



# biodiversa+

European Biodiversity Partnership

## Nature-Based Solutions for Biodiversity, human well-being & transformative change (BiodivNBS)

General Information Webinar, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023



<https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/>



## Speakers

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# Programme

	<b>1:00-1:05</b>	Welcome & Technical Instructions	<i>By C. Superbie</i>
	<b>1:05-1:10</b>	Introduction to Biodiversa+	<i>By M. Tannerfeldt</i>
<b>3 thematic sessions</b>	<b>1:10-1:35</b>	Topic & Scientific Content of the Call <i>incl. ~10 minutes Q&amp;A Session</i>	<i>By M. Tannerfeldt</i>
	<b>1:35-2:00</b>	Types of projects funded, expectations towards applicants, useful resources <i>incl. ~10 minutes Q&amp;A Session</i>	<i>By C. Superbie and F. Lemaître</i>
	<b>2:00-2:25</b>	Call process & eligibility rules <i>incl. ~10 minutes Q&amp;A Session</i>	<i>By C. Billière</i>
	<b>2:25-2:30</b>	Conclude	<i>By C. Superbie</i>

# General Information: List of resources available online

**!! Please  
carefully read all  
documents !!**

- Consult the **CALL DOCUMENTS** 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.

To be downloaded from: <https://www.biodiversa.eu/2023/06/05/2023-2024-joint-call/>

- Consult the updated list of **Funding Organisations:**  
<https://www.biodiversa.eu/research-funding/participating-funding-organisations/>

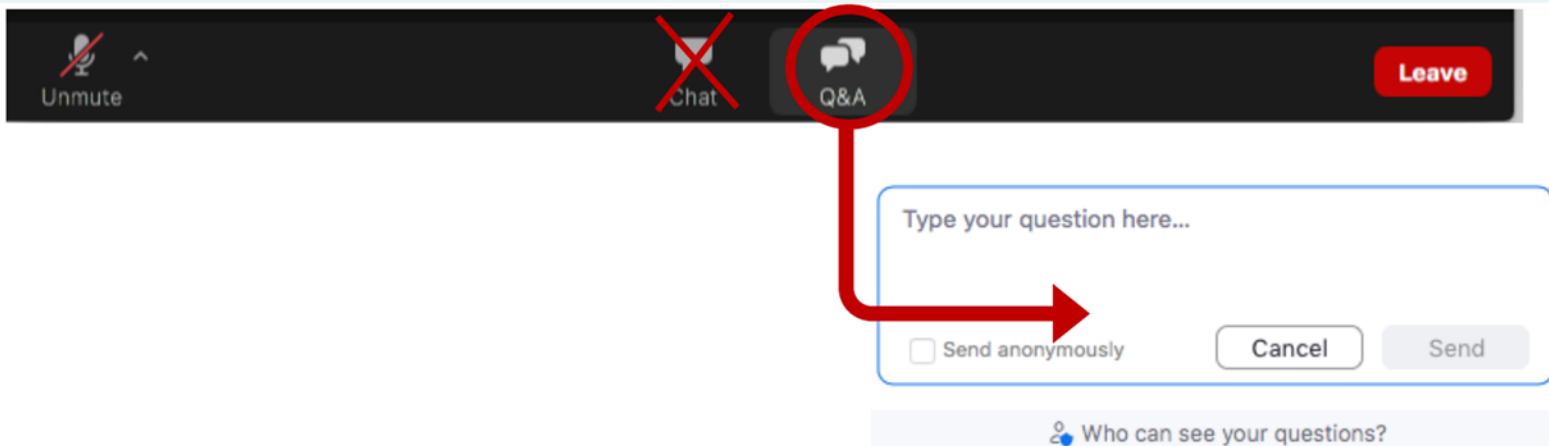
- Check regularly our **FAQ**  
<https://www.biodiversa.eu/faq-biodivnbs/>

# Webinar Instructions

1- The webinar is **recorded** and the **replay will be available** on our Website (incl. the slides)

2- **Audio** is available to the **presenters only**

3- To ask questions, **USE THE "Q&A" FUNCTIONS**



Check our FAQ  
before asking a question:

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**NB**

- We might not be able to answer all questions
- Please ask questions related to the thematic sessions only  
(3 sessions planned)
- For questions related to the rules of your funding organisation,  
please directly contact the relevant contact points

# Introduction – What is Biodiversa+

*By Magnus Tannerfeldt, Biodiversa+ Vice Chair, Formas (Sweden)*



# What is Biodiversa+?

- The **European Biodiversity Partnership** co-funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe
- **Supporting excellent research on biodiversity with an impact for policy and society**
- Launched in 2021 for a 7 years duration
- Jointly developed by BiodivERsA and the European Commission (DG Research & Innovation and DG Environment) – **building on the BiodivERsA experience (2008-2021)**



