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***BiodivConnect Info Session***

***Technical check-in - Welcome!***

***We'll start at 1 PM CEST***





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**2025-2026 Joint Call on  
Restoration of ecosystem functioning,  
integrity, and connectivity**

***BiodivConnect***

General Information Webinar, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025



<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivconnect>





## Speakers

- Magnus Tannerfeldt, Biodiversa+ Co-Chair, Formas (Sweden)
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- Bérengère Broche, Biodiversa+ joint call officer & Call Secretariat, ANR (France)

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# Programme

1:00-1:10	Welcome	
	[1:00-1:05] Technical Instructions	By C. Superbie
	[1:00-1:10] Introduction to Biodiversa+	By M. Tannerfeldt
1:10-1:30	Topic and scientific content of the call	
	[1:10-1:20] Presentation of the call text and research priorities	By M. Tannerfeldt
	[1:20-1:30] Q&A Session	
1:30-2:20	Call evaluation process	
	[1:30-1:45] Types of projects funded, expectations towards applicants, useful resources	By C. Superbie
	[1:45-2:00] Call process, incl. general eligibility criteria, assessment criteria, call calendar	By B. Broche
	[2:00-2:20] Q&A session	
2:20-2:25	Wrap-up and moving on to national / regional sessions	By C. Superbie



# List of resources available online

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 at Step 2)
- Checklist for applicants
- Data policy
- Assessment criteria
- Conflict of Interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure policy.

<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivconnect>

Consult the updated list of **Funding Organisations**

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

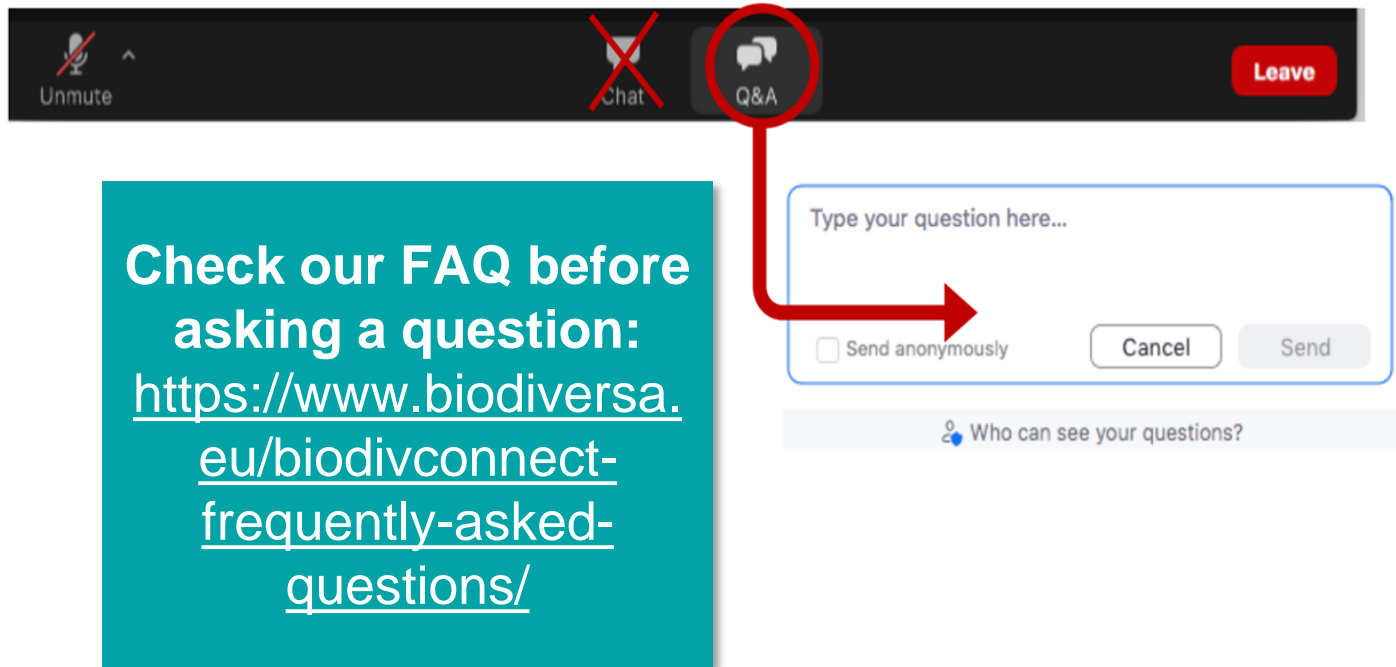
Check regularly our **FAQ**

<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivconnect-frequently-asked-questions/>

**Please  
carefully  
read all  
documents**

# Webinar instruction

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**



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Type your question here...

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Who can see your questions?

