

2020-2021 BIODIVRESTORE JOINT CALL ON

« Conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems »

INFORMATION WEBINAR

27 October 2020

http://biodiversa.org/2020_2021_call

<http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore>



SPEAKERS

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WEBINAR: Instructions

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For your information: the webinar is recorded and will be available in replay

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Audio available to the presenters only

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For any question: **USE “Q&A” FUNCTION**

Ca. 30 minutes presentation

Ca. 1 hours to answer your questions

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Note: questions related to National/Regional Regulations will be forwarded to the corresponding NCPs. Some questions may be answered individually by email after the Webinar, due to its specificity.

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INTRODUCTION

1. Quick presentation of the BiodivRestore ERA-NET COFUND



INTRODUCTION

The BiodivRestore ERA-NET COFUND



2. FUNCTIONNING OF AN ERA-NET COFUND CALL

BiodivRestore

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INTRODUCTION

How does an ERA-Net COFUND call work?

Funding Organisation #1
Funding Organisation #2
Funding Organisation #3

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Funding Organisation #N



Co-funding from the
European Commission (EC)



One joint Call

With one single joint (international) evaluation

- One ranking list
- Funding of the best top projects



NO NATIONAL PRE- OR POST- SELECTION

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Topic and scientific content of the call

1. TOPIC & SCIENTIFIC CONTENT OF THE CALL

«Conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems»



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Topic and scientific content of the call

The BiodivRestore
COFUND Call

- **All environments are eligible**, incl. a focus on aquatic systems **BUT**
 - Proposals can focus on only one environment
 - Proposals comparing different environments or studying links between environments (e.g. terrestrial-aquatic) are particularly welcomed
 - NB: proposals can only address e.g. terrestrial environment and won't be disfavored as compared to proposals working on several environments or focusing only on aquatic environments.
- Research to be funded through this call will have to go **beyond single study cases**.

➤ **CONSULT THE CALL DOCUMENT FOR MORE INFO:**

➤ <http://www.biodiversa.org/1793/download>

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➤ 3 non-exclusive themes:

THEME 1 : Studying the biological and biophysical processes at stake for conservation/restoration, and their interactions

- What is the **role of different biodiversity dimensions** (species diversity, functional - including trophic- diversity, ecosystem diversity, genetic diversity) **for conservation and restoration?**
- What is the **relationship between ecosystem functioning** (including biogeochemical cycle and ecosystem resilience) **and biodiversity during conservation and restoration processes** of degraded ecosystems?
- What is the **importance of timescale for assessing and understanding post- versus preconervation/restoration trajectories?**

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➤ 3 non-exclusive themes:

THEME 2 : assessing trade-offs and synergies between targets, benefits and policies for conservation and restoration

- Analysing **trade-offs and synergies between targets of conservation / restoration measures** (different biodiversity facets, different ecosystem functions and services)
- **Assessing (quantitative and qualitative) social and economic benefits and costs (incl. co-benefits and conflicts) of conservation/restoration approaches**
- Developing **integrative socio-ecological approaches** (incl. governance systems and new decisionmaking tools) to understand the benefits and risks associated to conservation/restoration measures and predict their outcomes

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➤ 3 non-exclusive themes:

THEME 3 : knowledge for improving the effectiveness and upscaling of conservation and restoration actions

- **Upscaling of processes to landscapes or regions and across gradients**
- **Integrating conservation and restoration approaches for improving their effectiveness**
- **Evaluating and considering uncertainties** associated to conservation and restoration approaches **for developing adaptive management**

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Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants

2. TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED & EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS APPLICANTS



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TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

➤ Average size of collaborative research projects:

- **Medium size projects**
- **1.2 – 1.5M€** (on average)
- **5 Partners from different countries** (on average; minimum is 3)

➤ Evaluation criteria:

STEP 1: pre-proposal stage

IF MORE THAN ca. 110 PRE-PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVED

- **Fit to the scope of the call**
- **Scientific excellence** (with a focus on novelty of the research proposed)
- **Societal and policy impact**

STEP 2: full-proposal stage

- **Excellence**
- **Quality and efficiency of the implementation**
- **Impact** (incl. societal / policy relevance and approaches to stakeholder engagement)

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TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

Projects are expected to:

- Be **scientifically excellent**
- Be **multi-disciplinary**, where relevant
- Demonstrate a **transnational added value**
- **Engage stakeholders**