# Biodiversa+ is a network of national partners

**40**  
Countries

**80**  
Partners



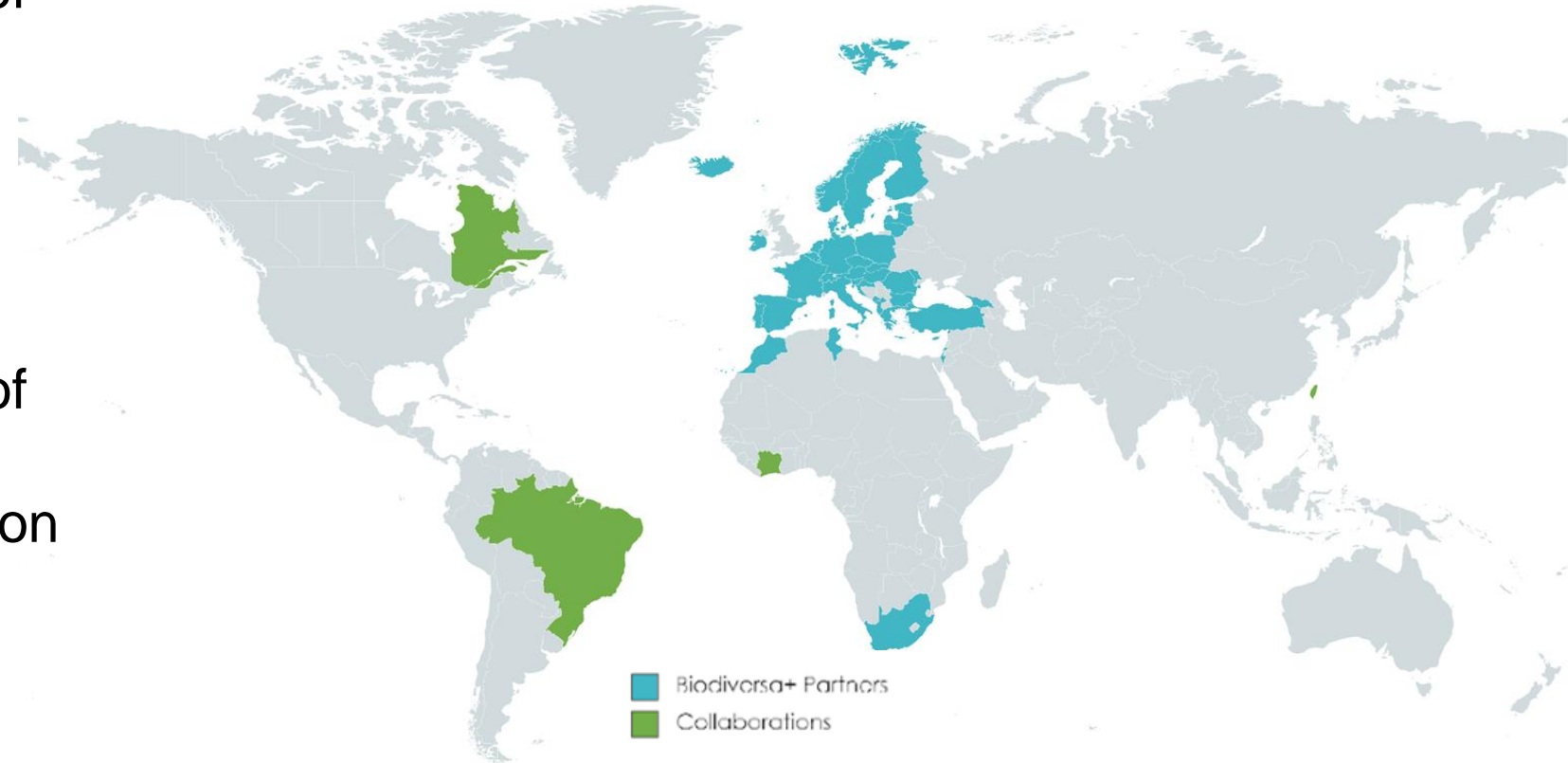
## Research actors

- Ministries in charge of research
- Research funding organisations



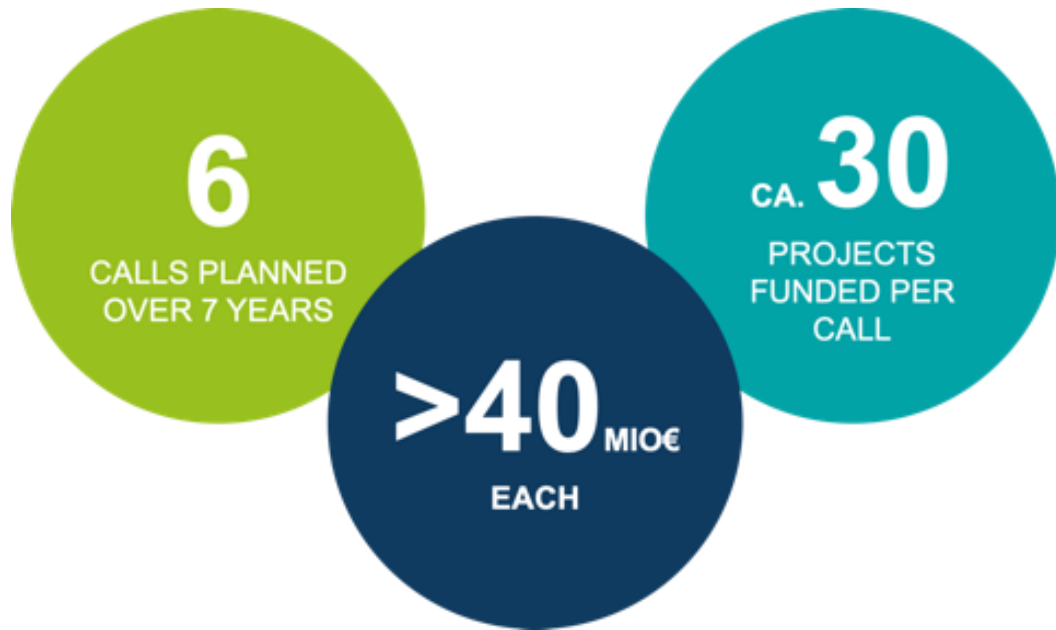
## Policy actors

- Ministries in charge of environment
- Environment protection agencies

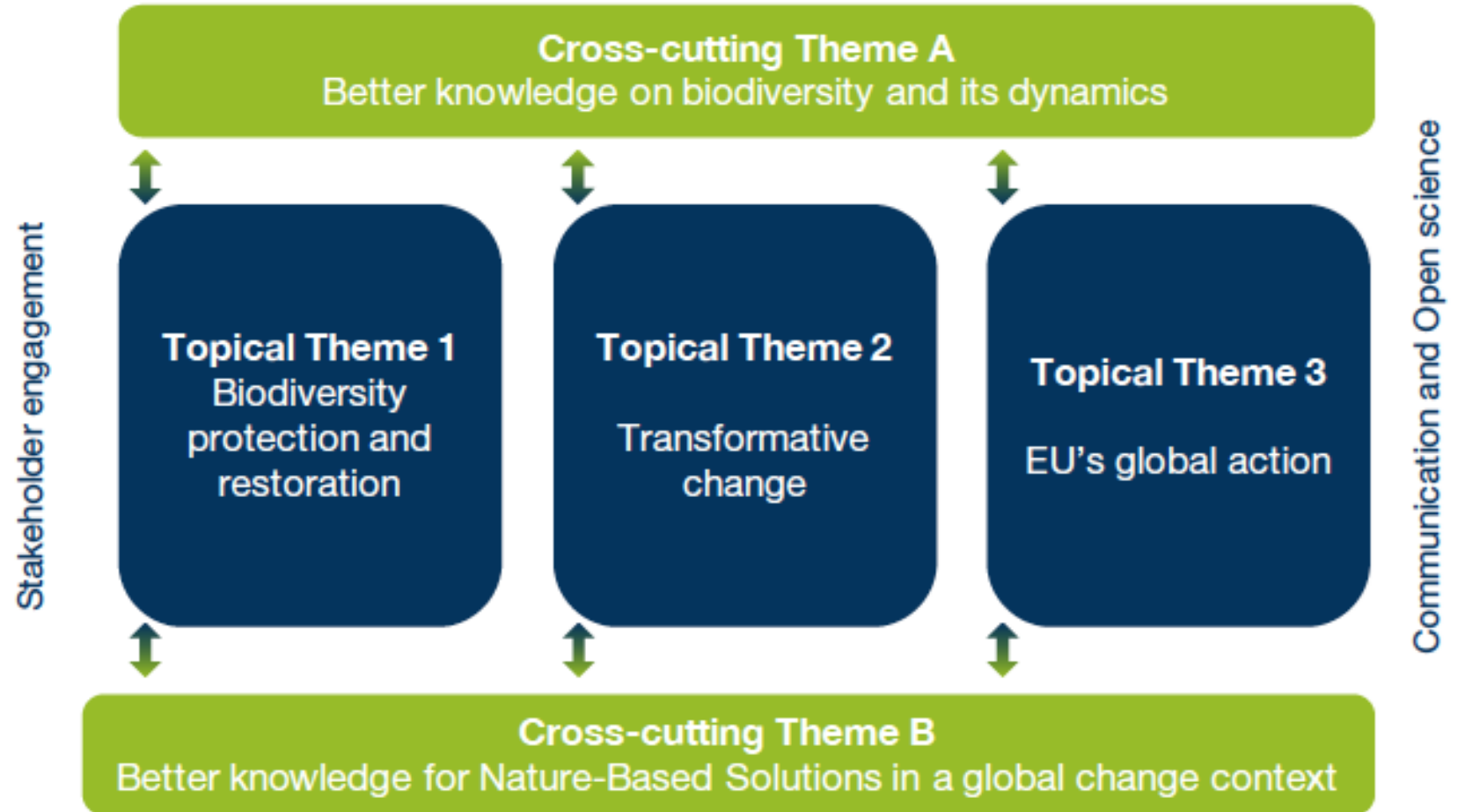
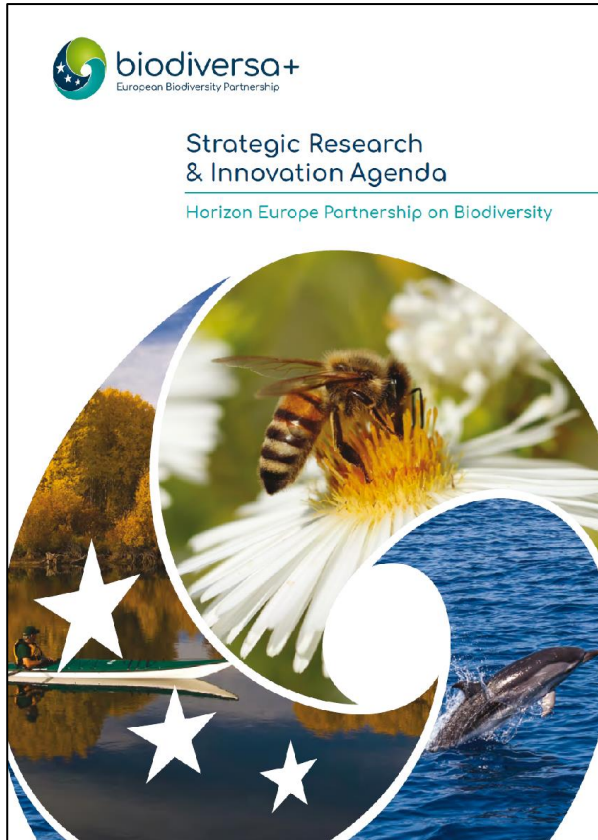