**Check our FAQ before asking a question:**  
<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivconnect-frequently-asked-questions/>

## *Nota Bene:*

- ❓ We will not be able to answer all questions
- ❓ Please ask questions related to the presentation you would have had: 1 session on the scientific content and 1 session on the expectation
- ❓ 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+ Co-Chair, Formas (Sweden)*

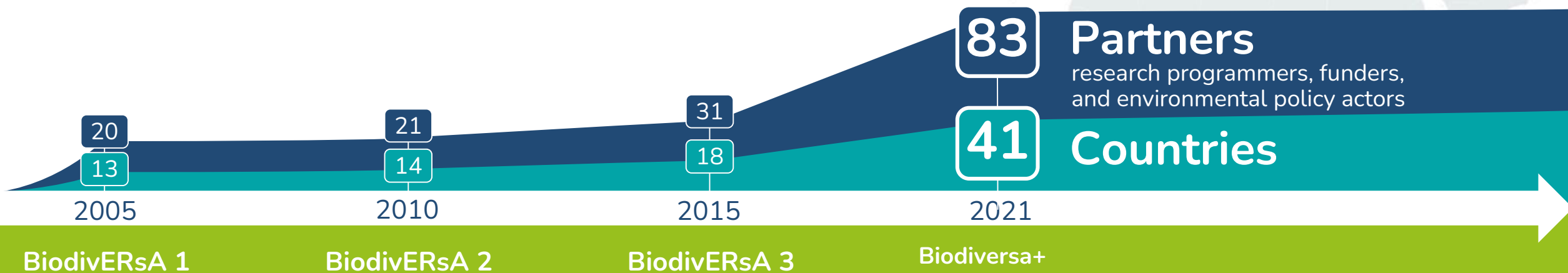
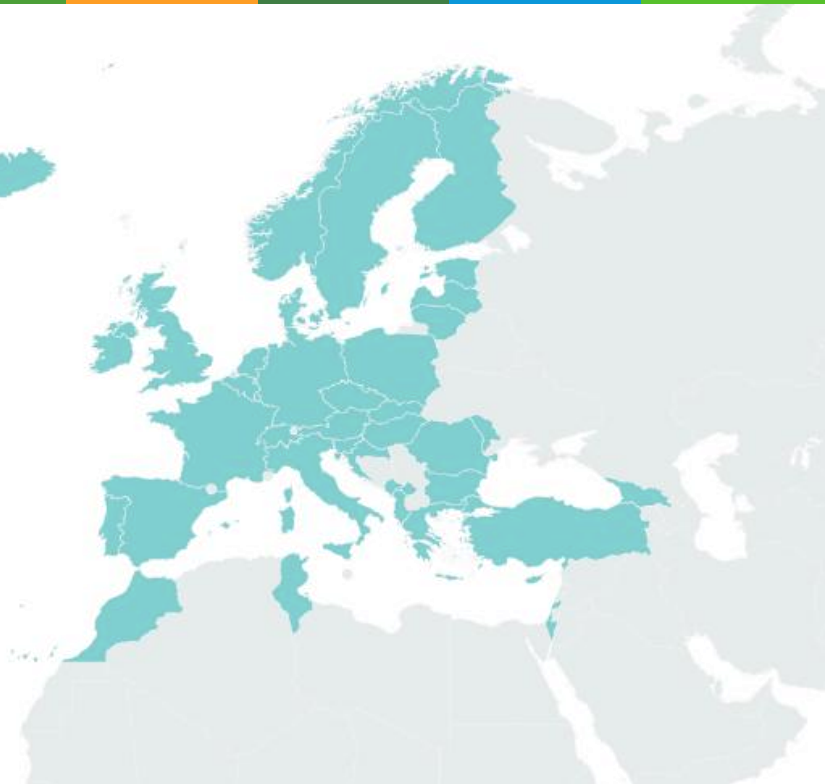




# biodiversa+

European Biodiversity Partnership

*Supporting excellent biodiversity research  
with an impact for policy and society*



