

# Overview SMILE

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## **Synergies in Multi-scale Inter-Linkages of Eco-social Systems – SMILE**

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Follows on from DECOIN, crossover to  
INDILINK

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- Romanian Institute of Economic Forecasting
- Statistics Finland

# Project Concept

- Tools for analysing different dimensions of sustainability developed in DECOIN
- SMILE = apply and further develop the tools to look at trade-offs and synergies
- Social-metabolism (flows of energy, materials and money – cross-scale)
- Existing and new indicators
- Case-studies
- Interface with societal/policy processes

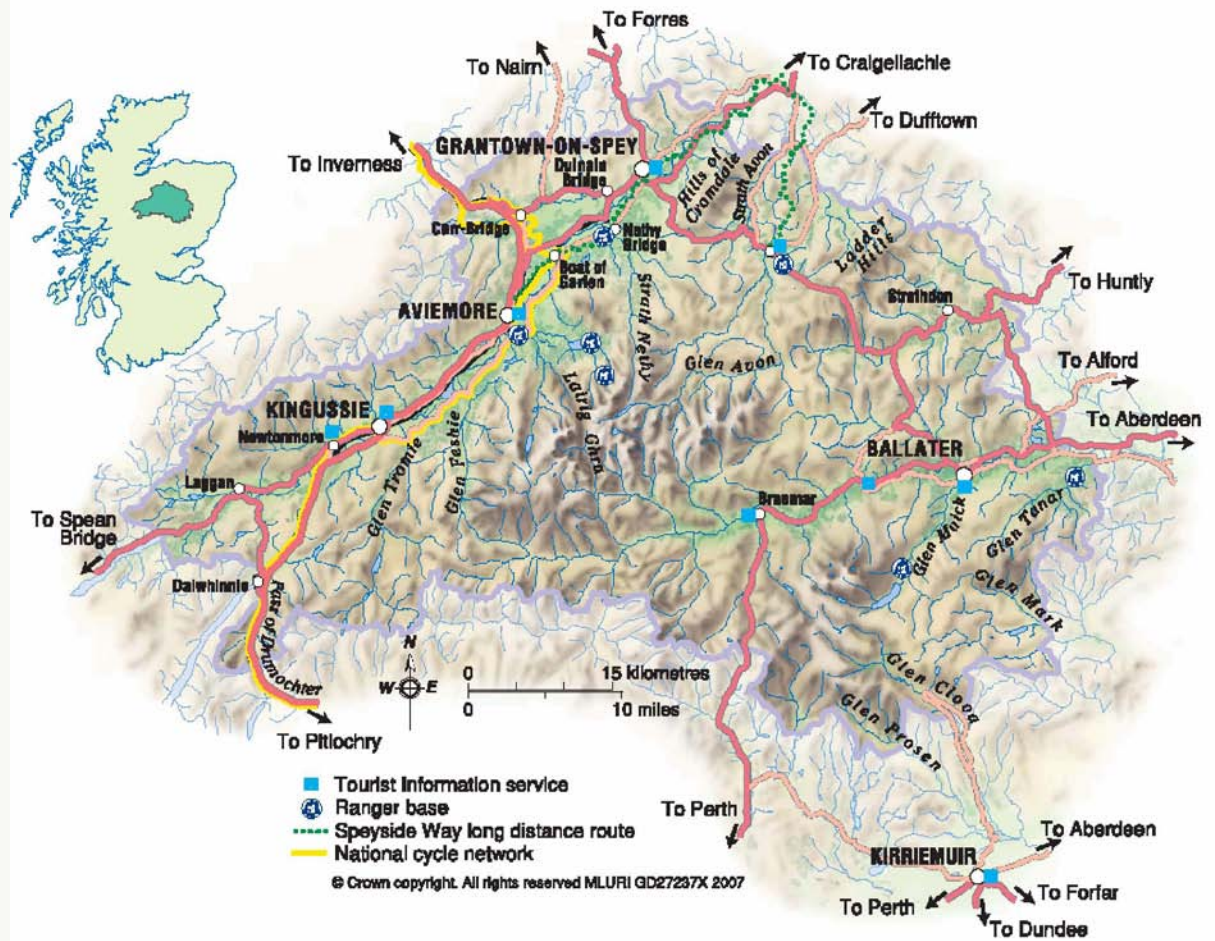
# Work Packages

- WP1 – Management
- WP2 – Toolkit – get up to speed/suggest modifications needed - Amsterdam
- WP3 – Case-studies
  - 3.1 – Catalonia – regional – developed
  - 3.2 – Romania – national – transition
  - 3.3 – Laos – farming system and national - developing

# Work Packages

- 3.4 – Finland – sector (forestry) – developed
- 3.5 - Italy – local, regional and national – agriculture and agro-industries.
- 3.6 - Scotland
- 3.7 – EU27 national & EU scales

# Scotland Case-Study





# Sustainability Trade-Offs?

- Economic & Environment
  - Increased tourism numbers in protected area
- Environment & Social
  - Management of 'wild' or working landscapes
- Social & Economic
  - Rising costs of living, low wages, youth exodus
- Policy & Governance
  - Long term planning but short electoral cycles;  
integration of multiple interests with no carrots or stick
- Spatial Scale
  - National*** Park but local impacts

# Work Packages (cont)

- WP4 – Synergies and trade-offs and scenario building
- 4.1 – Renewable Energy
- 4.2 - Socio-demographics
- 4.3 - Economic growth and environment

Conceptualising appropriate measures

Options - ecosystem Services, UN millennium ecosystem assessment

# Work Packages (cont)

- Economic, Social and Environmental – skills base
- Spatial – land based – added to per person, per £, per unit of energy
- Multi-scale – household, community, region, national (linkages – drives - trends)
- Multi-temporal – baselines & time series
- Software and applications
- Policy relevant – a critical perspective

# Work Packages (cont)

- WP5 – Interfacing with policy processes
- PENTACON
- Linkages with the CNPA – KE and utility testing.
- KE – framing the issues
- Utility testing – “bridging the design use gap” – institutional, practical and other issues.