# Portfolio of activities and calls for research proposals



# The Biodiversa+ Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda



# Cooperating with European and global initiatives



... and many more!



# **Topic and scientific content of the BiodivNBS Call:**

## **Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change**

*By Magnus Tannerfeldt, Biodiversa+ Vice Chair, Formas (Sweden)*



# Definition of Nature-Based Solutions



***Nature-based solutions*** are actions to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage natural or modified terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems,

*which address social, economic and environmental challenges effectively and adaptively,*

*while simultaneously providing human well-being, ecosystem services and resilience and biodiversity benefits*

[\(UNEA/EA.5/res.5\)](#)

# Context of the call and main objectives

Conflicting goals exist

How to address trade-offs between different dimensions of transformation?

Implementation and upscaling of NBS is complex

What affects NBS success?

(...)

BiodivNBS will support **research on biodiversity** to gain a better understanding of the tipping points and trade-offs and underlying mechanisms affecting NBS and their successful implementation with respect to the **benefits for nature, human well-being, and societal transformation.**



# Global scope and expected impact



- Research projects in **all parts of the world** and in **all realms/environments**  
*!/\ some restrictions may apply at the level of the funding agency*
- Projects must demonstrate:
  - **Transnational added-value**
  - **Academic excellence and novelty** in biodiversity research
  - **Societal and policy impact.**
- Projects should be:
  - **Interdisciplinary**, integrating approaches and skills of natural sciences, social sciences and humanities, and technical sciences
  - **Transdisciplinary**, and cross-sectoral, involving diverse non-academic stakeholders
- Innovation/tools not currently labelled as NBS but fitting the UNEA5 definition are welcome

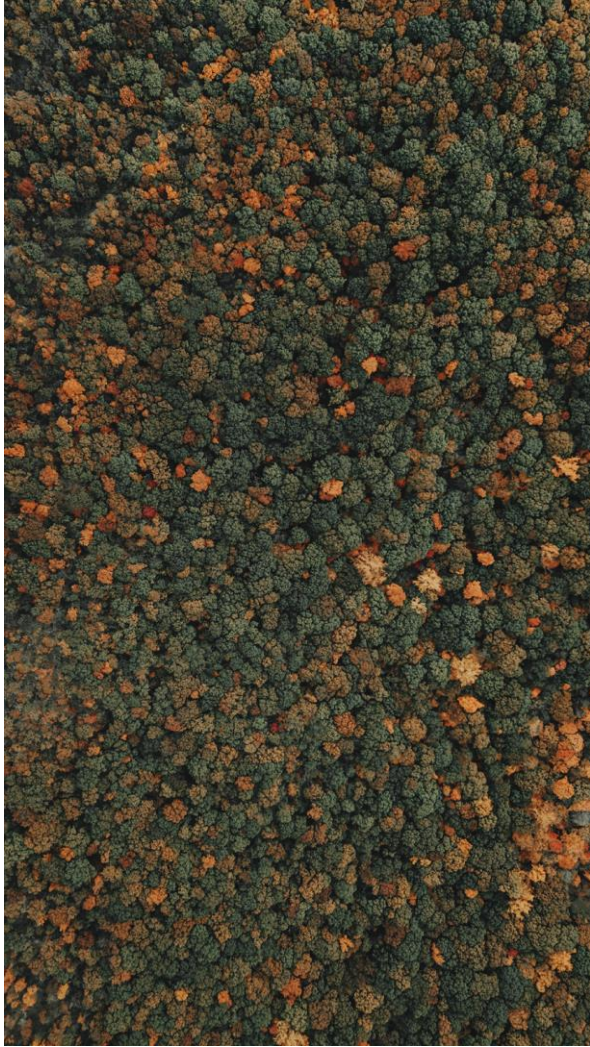
# Call priorities: some of the transversal knowledge needs and challenges



- Understanding and evaluating the **ecological, social and economic benefits of NBS** (...)
- Recognition of and allowing for **biodiversity dynamics of behavioural, ecological and evolutionary processes** over time and space.
- (...) **cost-benefit analysis** of NBS in relation to the level of urgency in terms of **key ecosystems and biodiversity hotspots**.
- Addressing **technical challenges** associated with designing and implementing NBS (...)



# Call priorities: some more transversal knowledge needs



- Better understanding of how **NBS can leverage transformative change** (...)
- Better understanding of **societal attitudes and diverse value systems** in which NBS are applied (...)
- Analysing **user and stakeholder conflicts** for **NBS implementation** (...)
- Developing innovative approaches and incentives to **upscale NBS beyond local contexts** (...)
- Demonstrating strong **NBS cases to encourage investments** to help build resilience (...)