# Biodiversa+ is a network of national partners

**41**  
countries

**83**  
partners



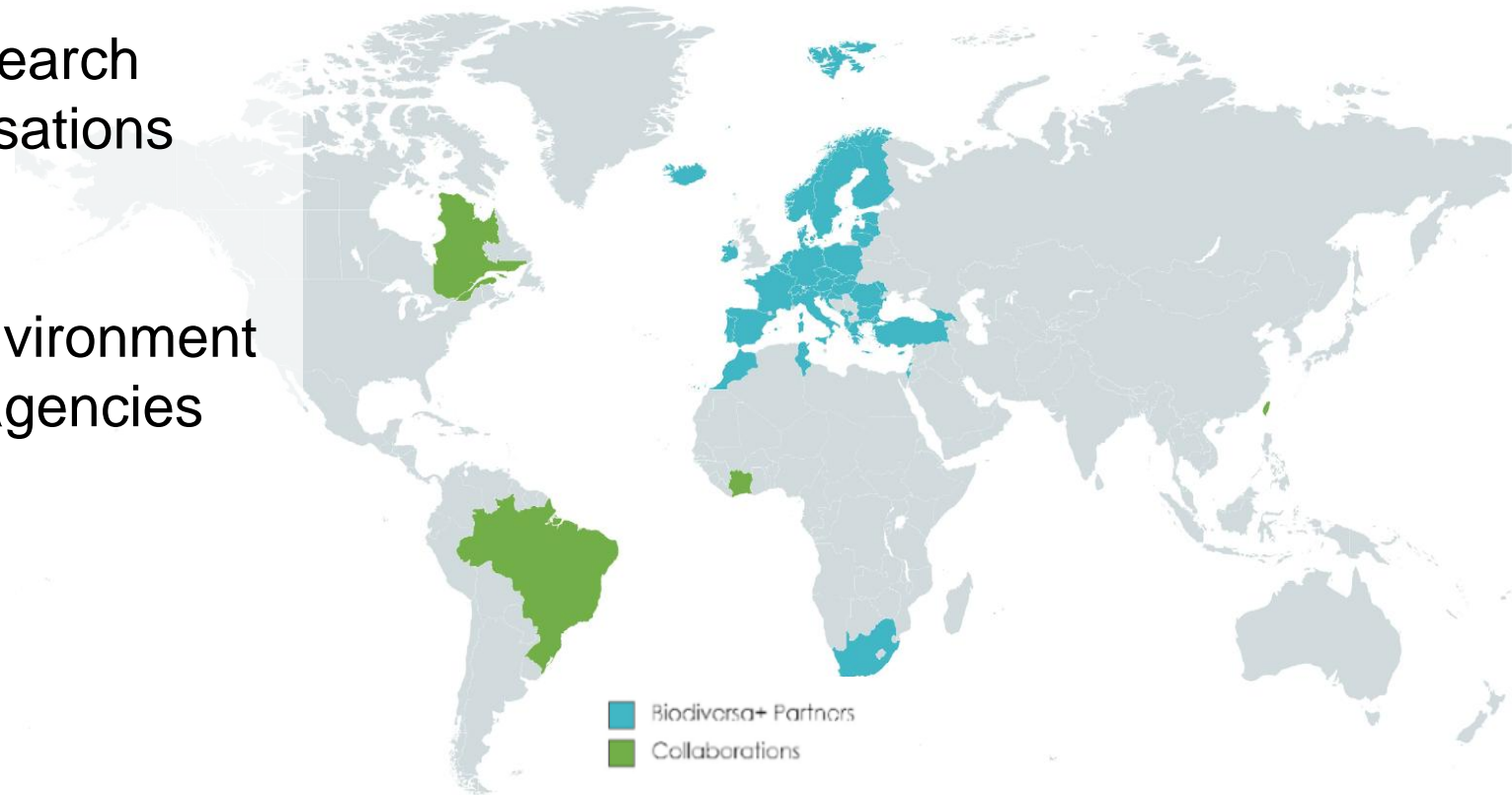
## Research actors

- Ministries in charge of research
- Research funding organisations



## Policy actors

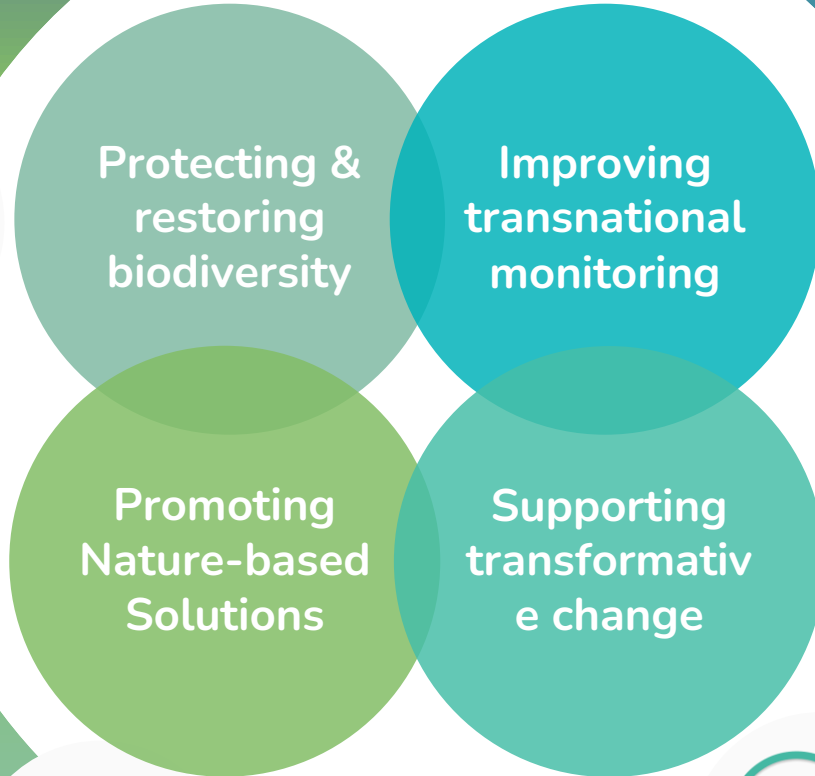
- Ministries in charge of environment
- Environment protection agencies



