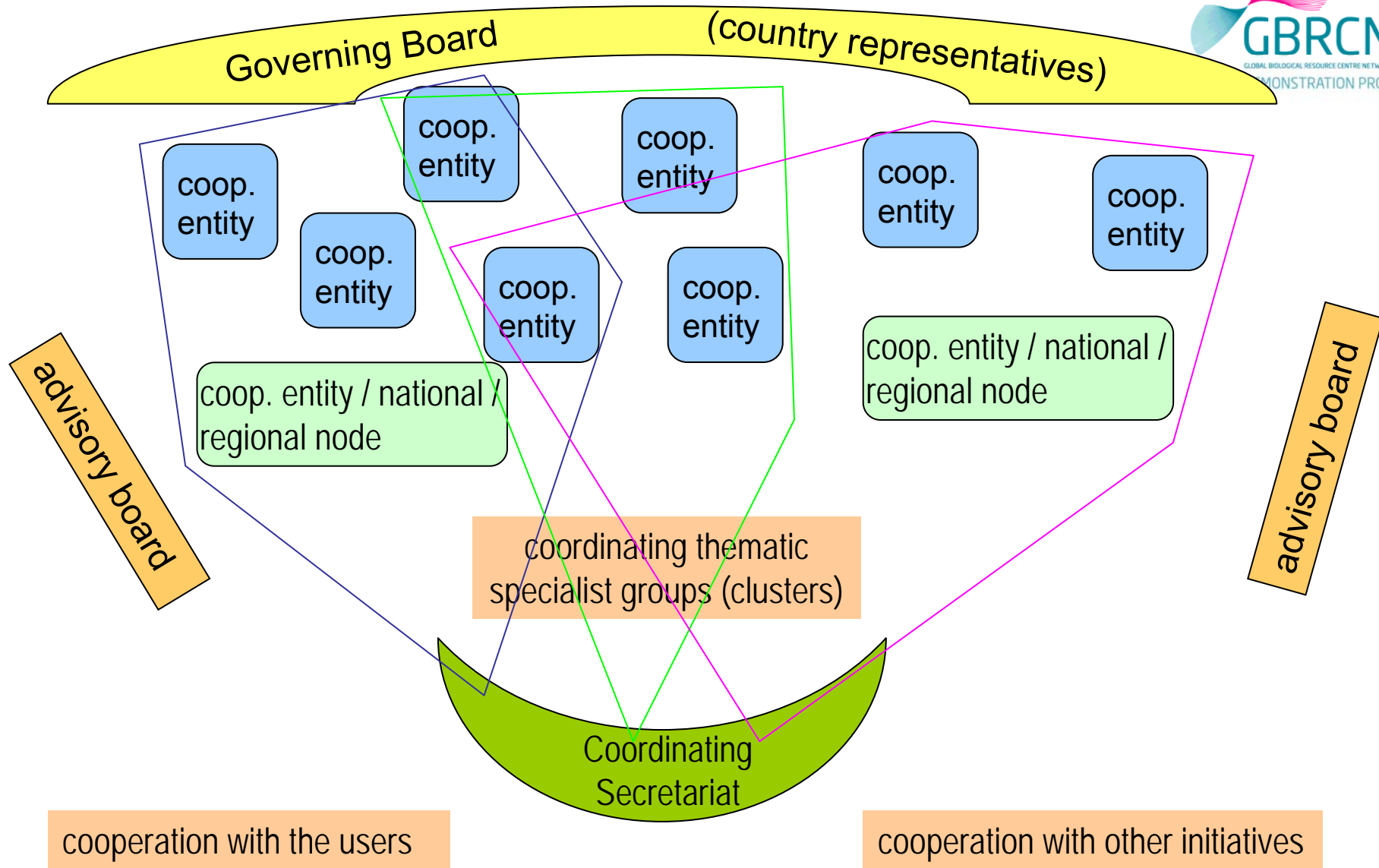


- conditions of participation laid down in a Cooperation Agreement

Associated Parties: institutions with an interest in / to become BRCs and best practice implementation



MODEL STRUCTURE GBRCN



GBRCN will be governed by two instruments



Political Level:

Memorandum of Understanding - MoU



signed by Countries or Economies

Practical Level:

Cooperation Agreement - CoA



signed by Cooperating Entities (Collections of varying degree towards BRC status, Associated Parties)