# Themes of the Call

## Theme A

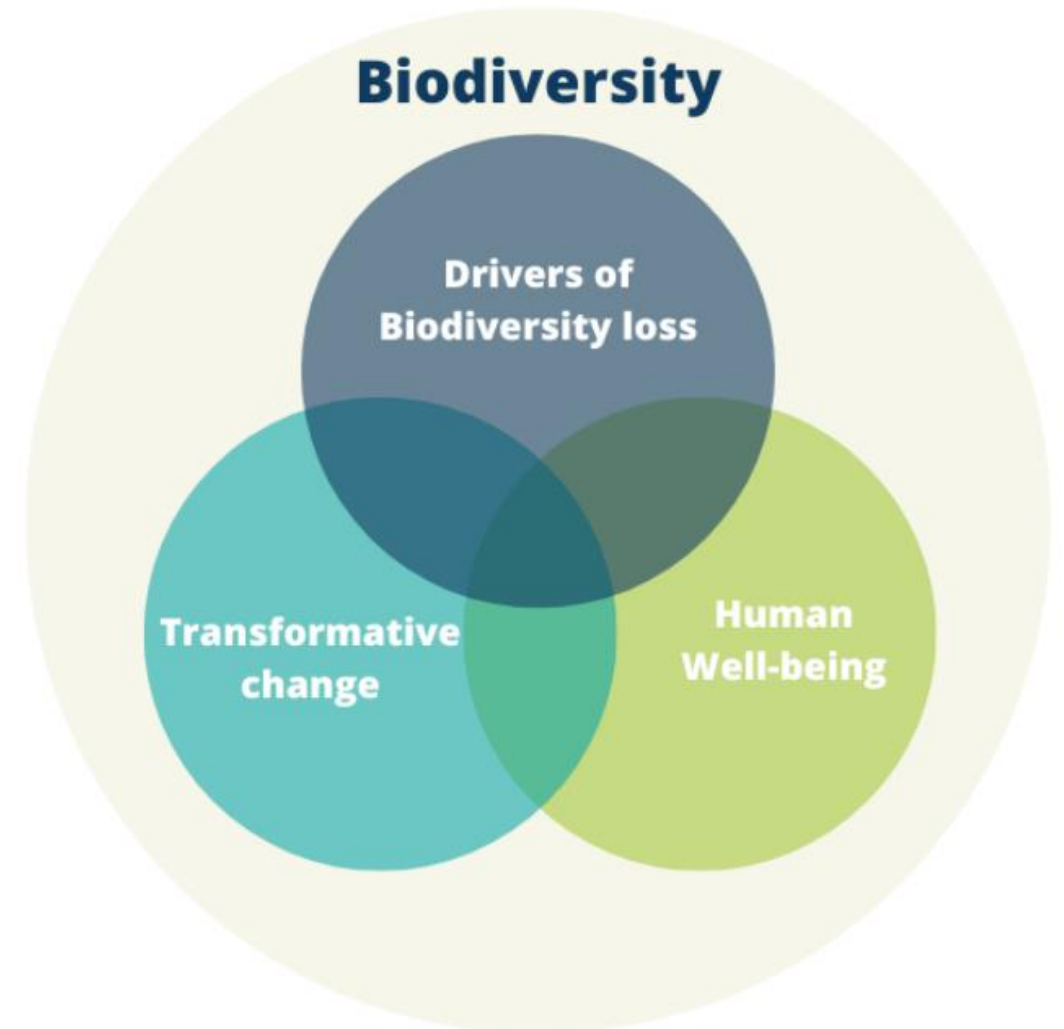
Synergies and trade-offs of NBS in the context of **human well-being**

## Theme B

NBS mitigating anthropogenic **drivers of biodiversity loss**

## Theme C

The contribution of NBS for just **transformative change**



Each consortium can address one or several themes!

# Theme A

## Synergies and trade-offs of NBS in the context of human well-being

Focus on multiple links between the different goals of NBS, and especially on **jointly improving** the well-functioning of the **ecological system with human well-being**

- Identify **environmental, ecological, economic, and social synergies and trade-offs** across sectors (...)
- Identify, evaluate and promote **best practices** for improving – through NBS – ecological functioning of ecosystems for nature and people (...)
- Evaluate integrated regional **NBS strategies and land/sea spatial planning** for biodiversity, water, food and health (...)
- Analyse potential for **upscaling in space and time of successful NBS**
- Explore benefits and risks of NBS regarding **impact on biodiversity and the health of humans** and domesticated species (...)
- Analyse how NBS can offer smart and sustainable alternatives (...) to tackle major **societal challenges**

# Theme B

## NBS mitigating anthropogenic drivers of biodiversity loss

Address cross-sectoral approaches to **direct and indirect drivers** (incl. climate change, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution, etc.) **which negatively affect biodiversity** (by loss or by change)

- Potential of NBS to achieve **biodiversity net gains or prevent net-loss** and address simultaneously **societal challenges**
- Understand **genetic, functional and structural biodiversity dynamics** under changing conditions (...)
- Understand and predict the importance of **spatial and temporal dynamics** for upscaling of NBS (...)
- Potential of **protected areas** for mitigation (...) of negative biodiversity change can be integrated into **regional NBS strategies** (...)
- How **financial instruments and governance** (...) affect the design and implementation of NBS and how they lead to positive outcomes for biodiversity and society.
- Analyse **interactions between different nature-based solutions**, fostering cross-sectoral mitigation linkages



# Theme C


## The contribution of NBS for just transformative change

Address the contribution of NBS for just transformative and just livelihoods, with specific regard to identification of barriers to transformation

- **Multiple benefits and trade-offs** of NBS to catalyse transformative change recognising the **diverse values of nature** (...)
- Science-based assessments of the **economic, social & environmental benefits** [of NBS], and evaluate complexities and uncertainties
- How NBS and nature-based transformations are **understood, valued and enacted** across different worldviews and knowledge systems with respect to the biodiversity-climate-society nexus (...)
- How NBS values can be taken up in **long-term investment** decision by **private business actors and public actors**, at a level that promotes societal transformation
- Explore **measures and governance models** for just distribution of benefits and costs of NBS among stakeholders
- Analyse how **NBS policy and governance** is contradicted or sustained by other types of policies, and the **socio-economic context** of NBS policy making (...)
- Explore the effect and potential of NBS on **large-scale land transformations**, and the role of private sectors, financial investments, and governance structures.

# Q&A Session

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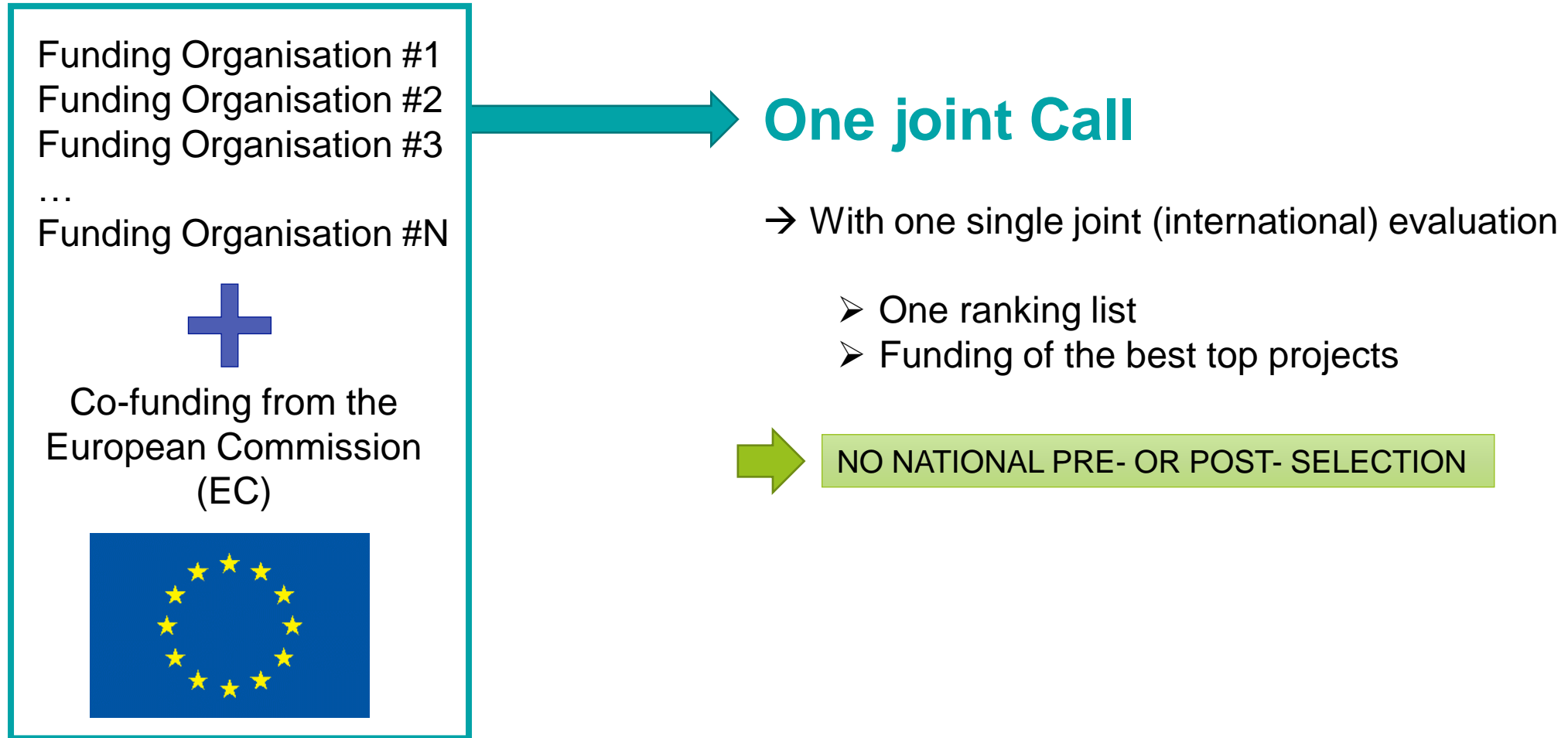
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# Types of projects funded, expectations towards applicants & useful resources