# Support Research & Innovation

Enhance  
global  
impact

Interface  
with policy  
and  
practice



6  
CALLS PLANNED  
OVER 7 YEARS

>40  
MIO€  
EACH

CA. 30  
PROJECTS  
FUNDED PER  
CALL



Harmonise  
monitoring  
schemes



Promote  
Nature-based  
Solutions & business  
valuation

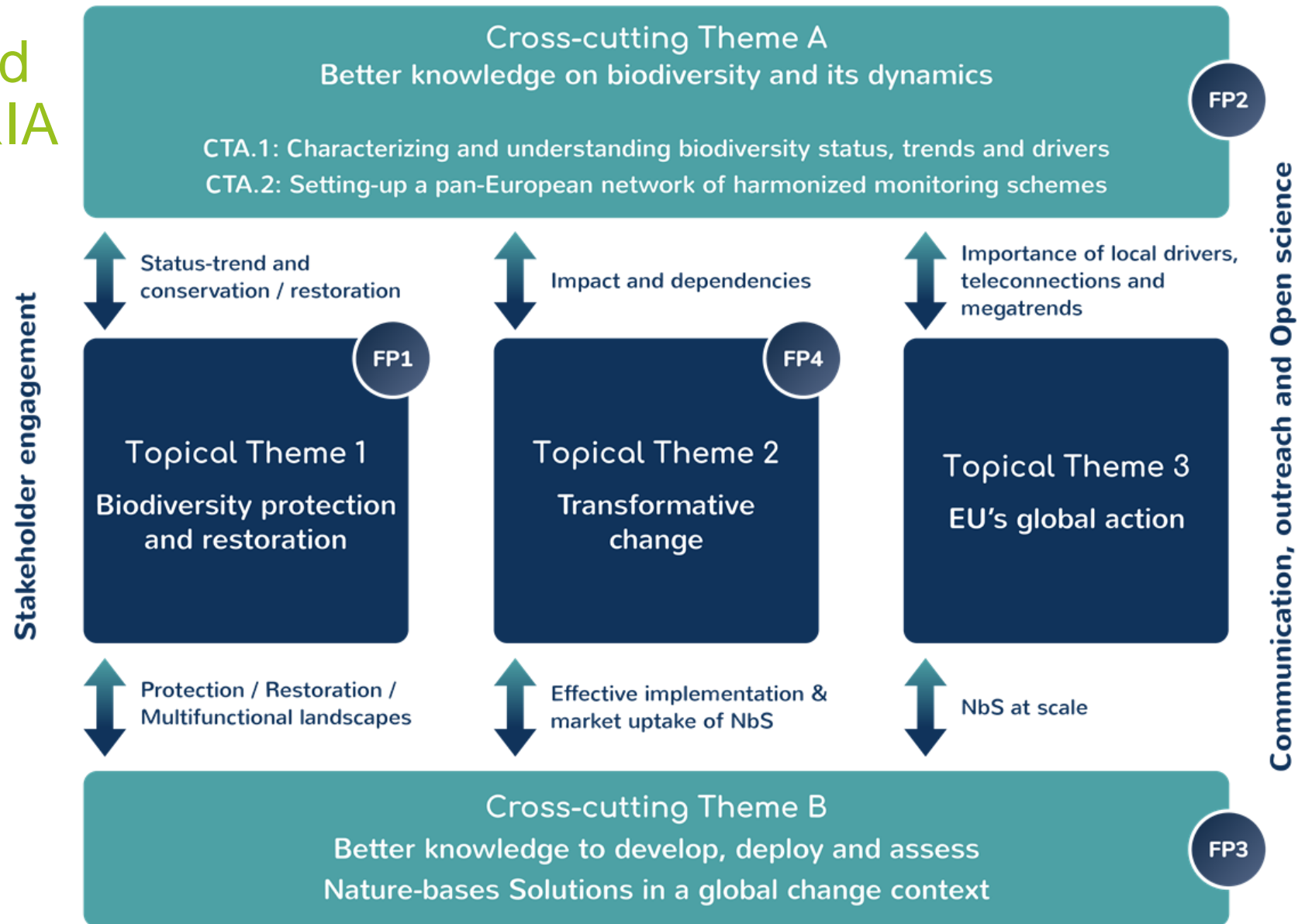
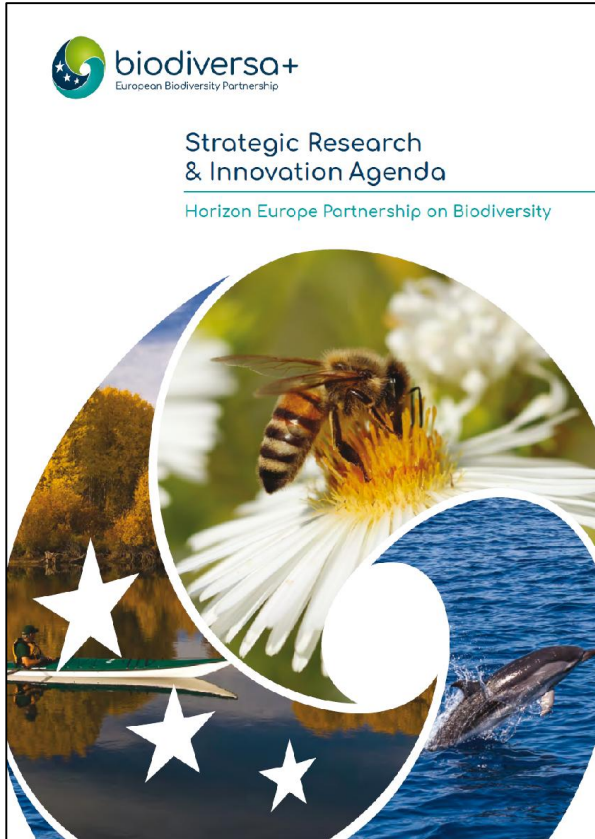


