

## **Public call for interest to join the Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board**

**The present call for interest is for organisations to join the Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board. It is open until July 22nd 2025.**

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Worldwide, nature is declining at rates unprecedented in human history – and the rate of species extinction is accelerating with grave impacts for ecosystems, climate, health, economy, and society. Rescuing biodiversity to safeguard life on earth has now become one of the greatest challenges of our time. It is fundamental to achieve a more prosperous, just and equitable world. It will ensure that biodiversity will keep providing the necessary basis for human well-being and equity, economic growth and jobs.

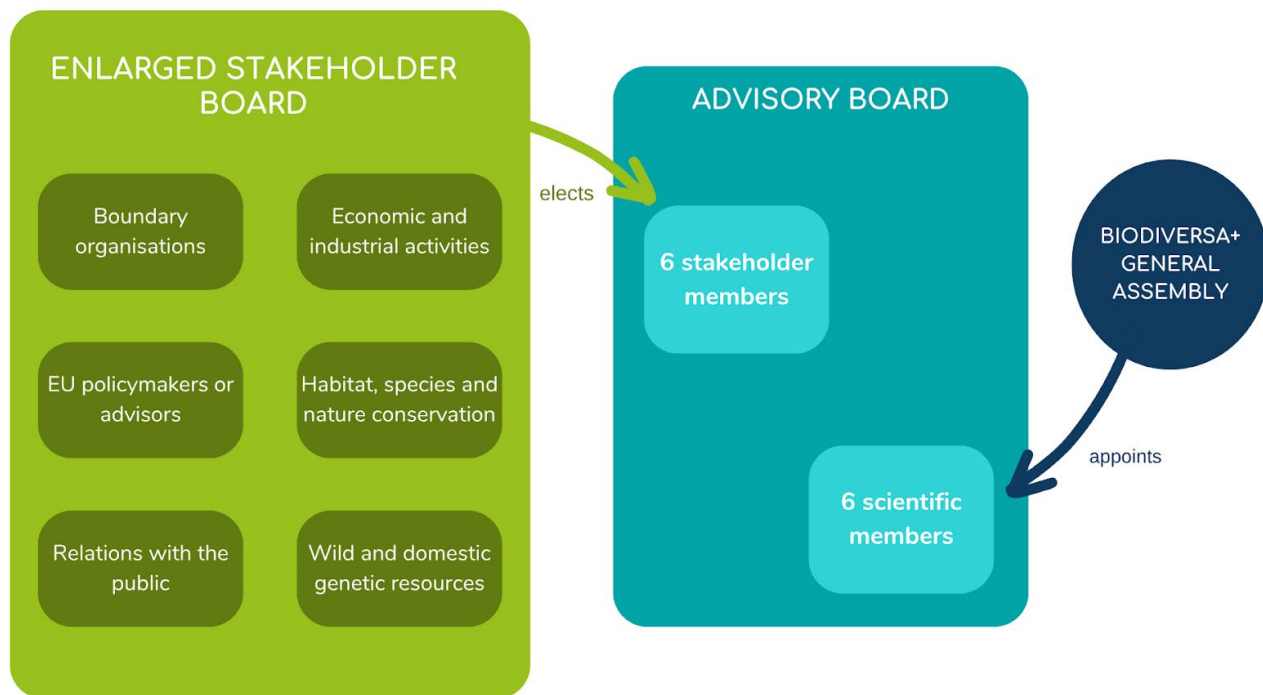
Recent environmental assessments reveal that urgent transformative change can still turn these trends around. This transformative change will need to include all actors of society, including governments, citizens and businesses depending and impacting on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people. In complement to approaches already applied, new and more systemic paths must be explored and promoted acknowledging interdependencies and reinforcing the synergies between biodiversity, human societies and economies.

### **Biodiversa+, the European Biodiversity Partnership**

The European Commission, 83 research programmers and funders and environmental policy actors from 41 countries have joined forces to form a European Biodiversity Partnership: Biodiversa+, officially launched on October 2021.

Over a timespan of 2021-2028, the European Biodiversity Partnership aims to implement an ambitious program contributing to the objectives that “by 2030, nature in Europe is back on a path of recovery”, and “by 2050 people are living in harmony with Nature”. Putting Research & Innovation at the heart of the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and seeking to reverse biodiversity loss, Biodiversa+ is increasing knowledge on biodiversity dynamics, reinforcing biodiversity monitoring across Europe, developing Nature-based Solutions and valuation of biodiversity in the private sector, ensuring efficient science-based support for policy-making and implementation in Europe, and strengthening European research on biodiversity in the global context. It generates both major scientific breakthroughs and societal/policy impacts to help making transformative change a reality.

To achieve these ambitions, Biodiversa+ integrates stakeholders in the core part of its activities and governance, through close engagement and collaboration.