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CONTENTS OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT



This document will be an agreement between the actors on the ‘practical’ level (Collections / BRCs / Interested Parties) and the GBRCN; describing such issues as:

- establishment of joining and leaving procedures
- cooperation requirements
- mechanisms to be adopted to facilitate sharing materials, data and expertise
- co-ordination and focus of key activities
- mechanisms to be adopted for best practice implementation (BPI)
- mechanisms to be adopted for documentation of reached status of BPI

TOPIC: HOST COUNTRY; HOSTING INSTITUTION
FOR SECRETARIAT; POSITIONS

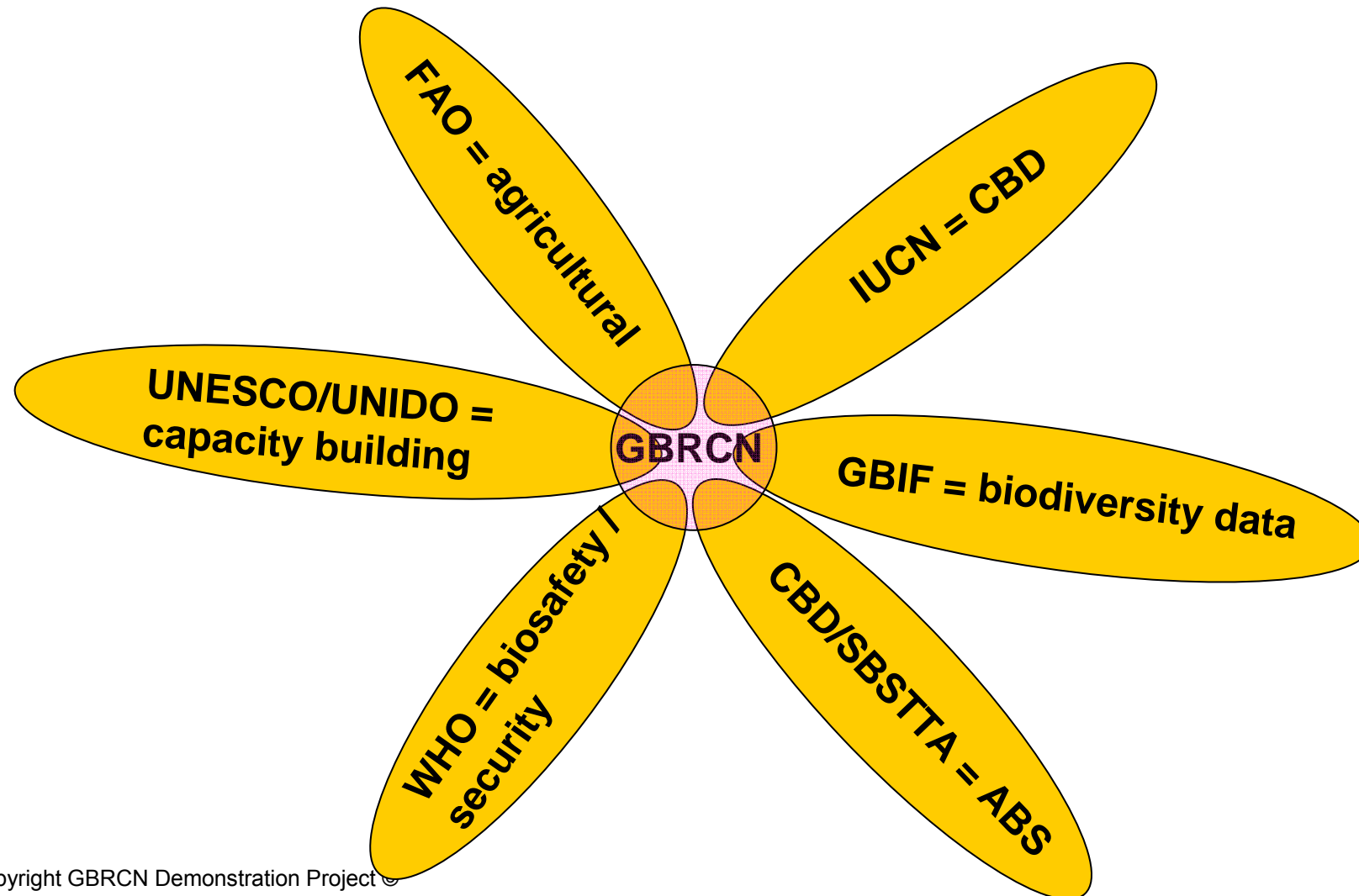


During 2011 Development of Decision Process on Secretariat details:

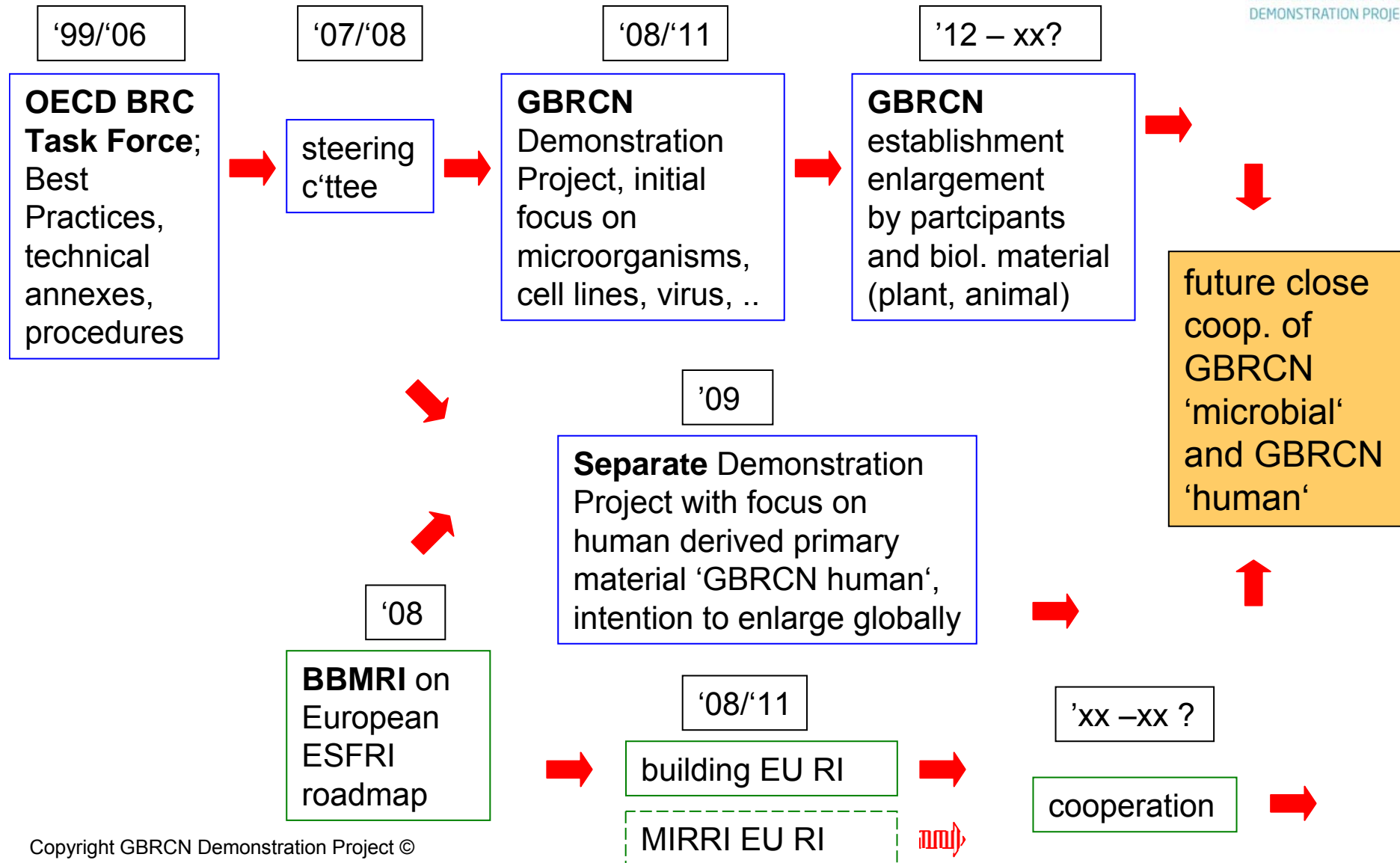
- what **support** should be **expected** from **hosting country or institution**
- respective **responsibilities** between GBRCN and host to be defined (e.g. rent, hard ware, support, electricity, infrastructure, furniture)
- would the **rules for the secretariat** need to be adapted to the host country's national legislation on each move ?
- who would **negotiate** the **secretariat's** precise **status**, rights and obligations ?
- how to make sure that host country does not exert too strong **influence** within the GBRCN (while is it understood that some **legitimate reward** may be expected)?
- which **positions** do we need in this secretariat and which **tasks** should these positions cover ?