Consult the BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook:

<http://www.biodiversa.org/stakeholderengagement>

- **Demonstrate political / societal relevance**

Consult the BiodivERsA Guide on policy relevance of research projects

<http://www.biodiversa.org/1543>

Useful resources to help you:



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Call process & eligibility rules

3. CALL PROCESS & ELIGIBILITY RULES



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CALL PROCESS

- **STEP 1: Mandatory submission of pre-proposals** through the online platform (EPSS)
 - !! Applicants cannot enter the procedure at a later stage !!
 - Eligibility check
 - **If more than ca. 110 pre-proposals are received**: First evaluation by an independent evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
 - i. *fit to the scope of the call*
 - ii. *scientific excellence (with a focus on novelty of the research proposed)*
 - iii. *societal and policy impact*
- **STEP 2**: Applicants invited to step 2 have to **submit a full proposal via the EPSS**
 - Eligibility check
 - Evaluation by external reviewers and an independent evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
 - i. *Excellence*
 - ii. *Quality and efficiency of the implementation*
 - iii. *Impact*

➤ **CONSULT THE INDICATIVE PRE-PROPOSAL and FULL-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORMS:**

<http://www.biodiversa.org/1793/download> OR <http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore>



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GENERAL CALL SCHEDULE

If less than ca. 110 pre-proposals are received

**!! Do not wait
the last minute
to submit !!**

Summer 2020:	Pre-announcement of the call
5 October 2020:	Official launch of the call
7 December 2020, 16:00 CET (local time in Brussels):	Deadline for submitting pre-proposals
Between 8-15 January 2021:	First eligibility check by the Call Secretariat & FCPs ➤ Eligible pre-proposals are invited to submit full proposals
15 March 2021, 16:00 CET (local time in Brussels):	Deadline for submitting full proposals
Late March 2021:	Second quick eligibility check completed by Call Secretariat & FCPs
Late June 2021:	EvC meeting ➤ Ranked list of proposals established by the Evaluation Committee (EvC)
September 2021:	Recommendation for funding projects by the CSC ➤ Results communicated to applicants (together with EvC feedbacks)
December 2021:	Earliest possible start of funded projects
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4 January 2021:	First eligibility check completed by Call Secretariat & FCPs
Early March 2021:	After EvC and CSC meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Selected applicants are invited to submit full proposals.
3 May 2021, 16:00 CEST (local time in Brussels):	Deadline for submitting full proposals
17 May 2021 max:	Second quick eligibility check completed by Call Secretariat & FCPs
September 2021:	Second EvC meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ranked list of proposals established by the EvC
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General eligibility criteria (1/4)

Consortium composition:

- Scientific teams will be invited to form transnational research consortia with teams from **minimum 3 different countries participating in the call**
 - In addition, part of the eligible Partners, **at least two must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries (AC)** participating in the call.
- A **particular rule apply for Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories:**
 - Provided the latter criterion is met (Partners from at least two different EU Member States or Associated Countries participating in the call), for proposals including Partners from outermost regions/overseas countries/territories participating in the call, the outermost regions/overseas countries/ territories can be counted as a specific participating country (for the criteria: at least three different countries)

A consortium including teams from Portugal mainland, Azores and Sweden

Eligible

- ✓ 2 different EU MS and AC (Portugal and Sweden) & Partners from 3 different countries (Portugal and Azores are counted as two countries)
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31 funding
organisations
from 27
countries

Total funding
for the Call:
**over
20M€**

➤ CONSULT THE UPDATED LIST OF
COUNTRIES INVOLVED ONLINE:

<https://www.biodiversa.org/1645>

<http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore>

Participating countries

Country / Organization	Type	National Funding Contribution EUR
Austria - FWF	EU	1.000.000
Belgium - BelSPO	EU	300.000
Belgium - F.R.S.-FNRS	EU	200.000
Belgium - FWO	EU	700.000
Brazil - CONFAP	non-EU	1.588.000
Bulgaria - BNSF	EU	230.000
Czech Republic - TACR	EU	300.000
Denmark - IFD	EU	1.000.000
Estonia - ETAG	EU	200.000
Finland - AKA	EU	850.000
France - ANR	EU	2.000.000
Germany - DFG	EU	1.500.000
Germany - DLR	EU	2.000.000
Ireland - EPA	EU	500.000
Latvia - VIAA	EU	400.000
Lithuania - RCL	EU	100.000
Moldova - NARD	Associated country	200.000
Morocco - MENFPESRS	non-EU	400.000
Netherlands - LNV	EU	300.000
Norway - RCN	Associated country	1.400.000
Poland - NCN	EU	500.000
Portugal - FCT	EU	500.000
Portugal - FRCT (Azores)	EU	200.000
Romania - UEFISCDI	EU	500.000
Slovakia - SAS	EU	240.000
South Africa - WRC	non-EU	130.000
Spain - AEI	EU	1.000.000
Sweden - SEPA	EU	500.000
Switzerland - SNSF	Associated country	TBC
Taiwan - MOST	non-EU	500.000
Tunisia - MHESR	Associated country	200.000

The funding organisation may have defined maximum allowed budget per partner and/or project. Please consult the Funding Organisations' rules for more details.

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General eligibility criteria (2/4)

Project duration: 3 years

Other general eligibility rules:

- The project coordinator is eligible and employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call.
- The project coordinator (person in charge) can only participate as coordinator in one proposal of this call. Apart from the position of coordinator, applicants can participate in several proposals (as long as this is in line with their funding organisation's eligibility rules);
- Proposals must be written in **English**.
- The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country.



Changes allowed between pre & full proposals

!! The information given in the pre-proposals is binding**!!**

- **No changes regarding the proposals' content** will be allowed by the call steering committee (CSC) between the pre-proposals and full proposals.
- Regarding the administrative details, a limited number of changes may be allowed by the funding organisations contact points (FCP) and CSC, provided they are in line with the general rules of the call and the rules of the Funding Organisations:
 - **Minor change of budget** can be allowed by the relevant Funding Organisation. The Funding Organisation can decide according to its own rules whether it needs a justification for it. If the national/regional Funding Organisation agrees to the budget change and this results in an increase of the funding request as compared to step 1, the project coordinator has to inform the Call Secretariat about the change with the Funding Organisation Contact Point (FCP) in copy.

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General eligibility criteria (4/4)

➤ Changes in the consortium composition:

- **No changes of coordinator** (person in charge) will be allowed, except in case of force majeure. In case the change of coordinator is explicitly requested by the Funding Organisation, it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- **A limited number of changes in the consortium composition** are allowed (**maximum two changes of Partners**), if requested by the Partners. If the change is explicitly requested by a Funding Organisation, this will not be considered as one of the maximum two changes.
- **In terms of procedure:** The eligibility of new research Partners must be confirmed before the full proposal submission deadline. Changes must be asked first to the FCP, who needs to check the eligibility and agree with the change. Then, a detailed justification of the changes will have to be communicated to the Call Secretariat (minimum one week before the submission deadline) by the project coordinator with the Funding Organisation Contact Point (FCP) in copy for agreement by the Call Steering Committee (CSC)
- **The change(s) should not change the substance of the proposal.** Applicants will have to indicate in their full proposal the changes made as compared to the pre-proposals (for information for the EvC)

WHAT IS CONSIDERED AS A CHANGE?

- **addition, removal or replacement of a Partner** (incl. subcontracted and self-financed partners)
- If a researcher in charge (person) remains the same but the institution changes, this won't be considered as a change, provided the institution fulfils the relevant eligibility criteria. Individual cases will be examined.

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Funding organisations' financial rules and eligibility criteria

Each National / regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional team



!! Applicants thus have to comply with their funding organisations' eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items)

Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules **!!**

➤ Consult the updated Funding Organisations' rules and Funding Organisations' Contact Points here:

<https://www.biodiversa.org/1645>

OR

<http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrestore-fcp.pdf>

<http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrest-fo-rules-final-v7.pdf>



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Looking for a Partner for a Project you would like to submit?

OR

Looking for a Project to join?