By Clara Superbie (*Operational Team & Call Secretariat*) &  
By Frédéric Lemaître (*Science-Society-Policy Interfacing Officer*)

# How does a joint co-funded call work?



# Types of research projects funded: average size of the projects

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

good opportunity to be part of bigger transnational research projects and to join forces with other teams



# Types of research projects funded: general expectations

## Overall, projects are expected to:

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

⚠ Expectations at the level of the whole project, and not at the level of each research Partner ⚠

⚠ Make sure to have the right expertise in the project as a whole ⚠



**Specific assessment criteria to evaluate these**



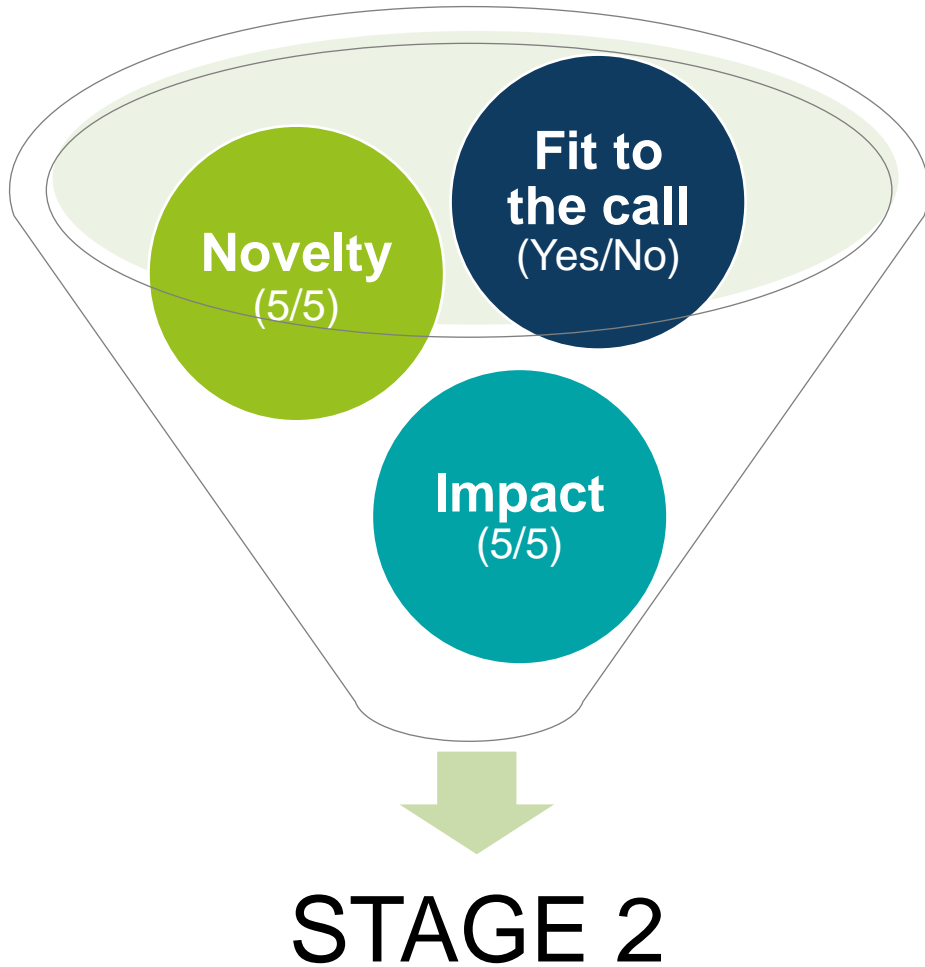
# What is meant by transnational added value?

There should be clear evidence of added value either **directly within the countries involved** in the research, **or indirect value** accrued as a result of, e.g. learning from models applied to countries outside of the countries involved.

Transnational added value may include:

- relevance to **international policy statements** or processes, legislative frameworks or management plans;
- clear added value to national research projects across the world by **linking expertise and efforts across national teams** and **across studied areas and research models**;
- bringing about **comparisons** at the local level between researchers and stakeholders who are not used to work together;
- **standardisation** of methods;
- general increase of common knowledge in biodiversity relative to the themes of the call;
- etc.

# Types of projects typically funded



**Proposals will be judged on both scientific excellence and impact on policy and management issues.**

- clear research questions with tractable and testable hypotheses
- clearly explain expected societal and policy impact as well as planned stakeholder engagement

## Impact sub-criteria in step 1:

a) Expected contribution of the proposed research to society, including policy:

> Potential of the proposed work to lead to novel / original contribution for tackling societal, incl. policy challenges?

> Credible approach/ambition towards stakeholder and/or end-user engagement to achieve the expected societal impact?

b) Transnational added value: also from the perspective of society, including policy

# Useful guidance document: the stakeholder engagement handbook

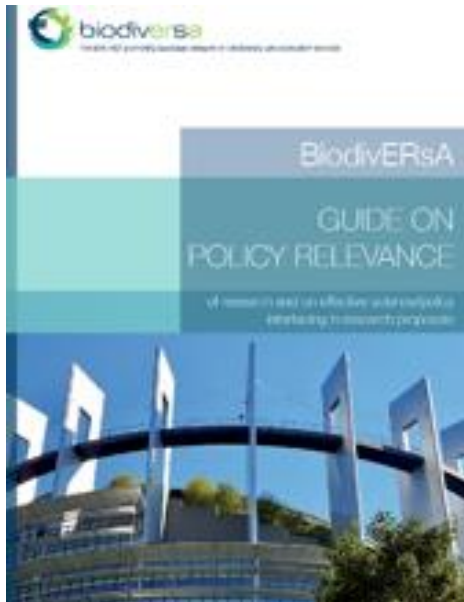
- To help you identify relevant stakeholders to engage with in order to enhance the impact of your work
- It draws upon existing literature and presents case studies that provide clear, simple guidance, which considers 'why', 'who', 'when' and 'how' to engage.