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# Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda SRIA



# Cooperating with European and global initiatives



# Topic and scientific content of the BiodivConnect joint call

Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity and connectivity

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



# Context and objectives



## **Biodiversa+ key objective:**

Produce actionable knowledge to tackle the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation

## **Flagship programme:**

Supporting protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems across land and sea



## **BiodivConnect objective:**

Fostering innovative research to be integrated into nature protection and restoration practices for interconnected and well-functioning ecosystems and habitats

## **Policy context:**

- Supports the Global Biodiversity Framework & EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030
- EU Nature Restoration Regulation

# Global scope and expected impact

- Research projects and restoration efforts in **all parts of the world** and in **all types of ecosystems and habitats**  
*!\\ 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



# Key topics



Topic 1: Setting restoration targets and measuring success

Topic 2: Scaling and transferability of nature restoration efforts

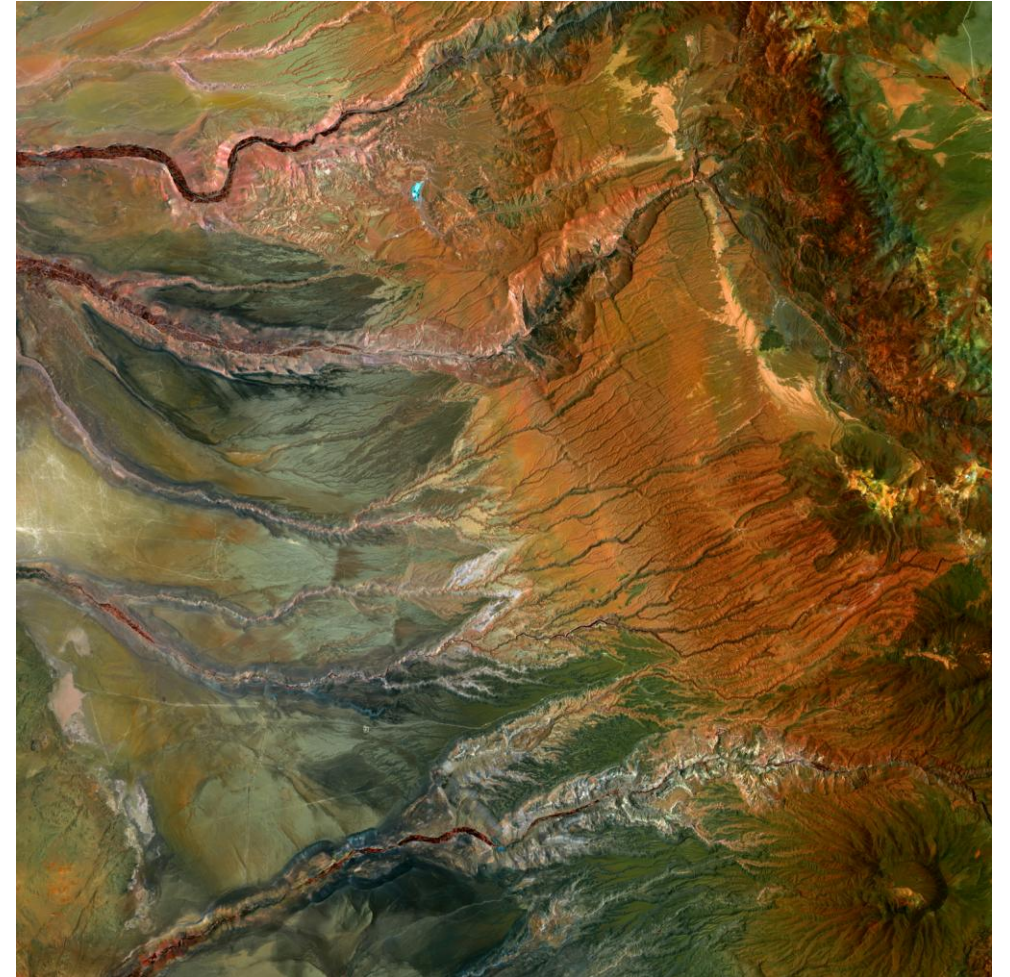
Topic 3: Long-term sustainability of restoration efforts