TOPIC: OUTREACH, CONTACTS

SOME EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
HAVE A STRONG THEMATIC OVERLAP WITH GBRCN



TOPIC COOPERATION: Development Status of GBRCN - Demonstration Project for *Microorganism Domain* and the *Human Derived Material Domain*



TOPIC FINANCES: COSTS AND FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR NETWORK AND COOPERATING MEMBERS

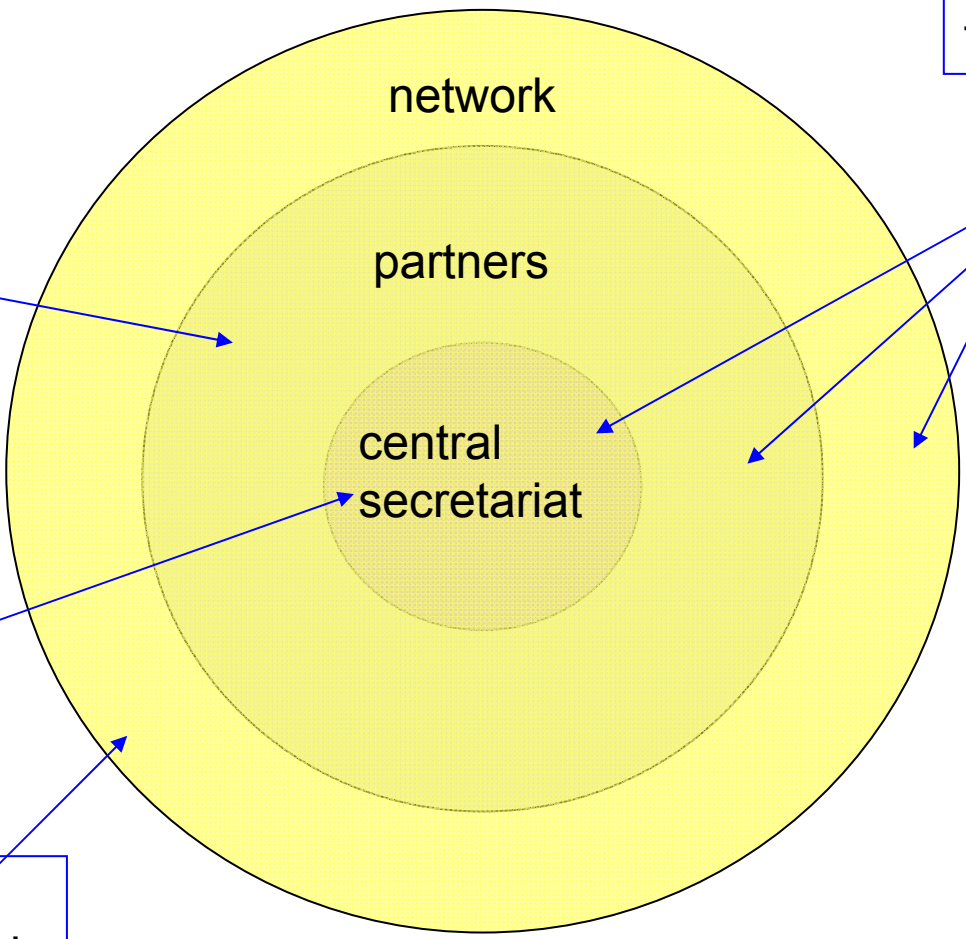


period 2008 – 2011

- EU-Partner:**
- EMbaRC
 - own funds
- non-EU Partner:**
- own funds
 - to be developed