## Content:

- **Part 1:** Introduction
- **Part 2:** Why engage with stakeholders
- **Part 3:** How to identify stakeholders
- **Part 4:** When to engage with stakeholders
- **Part 5:** Methods for engagement
- **Part 6:** Planning the detail of the engagement
- **Part 7:** Managing stakeholder conflict
- **Part 8:** Monitoring and evaluating the engagement

# Useful guidance document: the guide on policy relevance of research



## To help you:

- Better understand what is **policy relevance of research**
- Be aware of what are the **criteria for evaluating policy relevance** of research in Biodiversa+ calls
- Be able to efficiently **identify the most relevant policies and policy-making bodies** for a given research projects

*/// Currently being updated*

## Part I

### THE BASIS

Understand BiodivERsA's approach to promoting and evaluating policy relevance and science/policy interfacing in research proposals

## Part II

### KEYS AND RESOURCES

Quality and demonstrate the policy relevance of your research proposal

*Check your S.I.E.V., don't deceive!*

**S.**

State

State clearly and demonstrate the policy relevance of your research proposal

**I.**

Identify

Identify which policy stakeholders you engage and/or target in your research proposal

**E.**

Engage

Engage with policy stakeholders and promote science/policy interfacing within your research proposal

**V.**

Value

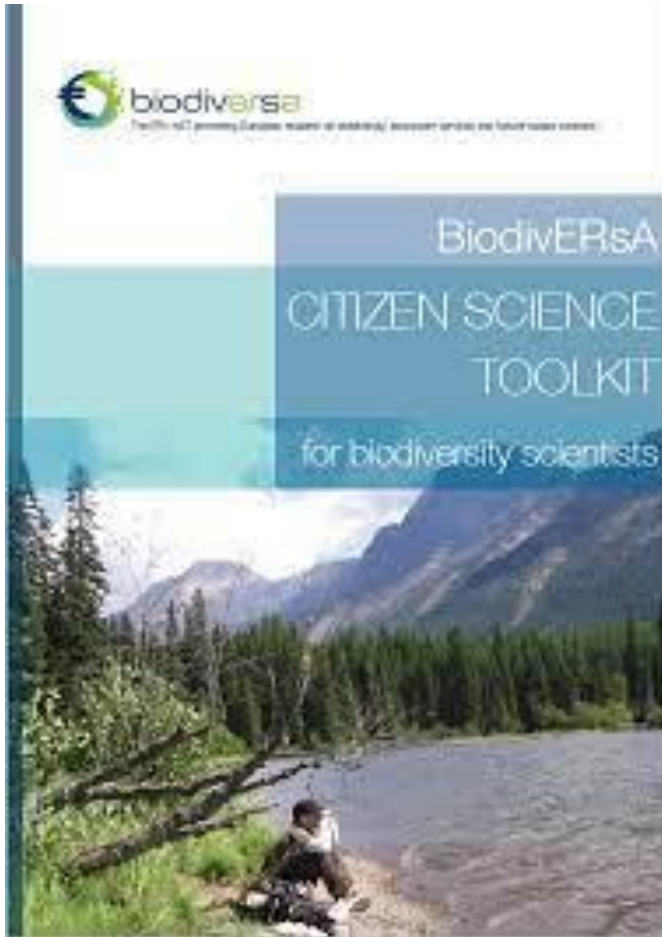
Value the European and international policy implications of your transnational research proposal

## Part III

### DOS AND DON'TS

Case-studies for scientists to increase the policy relevance and effectiveness of science/policy interfacing in their research projects

# Useful guidance document: the citizen science toolkit

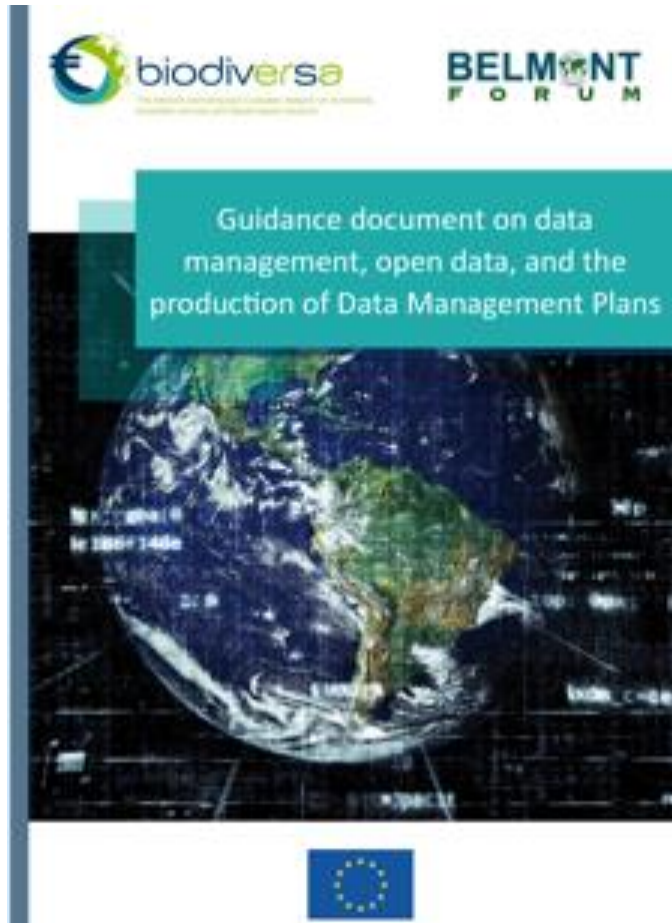


## With this toolkit, you will:

- Get a better overview and understanding of **what is Citizen Science**
- Figure out all the **benefits of adopting Citizen science approaches**
- Have access to a list of the most **relevant publications** and most **useful tools** for Citizen Science
- Discover **many examples of Citizen Science projects** and testimonies from researchers
- Find out how to overcome the most common perceived **challenges**



# Useful guidance document on data management, open data, and the production of Data Management Plans



Biodiversa+ encourages **open sharing of research data and digital outputs** to stimulate new approaches to the collection, reuse, analysis, validation and management of data and information, thus increasing the transparency of the research process and robustness of the results.

## → Applicants are thus requested to submit:

- Preliminary data management information in their pre-proposals
- A first Data Management Plan in their full proposals

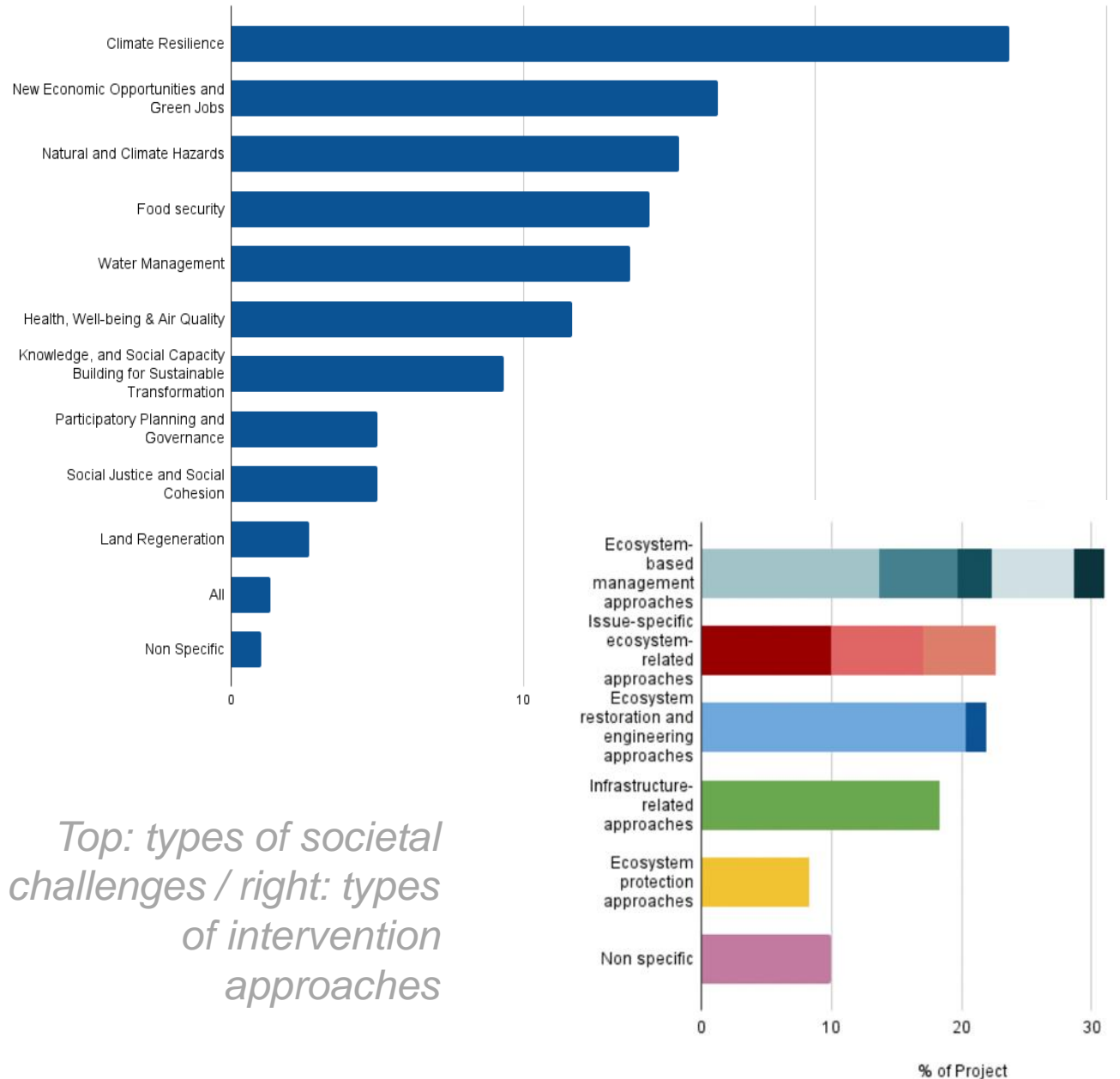
To help you, consult our guidance document & learn more about:

- Main principles and policies for data management
- Existing tools and resources
- Get advice on the writing of your data management plans

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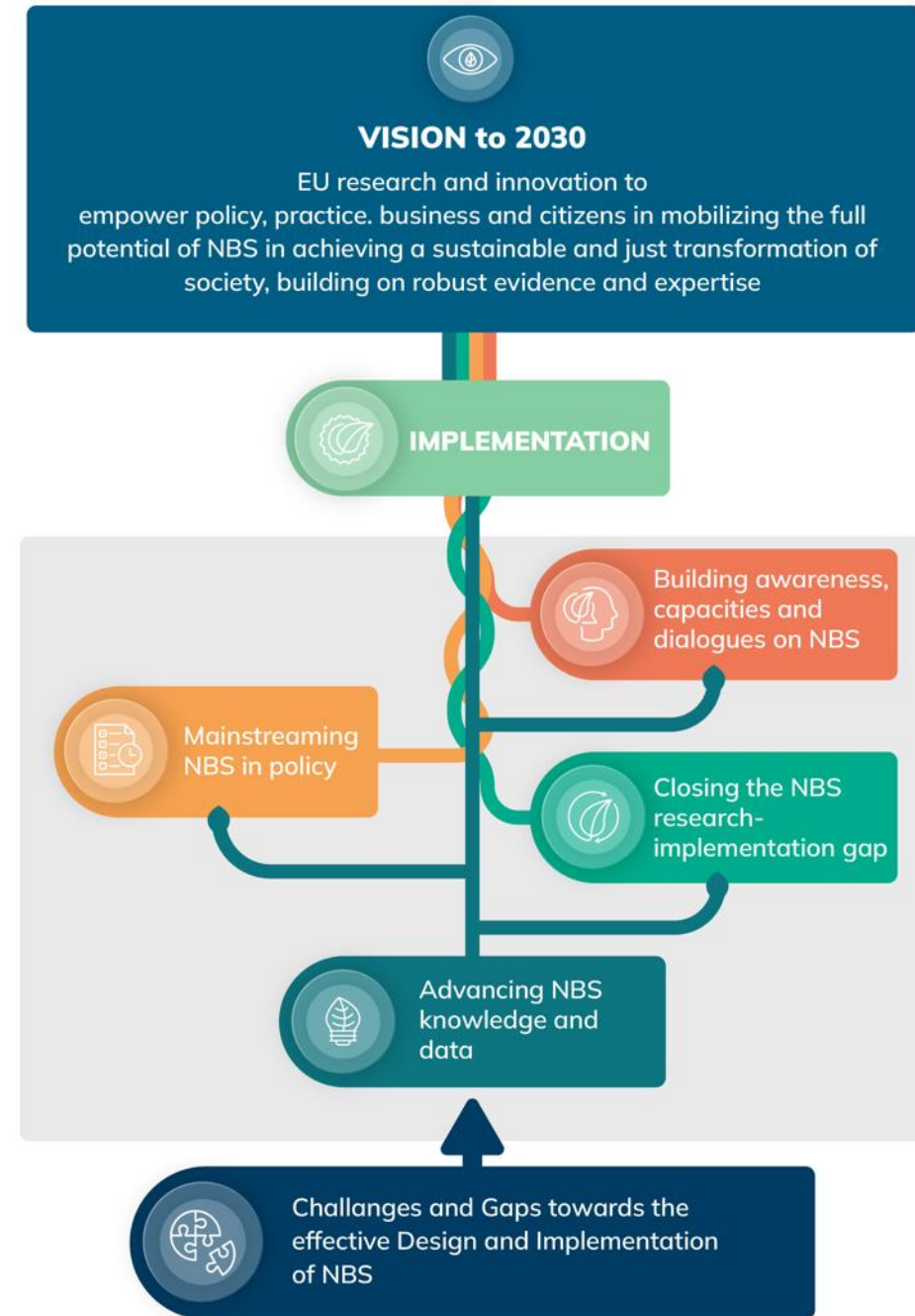
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# Resources



NetworkNature  
NBS databases

[https://networknature.eu/  
nbs-knowledge-database](https://networknature.eu/nbs-knowledge-database)



Final draft of the  
European roadmap  
for R&I on NBS

[https://networknature.  
eu/product/29557](https://networknature.eu/product/29557)



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## EUROPEAN ROADMAP TO 2030 FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ON NATURE- BASED SOLUTIONS



