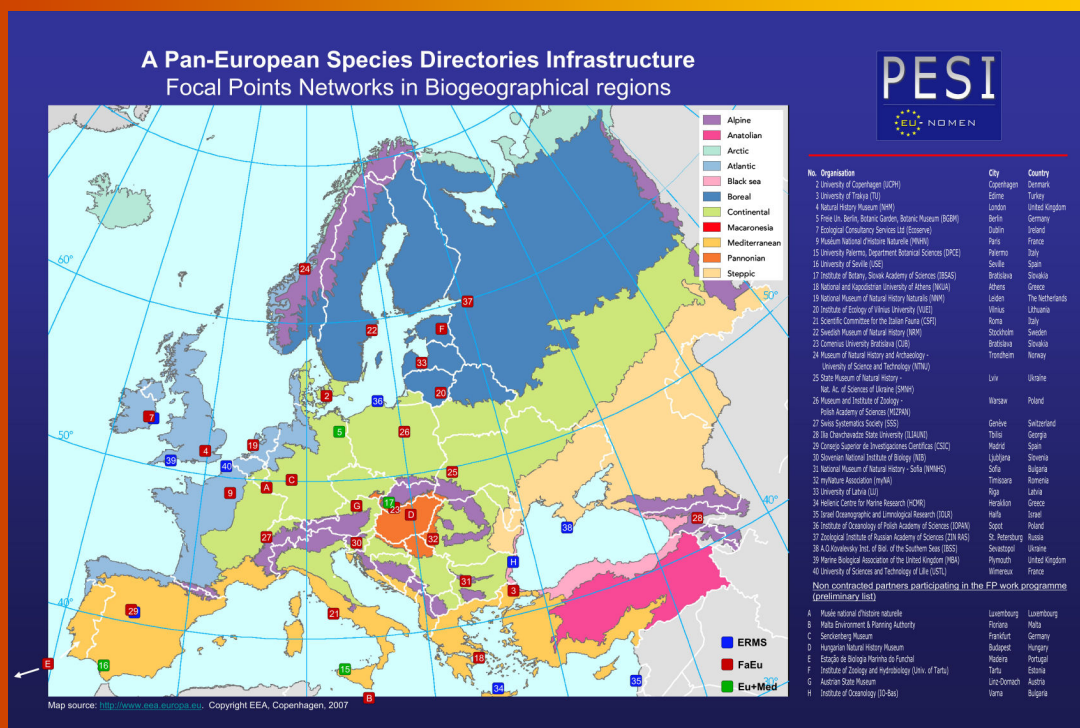


Focal Points

Focal Points are national and regional representatives that work with the database experts in building the quantity and quality of information in the databases.

[This includes data on vernacular names, species occurrence, legal instruments and local expertise (e.g. experts, journals, societies, collections)].



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