

**Science Policy Forum on the Global Biodiversity Framework**  
***Knowledge and capacity to facilitate the implementation of the***  
***Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework***

**18 April, from 13:30 to 17:45 CEST**  
**Prague, Czech Republic and Online**

- **Meeting venue:** Hotel Vienna House Diplomat, Evropská 15, Prague, Czech Republic
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*From 13:00 Welcome coffee and tea & check-in*

**13:30 – 13:45 Welcome words & introduction**

*By Hilde Eggermont, Biodiversa+ Chair & Coordinator, BelSPO, Belgium*

**13:45 – 14:15 The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and its modus operandi of indicators**

*By Jillian Campbell, CBD Secretariat*

**14:15 – 14:30 How will the European Union contribute to facilitate the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF, including through research & capacity building**

*By Francisco De Asis Sanchez Crespo, Policy Officer, DG Environment, European Commission & Bastian Bertzky, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission*

**14:30 – 14:50 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs): What do they offer to reach the Kunming-Montreal GBF Goals and Targets?**

*By Andrew Plumpton, KBA Secretariat*

**14:50 – 15:10 NaturaConnect: Building a coherent Trans-European Network of conserved areas for Nature and People**

*By Martin Jung, IIASA, NaturaConnect*

**15:10 – 16:00 Panel Discussion (Session 1) | Widening our network of protected areas - Interactive discussion on national experiences, needs and the barriers towards the set up a Trans-European Nature Network**

*Link with GBF Targets 1 to 3, and GBF Goal A*

Panellists:

- Florent Merle, Vice Director of the international and European affairs department of the French Biodiversity Agency
- Karel Chobot, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic
- Milena Batakovic, Environmental Protection Agency of Montenegro
- Martin Jung, International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (Austria) & NaturaConnect

*16:00 – 16:30 Break*

**16:30 – 17:30 Panel Discussion (Session 2) | Interactive discussion on knowledge and capacity to facilitate the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

This discussion will bring in Biodiversa(+) projects, to open up the discussion on how transnational biodiversity projects co-designed with stakeholders can generate and support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework  
*Link with GBF Targets 20 – 21, GBF Goal D, and COP15 decision on capacity building and technical and scientific cooperation*

Panellists:

- Ester Serrao, University of Algarve, CCMAR, coordinator of the MARFOR & RESTORESEAS projects funded under the BiodivDynamics and BiodivRestore research calls
- Konstantina Spiliopoulou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, coordinator of the GaP project funded under the BiodivProtect research call
- Sigrid Engen, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, coordinator of the PAREUS project funded under the BiodivProtect research call
- Virgilio Heroso, University of Sevilla, coordinator of the INSPIRE project funded under the BiodivProtect research call

- Bastian Bertzky, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission or Francisco De Asis Sanchez Crespo, DG Environment, European Commission
- Frédéric Lemaître, Biodiversa+ senior Science-Society-Policy Interfacing Officer, FRB

**17:30 – 17:45 Conclusion**

*By Hilde Eggermont, Biodiversa+ Chair & Coordinator, BelSPO, Belgium*

**17:45 | End of the meeting**

**19:30 | Diner at the hotel restaurant, Vienna House Diplomat Hotel, Evropska 370/15, Prague 6**