

# iKnow

interconnecting Knowledge for the early identification of key issues (e.g. wild cards and weak signals) shaping or shaking the future of science, technology and innovation in the European Research Area

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# Aim & Objectives

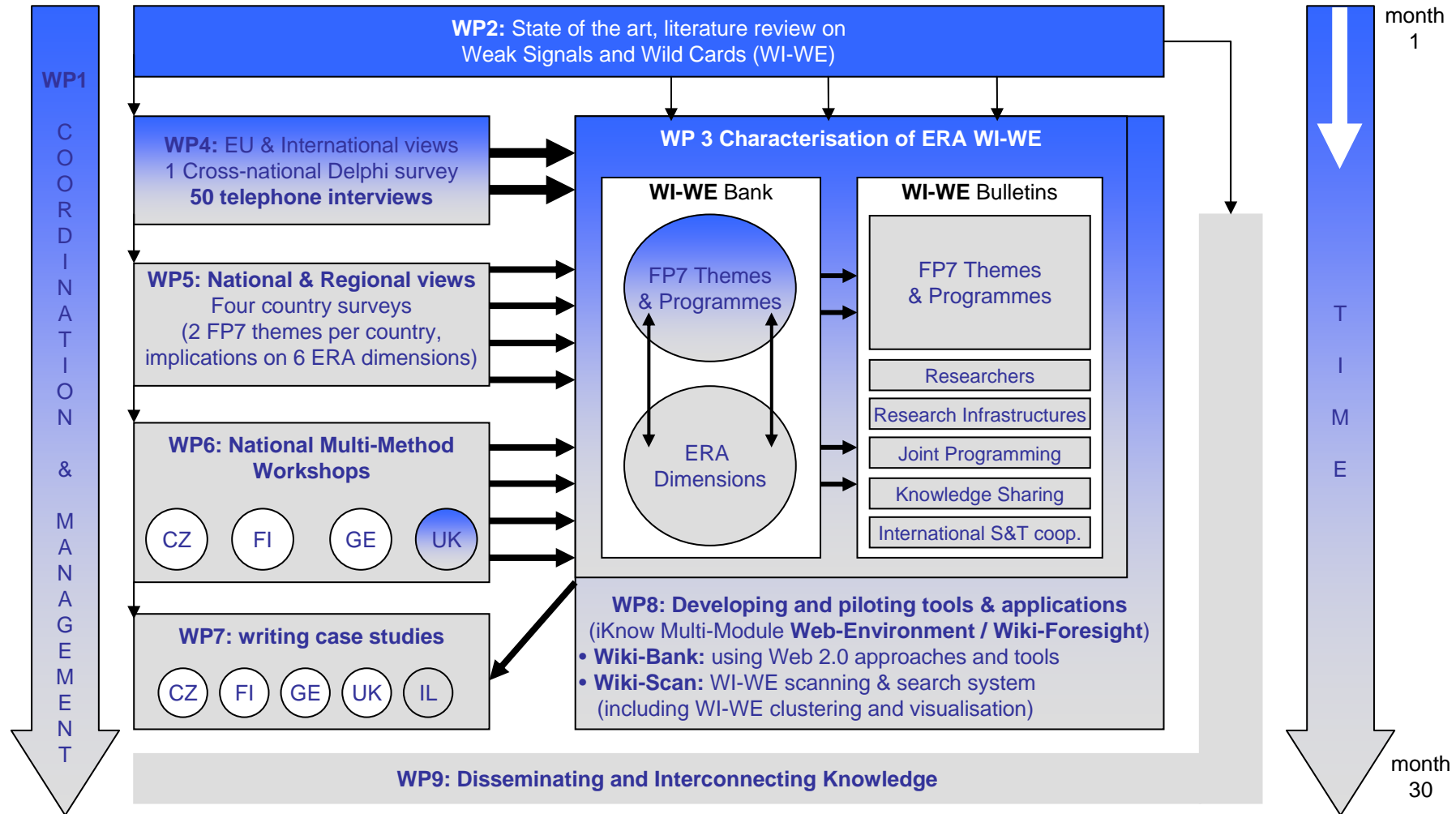


- **Aim**
  - To elucidate and examine events and developments potentially shaping or shaking the future of the European Research Area (ERA)
- **Objectives**
  - To develop and pilot conceptual and methodological frameworks to identify, classify, cluster and analyse wild cards and weak signals (WI-WE)
  - To assess WI-WE implications for, and expected impact on, key dimensions of the ERA Vision:
    - Researchers
    - Research infrastructures
    - Knowledge sharing
    - Joint Programming (incl. research programmes and priorities)
    - International S&T cooperation

# Methodology



Literature review, environmental scanning, gaming workshops, Delphi survey, national questionnaires, interviews, case studies and Wiki-tools (for user-oriented WI-WE analysis and prioritisation)



# Four Major Challenges



ERA Relevance

## WI-WE Generation



## WI-WE Assessment

driver	filter
stakeholder	anomaly
implication	impact
opportunity	risk
indicator of	trigger
science	technology
innovation	policy

## WI-WE Interconnection