- BMBF
- DSMZ
- CABI
- to be developed

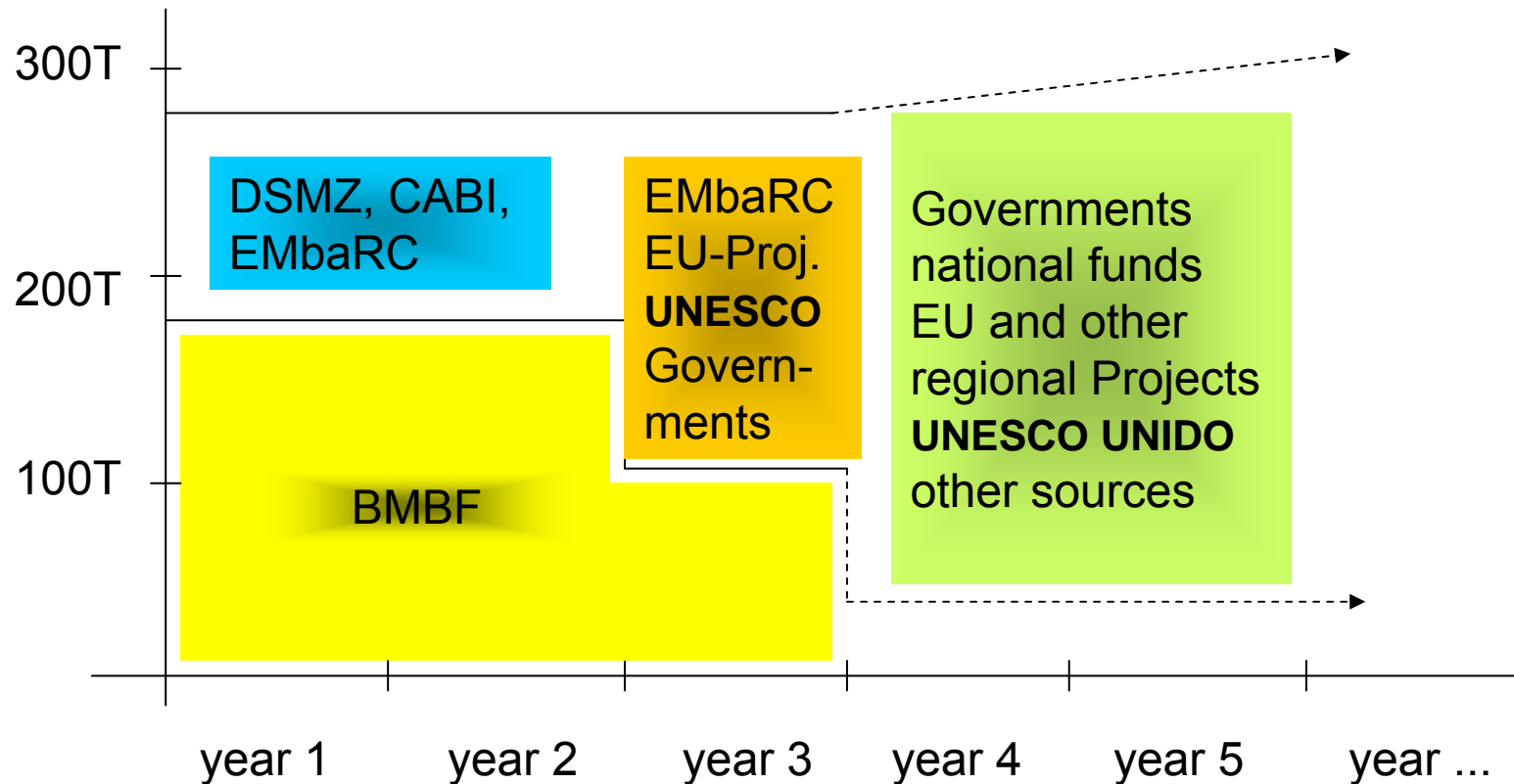
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from 2011 - ...

- to be developed:**
- government funding
 - EU projects
 - other regional projects
 - UNESCO / UNEP / UNIDO
 - other intergovernmental organisations
 - national projects
 - fees
 - other

TOPIC FINANCES: SECRETARIAT COSTS AND FUNDING AS FROM NOW AND ESTIMATIONS IN THE FUTURE



TOPIC FINANCES: MODEL(S) OF FINANCING THROUGH GOVERNMENTS (= Participants to GBRCN) - Examples