- Use the **BiodivRestore Partner Search Tool**

You simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the online platform (**in English**)

Link: <https://proposals.etag.ee/biodivrestore/partner-search>

- ❖ Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants
- ❖ Have a look at the forms submitted through a **user-friendly search function**: search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria: country, discipline, keywords

- Join the [Water JPI Researchers Forum](#) on LinkedIn



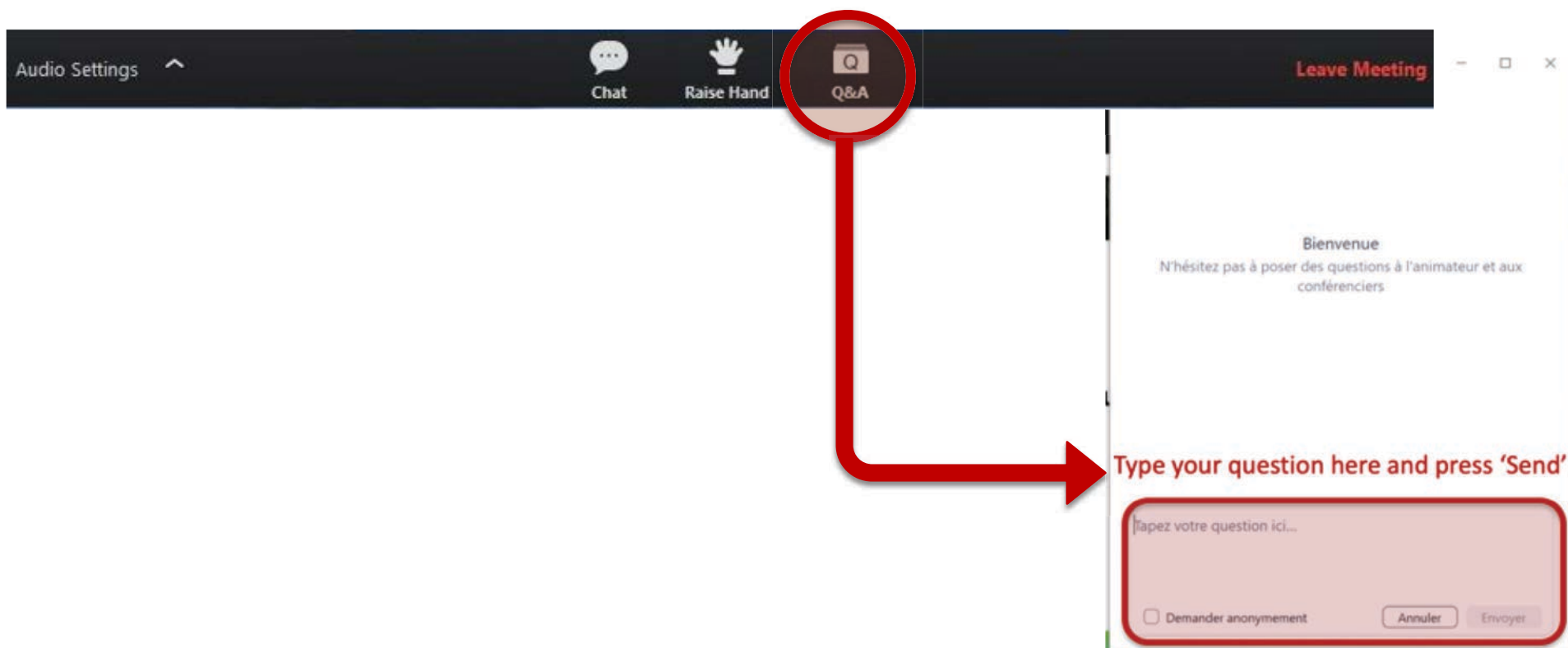
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Q&A

Ask your questions online **via the Q&A section**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

**!! Please
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documents !!**

Lots of resources available online

- Consult the **CALL DOCUMENT** containing the following information:
- Announcement of Opportunity (call text)
 - Pre-proposal application form (for information; to be accessed via EPSS platform)
 - Full Proposal application form (for information; to be accessed via EPSS platform in Step 2)
 - Checklist for applicants
 - Data policy
 - Assessment criteria
 - Conflict of Interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure policy.

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- Consult the list of **Funding Organisations contact points** and rules

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- Check our **FAQ**

To be published soon on both BiodivERsA & Water-JPI websites



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STEP BY STEP GUIDE



All the best with the preparation of your application!



Thank you for your participation!

Find out more about the call:

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Contacts:

Call Secretariat (AEI):

Maja KOLAR and Patricia VERA - BiodivRestore.cs@aei.gob.es

National/Regional Contact Points:

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Technical helpdesk for the online platform (EPSS): epss.biodivrestore@g.etag.ee



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