# Topic 1 – Targets and success

**Setting** (coherent and operational) **restoration targets and measuring success** in terms of ecosystem functioning, integrity and connectivity at multiple scales

- Consideration of shifting baselines
- Integration of ecological, cultural and social contexts, with objective-based or reference-based approaches
- Identify relevant indicators & metrics (ecological, social, economic)
- Develop prioritisation & evaluation tools (AI, spatial planning)
- Cost-benefit analyses
- role of local / indigenous knowledge
- Etc.





# Topic 2 – Scaling & transferability



(meaningful) **Transferability** and (effective) **scaling of nature restoration efforts** for a better understanding of the possibilities and methods across different socio-economic and environmental contexts.

- Metacommunity & meta-ecosystem approaches
- Landscape-level & cross-ecosystem impacts (land-sea)
- Drivers, enablers & barriers for upscaling restoration
- Role of business, finance & markets
- Policy coherence across regions, sectors & borders
- Etc.

# Topic 3 – Sustainability

**Long term sustainability** of restored species, habitats and ecosystems, including resilience to global change

- Define long-term targets for regulation and policies and monitoring frameworks of restoration outcome and impact
- Address social justice & equity (incl. intergenerational fairness)
- Evaluate robustness to climate change & pressures
- Develop & apply predictive models and anticipatory foresight methods (scenarios, storytelling, engaging with arts and humanities)
- Anticipate and prevent undesired outcomes (contaminants, biodiversity risks)
- Etc.



# Q&A Session



**Check out our FAQ:**  
<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivtransform-faq/>

A screenshot of the Zoom Q&A question input form. A red arrow points from the 'Q&A' button in the controls bar to the text input field. The form includes a text field with the placeholder 'Type your question here...', a checkbox labeled 'Send anonymously', a 'Cancel' button, and a 'Send' button. Below the form is a section titled 'Who can see your questions?' with a person icon.

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

*Clara Superbie, Biodiversa+ inclusive R&I officer and Call Secretariat, ANR (France)*



# How does a joint co-funded call work?



## One joint Call

With one single joint (international) evaluation

- One ranking list
- Funding of the best top projects

**NO NATIONAL PRE- OR POST-  
SELECTION**



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

- **Medium size projects**
- **1.2 – 1.5M€** (on average)
- **6 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 **trans-disciplinary**, where relevant
- Demonstrate a **transnational added value**
- **Engage stakeholders**
- **Demonstrate political / societal relevance**

**Specific  
assessment  
criteria to  
evaluate  
these**

⚠ 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 ⚠

# Transnational added-value

The added-value compared to the value that would have resulted from research projects funded at national or regional level.

For this call, the transnational added value should be end-user oriented and benefit environmental and societal actors beyond researchers, generating insights on the way.

Evidence of transnational added value can be found:

- directly among the countries involved in the research
- through indirect value accrued as a result of their joint work

Such value could include:

- relevance to international policy and management processes,
- linking expertise and efforts across international teams,
- upscaling or downscaling of efforts, methodology and knowledge across countries and regions.

# Interdisciplinarity

refers to the involvement of multiple academic disciplines.