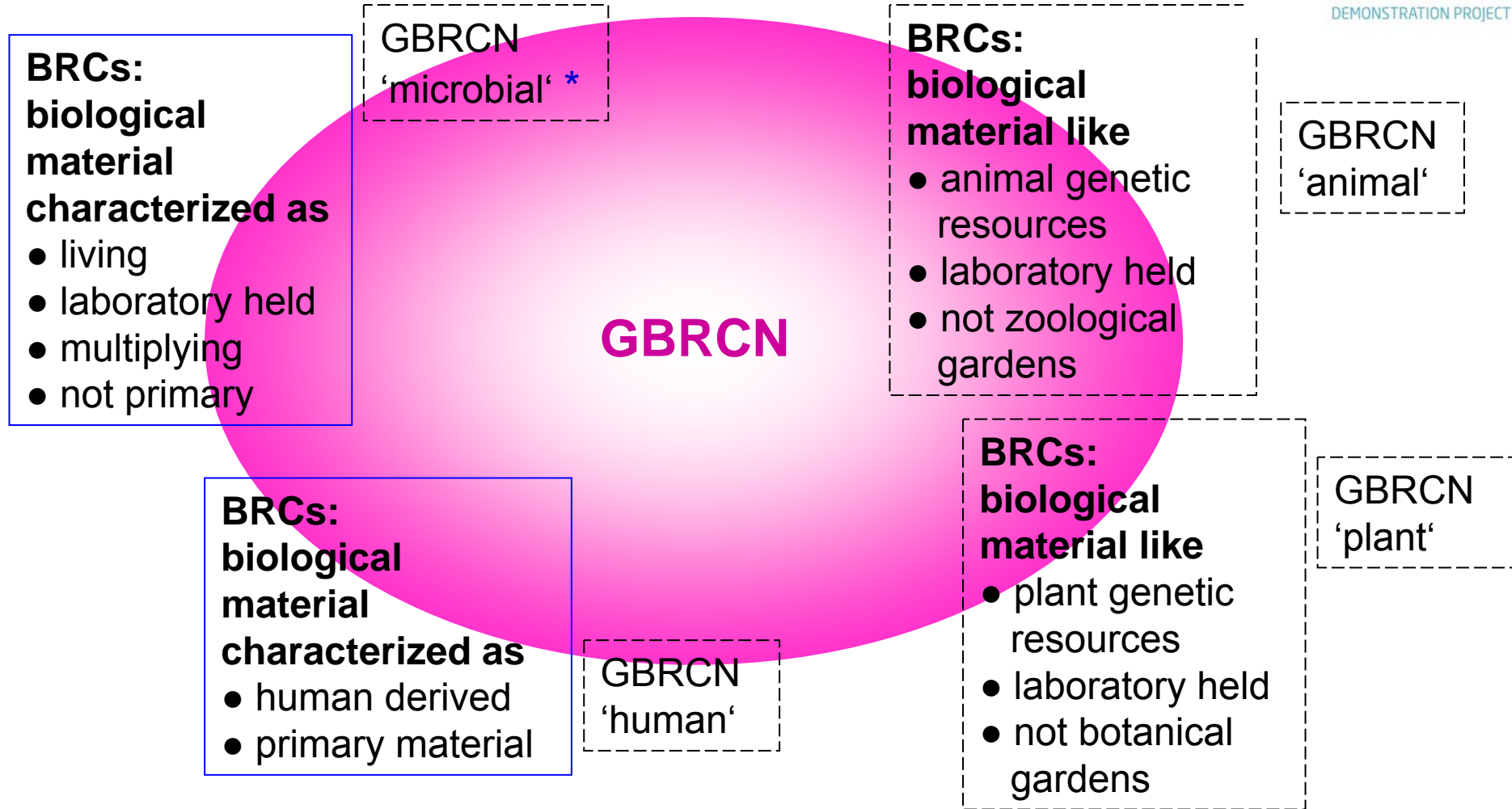
- provide seed money to the central secretariat for its maintenance and for supporting particular pieces of work
- nominate national entity(ies) for cooperation in GBRCN
- provide funding for this entity to cooperate in GBRCN
- provide additional funding for national developments of BRCs

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- do not (yet) decide on national entity
- existing entity(ies) find own finances (e.g. joint projects) to cooperate in GBRCN

- do not provide seed money to the central secretariat
- nominate national entity(ies) for cooperation in GBRCN
- provides funding for this entity to cooperate in GBRCN
- entity(ies) pay a regular fee to central secretariat

GBRCN – A COORDINATED STRUCTURE OF EXPERT HUBS ?



* definition microbial = bacteria, archaea, fungi, yeasts, plant-animal- bacterial virus, plant- animal- human cell cultures



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