## Engaging in Biodiversa+

In practice, Biodiversa+ engages with key collaborators and stakeholders throughout its activities. The central place for following up and engaging in activities of Biodiversa+ is the Enlarged Stakeholder Board. Its purpose is to ensure that a broad range of views from academic and non-academic stakeholders in the field of biodiversity, ecosystem services and Nature-based Solutions research and innovation are carefully accounted for in our activities, to reinforce their relevance and added-value and to promote the uptake of Biodiversa+ outputs.

## Why engage?

Members of the Enlarged Stakeholder Board are kept informed about the main activities and outputs of Biodiversa+. Joining this board is a unique opportunity to contribute to the identification and co-building of research and innovation needs to be addressed by Biodiversa+, help achieve large-scale, systemic changes and take part of a broad network of organisations interested in achieving collectively the transformative change for our society and safeguard biodiversity. The members of this Board also bring their own specific fields of expertise to contribute to bridging the gaps between research and innovation, and to improve science-policy/science-society interfacing.

Being a part of the Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board is being part of a multi-cultural and multi-sector forum that seeks to support the implementation of the [European Biodiversity Strategy for 2030](#), and the European Nature Restoration Regulation by building the bridge between science, policy and practice. Engaging with Biodiversa+ is a clear commitment to boosting the excellence of biodiversity research in Europe, bringing nature back into our lives, and playing your part in putting Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery over the next decade.

Learn more about Biodiversa+ strategy and ambitions:

- [Biodiversa+ Executive Summary](#)
- [Biodiversa+ Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#)

## In practice, what does it mean to be part of the Enlarged Stakeholder Board of Biodiversa+?

The Enlarged Stakeholder Board is a central part of the Biodiversa+ governance. The membership goes to the organisations, who are free to choose at any time their representatives. Members of the Enlarged Stakeholder Boards are publicly advertised on Biodiversa+ website.

The terms of reference of the Enlarged Stakeholder Board are detailed [here](#).

### **Process to start the membership**

All relevant organisations are free to apply. Interested candidates are invited to fill out the form linked below. The Biodiversa+ General Assembly will be selecting amongst candidates the successful organisations. The selected candidates would be required to sign up a membership statement to officialise their onboarding, providing them a 3,5 years membership starting on 1st October 2025.

### **Expectations and commitments**

The members are expected to attend the yearly in person meeting of max 3 days in Spring, and the online meeting in Autumn of half a day.

The ESB is divided in 6 thematic colleges. All colleges have an elected representative and an elected alternate, getting an individual membership and seating at the Biodiversa+ [Advisory Board](#). If your organisation is an Enlarged stakeholder Board member, you will have the opportunity to be elected as stakeholder AB member.

*The Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board is divided in colleges ensuring representativity in topics covered. Each college has one elected representative and one elected alternate seating at Biodiversa+ Advisory Board.*

*If you are interested, you will have the opportunity to be elected to this position. [Learn more on this webpage](#). Each college covers the following topics:*

- *Habitat, species and nature conservation (including major initiatives in the field of conservation and protection of biodiversity)*
- *Economic and industrial activities (including representatives from private companies and industries from the main economic sectors concerned by biodiversity issues)*
- *Relations with the public (including organisations dealing with citizens science, science, media, popularisation for the general public, etc.)*
- *Wild and domestic genetic resources*
- *European policy makers (including European Commission representatives from different DGs (defacto, DG R&I and DG ENV will be included), members of the European Parliament, etc.*
- *Boundary organisations (science/policy)*

To learn more about this, please consult the [AB webpage](#) and refer to the [Terms of Reference of the AB](#)

All costs eligible related to the attendance to the meeting is covered by Biodiversa+, to encourage as much as possible equal participation from a wide range of stakeholders. The indicative commitment of time, based on the first mandate experience, is of 5 days a year. Extra non-mandatory commitments may occur during the mandate, based on the members interests. During the last mandate, members got opportunities and received individually invitations to participate to extra activities (workshops, call for experts, evaluation committee for funded calls, conferences, consultations, online or in person topical and strategical discussions...)

Thanks to the privileged relationship between the ESB members and Biodiversa+ and joint objectives, Biodiversa+ may also contribute to the organisation's agendas as needed and collaborate on specific activities.

Should you have any questions, please contact [julia.bethe@fondationbiodiversite.fr](mailto:julia.bethe@fondationbiodiversite.fr)

### Express your interest to engage:

Interested organisations to join Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board can express by July XX their will to be part of Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board by filling out the form below.

**> Expression of interest to join the Biodiversa+ Enlarged Stakeholder Board**

#### **Timeline:**

- The present call for interest is open until **July 22nd 2025**
- The results of the selection process will be out end of September 2025
- The first meeting of the Board will be online in Autumn, aiming at onboarding the new members and electing the Advisory Board representatives

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