

Official launch of Biodiversa+, the European Biodiversity Partnership

17-18 November 2021 – Brussels

Meeting venue : Claridge Events, Chaussée de Louvain 24b, Brussels, Belgium

How to join remotely:

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82492073897?pwd=TkkzbzJuZVlGdjQrQTBHTDNaTHJmdz09>

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DAY 1: 17 November from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

From 13:30 | Welcome coffee

14:00 | Introduction session

- Welcome words, by *Hilde Eggermont, Biodiversa+ Chair & Coordinator, Belgian Science Policy Office, Belgium*
- Opening speech, by *Joanna Drake, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation Deputy Director General*
- Opening speech, by *Patrick Child, European Commission, DG Environment Deputy Director General*
- General presentation of Biodiversa+ (vision, mission and objectives), by *Hilde Eggermont, Xavier Le Roux & Magnus Tannerfeldt, the Biodiversa+ Coordination Team*

14:55 | Biodiversa+ in the post-2020 era

- Keynote “Biodiversa+: a tool to help implementing the European Biodiversity Strategy 2030”, by *Anne Teller, DG Environment, European Commission*
- Keynote “The international policy landscape: needs and opportunities for Biodiversa+ to partner up”, by *Janice Weatherley-Singh, Wildlife Conservation Society Europe*
- Q&A session

15:50 – 16:20 | Coffee break

16:20 | Launch of the Biodiversa+ Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

- General presentation of the Biodiversa+ Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, by *Hilde Eggermont, Xavier Le Roux & Magnus Tannerfeldt, Biodiversa+ Coordination Team*
- Roundtable – Shaping up the European Research Area on biodiversity in synergy with other related domains?
Panellists: *Simona Bonelli, Butterfly Conservation Society & University of Turin, Italy; Denis Couvet, President of the French Foundation of Research on Biodiversity, France; Marco Fritz, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission; Margit Noll, the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) & Coordinator of the Driving Urban Transitions Partnership, Austria; and Tanja Suni, Research Director at the Finnish Ministry of Environment, Finland*
- Q&A session

17:25 | Biodiversa+ Flagship programmes: a short sketch of upcoming opportunities

- Biodiversa+ Flagship programmes for the first two years? by *Hilde Eggermont, Xavier Le Roux & Magnus Tannerfeldt, Biodiversa+ Coordination Team*
- Q&A session

17:50 | A new Partnership, new communication & outreach!

- Short description of the Biodiversa+ communication & outreach plans, including the e-platform, by *Claire Blery, Biodiversa+ Chief Executive Officer*

From 18:15 | Cocktail event at the Claridge Events

DAY 2: 18 November from 09:30 to 12:30

From 9:00 | Welcome coffee

09:30 | The Biodiversa+ portfolio: activities to help putting nature back on a path of recovery by 2030

- Promoting and supporting R&I programmes and projects across the ERA, by *Sophie Germann & Maurice Héral, French National Research Agency, France*
- Promoting and supporting transnational biodiversity monitoring, by *Petteri Vihervaara, Ministry of Environment, Finland*
- Promoting and supporting Nature-based solutions, and valuation of biodiversity in private sectors, by *Antonello Provenzale, Ministry of Research, Italy & Lars Dinesen, Innovation Fund, Denmark*
- Better connecting Research & Innovation programmes and projects to policy, by *Henrik Lange, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, Sweden & Karol Marhold, Slovak Academy of Science, Slovakia*
- Internationalisation of European Research & Innovation, by *Rainer Sadtke, DLR-PT, Germany & Rob Hendriks, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, The Netherlands*
- Q&A session

10:40 – 11:10 | Coffee break

[11:10-11:25 HIGHLIGHT]

Launch of the Forum of the EC [Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity](#) (KCBD), by *Giovanni De Santi, Director of the Directorate for Sustainable Resources of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

11:25 | Opportunities to link-up and contribute to Biodiversa+

- Setting the scene: modalities for engagement, by *Frédéric Lemaître, Biodiversa+ science-society-policy Officer*
- Roundtable – How can Biodiversa+ account for stakeholder/end-user needs? What are the opportunities for collaboration?, moderated by *Josefina Enfedaque, senior expert at DG Research & Innovation*
Panellists: Michele Bozzano, European Forest Genetic Resources programme (EUFORGEN) - European Forest Institute (EFI), Italy; Markus Erhard, European Environmental Agency; Carole Paleco, Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF) & Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium; Adina Braha-Honciuc, Microsoft; and Hans Van Gossum, Arcadis

12:10 | Conclusion

- Conclusion, by *Jean-Eric Paquet, European Commission, DG RTD Director General*
- Closing words, by *Hilde Eggermont, Biodiversa+ Chair & Coordinator*

12:30 | End of the meeting