

# NIMBioS

National Institute for Mathematical  
and Biological Synthesis

## Working Group

# Ecosystem Federalism

## Meeting One

EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

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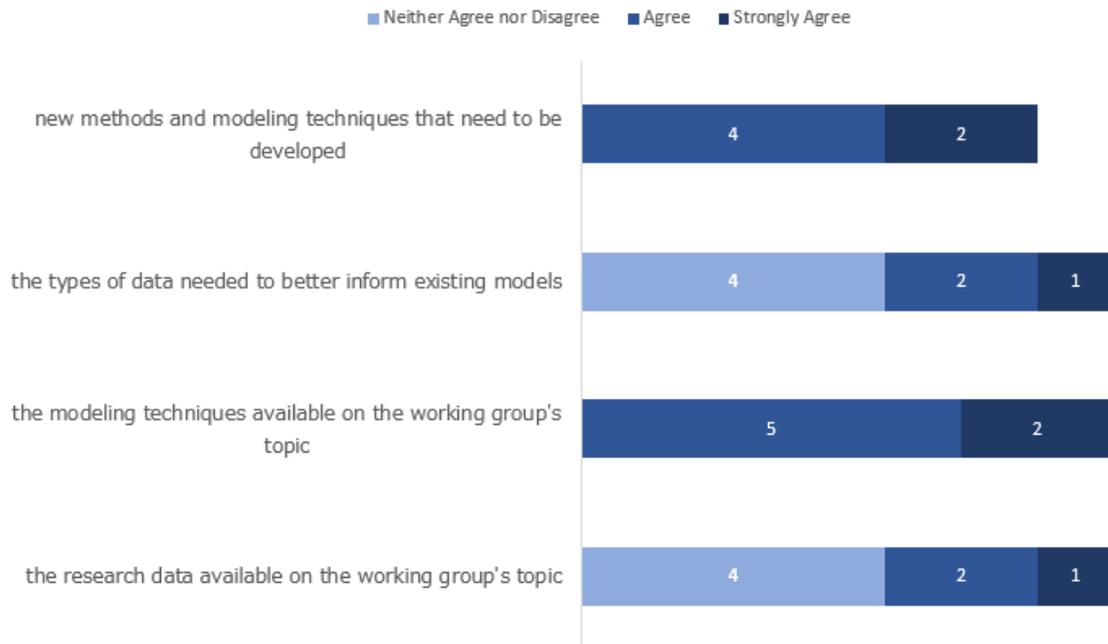
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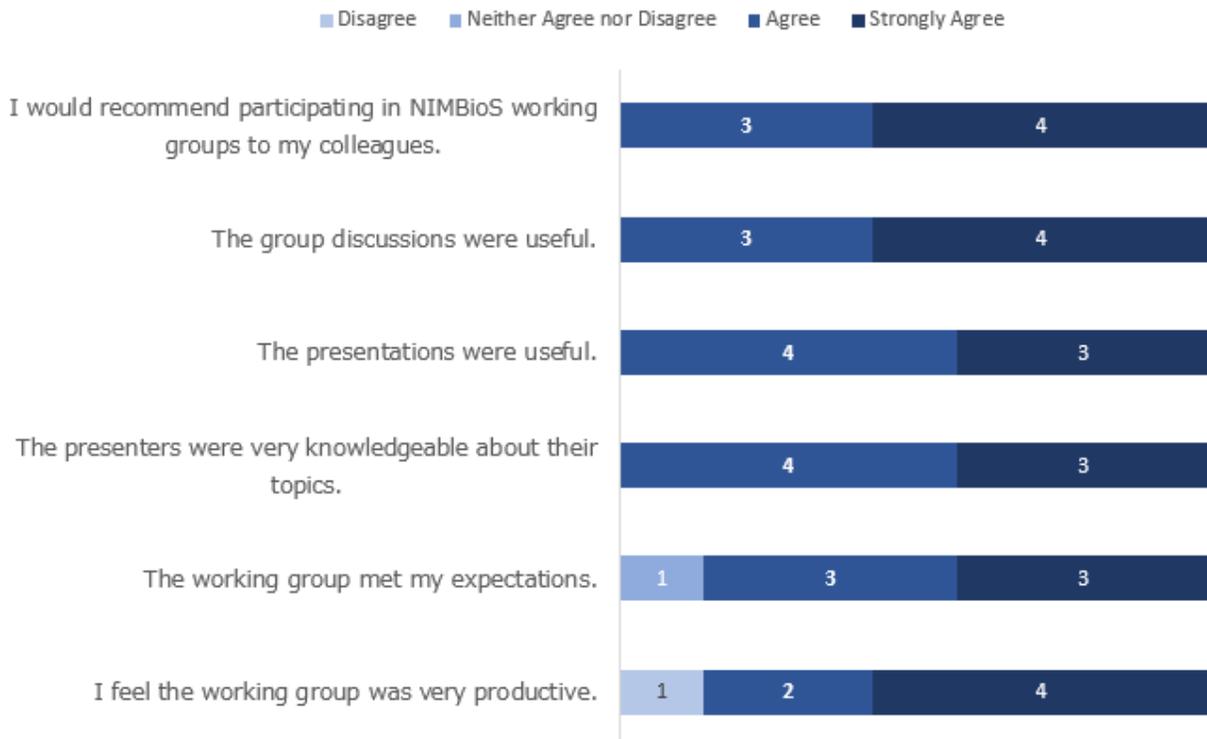
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**Figure 1.** As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:



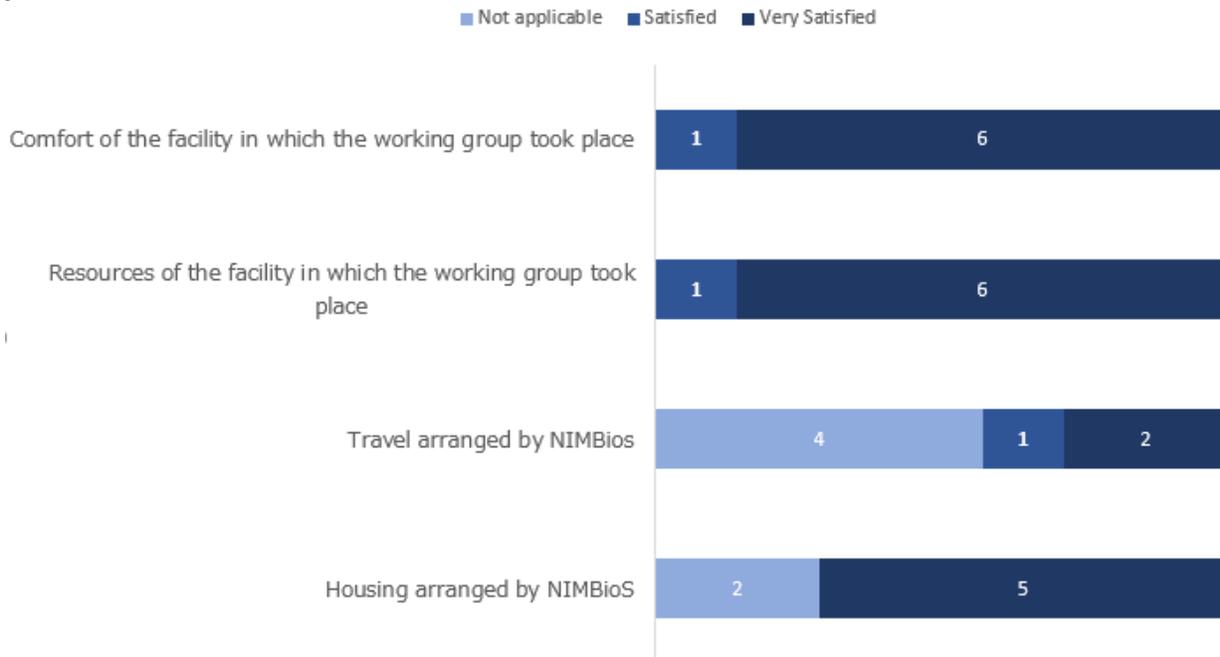
**Figure 2.** Please check the appropriate box to indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:



**Figure 3.** Please let us know how the following aspects of your working group compared to your expectations before becoming a member of the group:



**Figure 4.** How satisfied were you with the following accommodations provided to you?



7 out of 9

attendees felt participating in the working group helped them understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group's topic area.

6 out of 9

attendees felt the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area.

7 out of 9

attendees felt that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence their future research.

4 out of 9

attendees developed unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants.

6 out of 9

attendees felt the expectations for the next working group are clear.

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*I had no knowledge of federalism before joining this group. The interactions between the mathematicians, economists, and ecologists in this group have been quite inspiring. I learned a lot in 2.5 days. Looking forward to the monthly zoom meetings and the next in person meetings.*

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*Having such diverse fields of research represented in this group seemed challenging the first few hours, but by the third day, we had found common grounds and research topics to pursue in two studies.*

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*I am more aware of what environmental economists study and I am interested in including such aspects of research in my own research agenda.*

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*I didn't know what to expect from participating to this working group. I am now involved in two studies that we planned during our first meeting.*

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*We have roles assigned and monthly meetings to move forward the two studies we have planned during the first meeting.*

6 out of 9

attendees feel the working group was a very effective format for achieving goals.

### What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?

Creation of reasonable models

A smart easygoing group with diverse talents.

Presentations and focused discussions

I was able to learn about a new topic of research, make professional connections in a new field, and will be involved in two new studies.

Face-to-face collaboration over multiple days.

discussions and writing draft models

### What, if anything, would you change about the working group?

relating research questions to available data

Nothing at this point

The ecosystem part of "ecosystem federalism" was a bit underrepresented. But maybe some of the people who could not attend the first meeting are ecologists, so future meetings could be more balanced (in terms of representation of ecology field).

Nothing at this point.

"Ben Fitzpatrick joined this group as a guest for part of the time and he would be a valuable addition to this group."

### Additional comments:

Thank you for the opportunity!