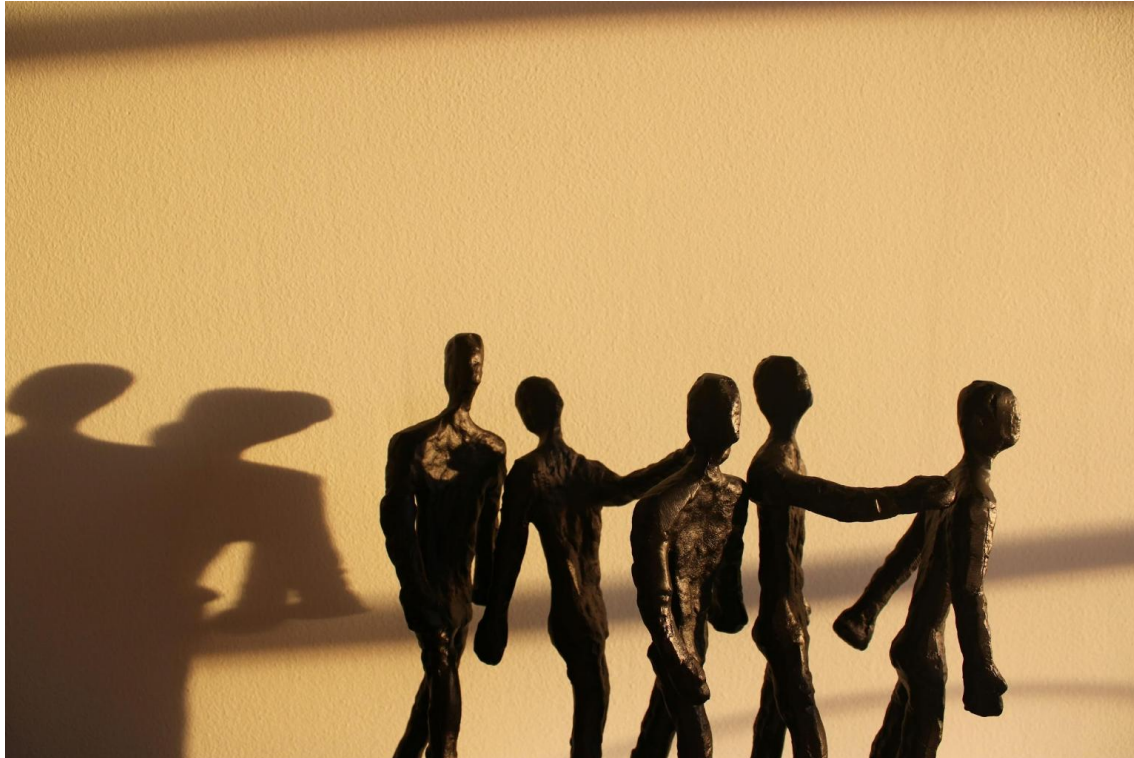
Research teams span all disciplines of relevance for their project & proposals should demonstrate how they will ensure the equitable and appropriate combination and inclusion of those, collaboratively integrating their approaches and skills.



➤ CONSULT THE **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA** in the **CALL DOCUMENTS (DOC#6)**: criteria, sub-criteria, definitions of transnational added value and transdisciplinarity, etc.



# Transdisciplinarity



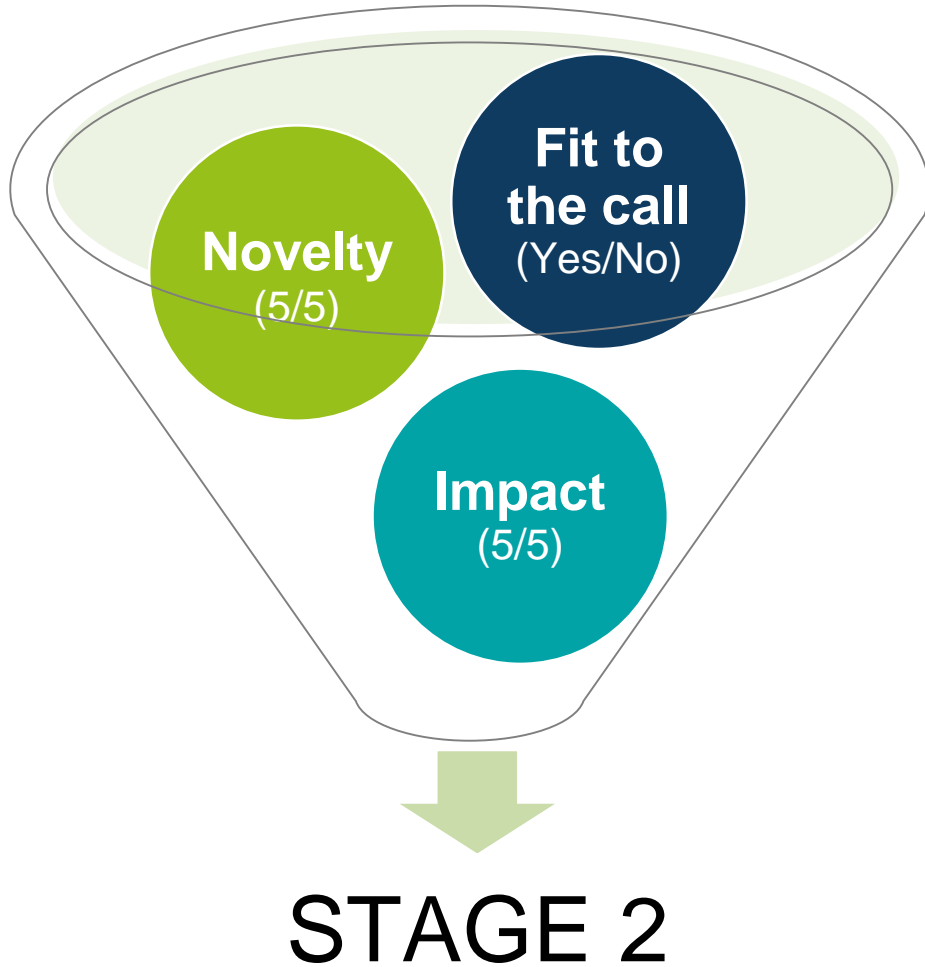
Refers to the **inclusion of non-academic stakeholders** working together with researchers from multiple scientific disciplines at the different stages of the project to coproduce new knowledge relevant for society.