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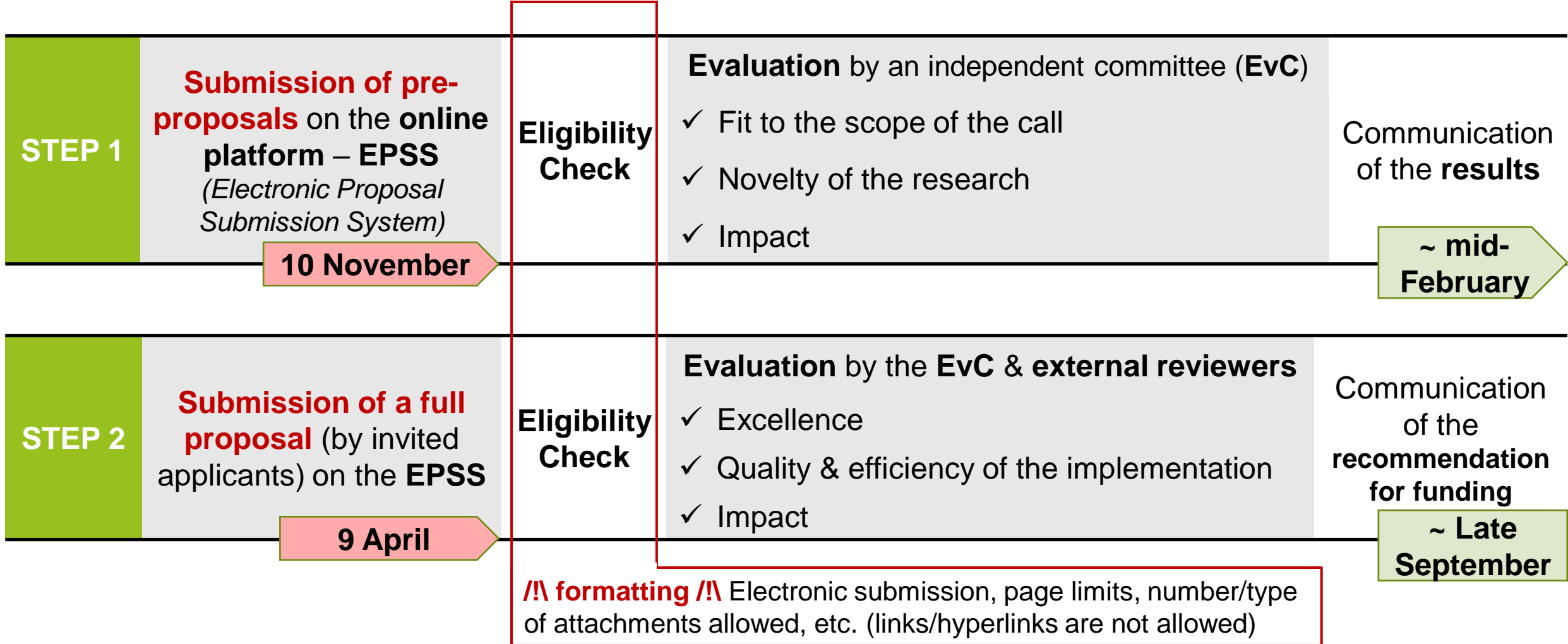
# Call process and eligibility rules

By Céline Billière (*Operational Team & Call Secretariat*)

# BiodivNBS Call Schedule



# General Call Process



CONSULT THE **INDICATIVE PRE-PROPOSAL** and **FULL-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORMS** in the **CALL DOCUMENTS**:

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# Participating Countries and Funding Organisations



Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada (province of Québec only), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tunisia, Türkiye




Consult the **updated** list of participating countries and funding organisations involved in this call here:

<https://www.biodiversa.eu/participating-funding-organisations-biodivnbs/>

# General Eligibility Criteria (i): consortium composition

- ✓ Scientific teams will have to form transnational research consortia with **eligible** research partners from **minimum 3 different countries participating in the call** and requesting support from at least three different Funding Organisations.
  - In addition, **at least two eligible partners per consortium must come from different EU Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC)** participating in the call.

**ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM**

Portugal (EU)	
Brazil	
Norway (AC)	

Partners from 3 different participating countries incl. 2 different EU MS or AC

**NON-ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM**

Poland (EU)	
Brazil	
Taiwan	

Partners from 3 different participating countries BUT only 1 EU MS

→ Consult the updated list of Horizon Europe Associated Countries here:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation\\_horizon-euratom\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf)

**!/\ NOT ALL COUNTRIES LISTED BY THE EC ARE ELIGIBLE, ONLY THE ONE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE !/\**



# General Eligibility Criteria (ii)

## Project duration = 3 years

- **Projects are expected to act as transnational project** and not as a mosaic of national projects
- As far as possible **Partners should participate in the project for its entire duration**. However, as needed, position of some team members can be requested for only part of the project's duration, as long as at least one member of each Partner remains involved for the whole project duration.

## Other general eligibility rules

- **The project coordinator is eligible** and employed by an eligible organisation according to the terms and conditions of the participating Funding Organisation from which he/she applies for support;
- **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*);
- **An individual researcher affiliated to several organisations cannot request funding from more than one funding organisation in this call.** He/she will not be considered as two different Partners within the consortium.
- Proposals must be written **in English**;
- The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country

# Changes allowed between pre- and full proposals (i)

**!! The information given in a pre-proposal is binding !!**

→ **No changes regarding the proposals' content** will be allowed between the pre- and full proposals. However, it is still possible to make minor changes to improve your proposal if the objectives remain unchanged (you will have to declare these changes in your full proposal).

## Changes in budget

→ **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. There is no need to inform the Call Secretariat.

**!! If requesting a change, !!**  
please indicate the **Acronym of your proposal in the subject line** of your email

# Changes allowed between pre- and full proposals (ii)

## Changes in consortium composition

- **No changes of coordinator** will be allowed, except in case of force majeure.
  - A request of change of project coordinator must be submitted to the Call Secretariat, at least one week before the deadline for submitting full proposals and it will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by the CSC.
  
- **Max 2 changes of partners** is allowed, if requested by the partners and approved by the concerned Funding Organisations
  - The eligibility of the new partners must be confirmed at least 1 week before the full proposal submission deadline
  - Changes must be asked first to the concerned funding organisations (with the Call Secretariat in copy), who needs to check the eligibility and agree with the change before it could be integrated into the EPSS platform.
  - The max. number of changes applies to “Partner”, not “team member”
  
- **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 and the Call Secretariat)

# Changes allowed between pre- and full proposals (iii)

## What is considered a change?

→ **Addition, removal or replacement of a Partner** (incl. self-financed partners)

## What will not be considered as a change?

- If a researcher in charge (person) remains the same but changes the institutions (within the same country), provided the institution fulfils eligibility criteria of the same funding organisation.
- Similarly, if the institution remains the same but the researcher in charge (person) changes, provided the researcher in charge fulfils eligibility criteria of the same funding organisation.
- If the change is explicitly requested by a Funding Organisation after the eligibility decision at step 1

# Funding organisations' financial rules and eligibility criteria



Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on  
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2023-2024 joint Call

*Funding Organisations rules*

You will find in this document all the eligibility rules of the different Funding Organisations participating to the 2023-2024 Biodiversa+ Call "BiodivNBS".  
**Please note that the document may be adjusted through time.** We invite you to make sure you have the latest version. If a new version is uploaded on the website, a **warning message will be indicated on the Biodiversa website.**  
Please make sure to consult these rules and to contact your Funding Organisations Contact Point for more information and in case of any doubt. We draw your attention on the fact that **compliance with Funding Organisations' eligibility criteria and rules is mandatory.** Proposals that do not meet these criteria will be declared non-eligible and will not be evaluated.

**Each National / regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional research Partner**



**!! Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items etc.)!!**

**If one Partner is not eligible, the whole proposal will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated, unless the eligibility issue(s) can be fixed without changing the substance of the proposal.**

<https://www.biodiversa.eu/participating-funding-organisations-biodivnbs/>



# Build your consortiul using the **Partner Search Tool**

If you are looking for a partner or for a project to join, please fill in the partner / project search form.

Filter submitted entries by:

Those looking for: **a partner**   **a project to join**   **display both**

**Country:** -- choose country -- ▾

**Discipline:** -- choose discipline -- ▾

**Keyword:** -- choose keyword -- ▾


**Description:**

- Fill in a Partner / Project Search form
- Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants
- Look at the forms submitted through a user-friendly search function: search for partners or projects according to different criteria: country, discipline, keywords



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# Conclusion

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Check the scope and themes of the call

2

Build your consortium

3

Check the eligibility criteria of the call

4

Verify the national regulations for ALL members of the consortium

5

Clarify procedures with National Contact Points and Call Secretariat

6

Elaborate your proposal according to the Call Documentation, the instruction provided in the proposal templates and in the guidelines for applicants

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Submit on the EPSS by **10 November 2023, at 3 PM CET**



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**Thank you and all the best with your application !**



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