Stakeholders may be involved in different stages of the project (e.g., definition of research objectives, project implementation, results dissemination, facilitation of a systemic approach to a challenge, etc.).

Stakeholders involvement must not be an end in itself, but should be designed to add clear value to the project.



# Types of projects typically funded



**Proposals will be assessed 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

# Assessment criteria Step 1

Fit to the scope of the call (yes/no)	Novelty of the research ( /5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Relevance of the proposed research and adequacy of the objectives with the scientific scope &amp; research priorities covered by the call</li><li>➤ If no fit, projects will not be recommended for funding – regardless of the scientific quality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The novelty and originality of the research objectives</li><li>b) Relevance of the proposed work and clarity of the theoretical framework, research questions, and hypothesis to be tested</li></ul>

## Impact ( /5)

- a) Potential contribution of the proposed research to society, including policy
- b) Transnational added value

# Assessment criteria Step 2

## Excellence (/5)

- Fit to the scope and objectives of the call
- Scientific excellence including quality & originality of the research goals & objectives, significance of the progress toward the state of the art, clarity of the theories, questions & hypothesis transnational added value, relevance and level of interdisciplinarity, relation to other relevant programmes

## Quality & efficiency of the implementation ( /5)

- a) Quality and efficiency of the management structure and procedures, its organisation and coordination
- b) Composition, complementarity, competences and expertise of the consortium
- c) Level of partners integration and collaboration
- d) Appropriateness of resources and funding
- e) Project feasibility and risk management
- f) Data management plan overview and data sharing

## Impact ( /5)

- a) Societal relevance, including policy relevance, and importance of the research for solving pressing issues (clear statement of the societal application, clearly identified end-users, transnational added-value)
- b) Approach to stakeholder engagement (rationale, stakeholder identification, methods/activities proposed, knowledge transfer, etc.)



# Developing science-society and science-policy interfacing in your research proposals



## Our Perspective:

- Involvement of **stakeholders at different steps** of research process
- Science can **guide decisions in policy and society**
- Extra efforts are needed to promote **relevance and uptake of results**, but realistic that they don't guarantee uptake and impact

## Requirements in terms of research proposals:

- **Clarify** relevance and highlight **policy and societal** impacts
- Outline planned **SPI/SSI** activities and resources

## Challenges:

- Requires knowledge of **policy and/or societal processes and landscape**
- Growing need for **science-based advice** in uncertain contexts



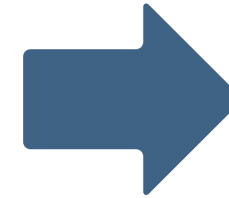
# Stakeholder Engagement Handbook

Methods for effective stakeholder engagement

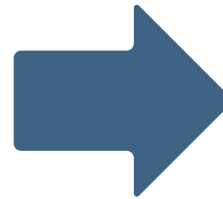
Getting to know the expectations from Biodiversa+ at the proposal stage

Case studies and examples from past funded projects

Increasing societal impacts of your research



Concrete tools, tips and best practices on engaging stakeholders



**Annex 1: Practical Method Notes**  
**Annex 2: Conflict Management Tools**  
**Word Templates**





# Policy Guide

Getting to know the **expectations from Biodiversa+** at the proposal stage in terms of policy relevance

**Explicit** the policy relevance of your research and **credibilize** expected impacts for society and policy

Broad overview of the international and European **policy landscape and stakeholders**

**Dos and Don'ts** to increase the policy relevance of your research projects

**Case studies** and best practice examples from past funded projects





# Citizen Science Toolkit

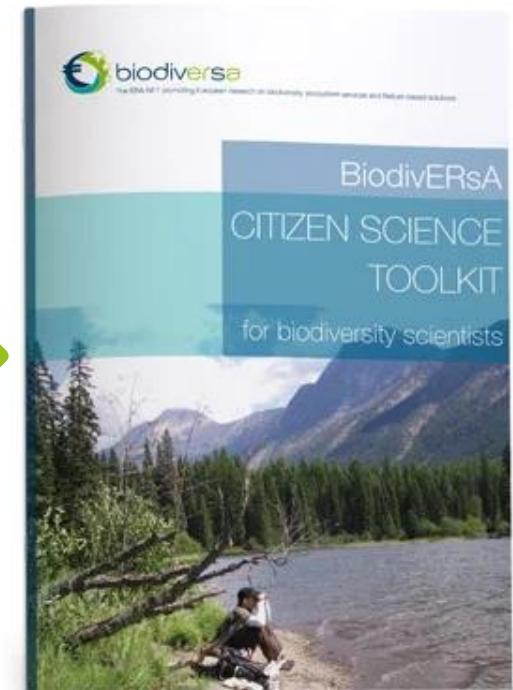
Citizen science 101 and benefits

**Methods and examples** for citizen science mobilization in research projects

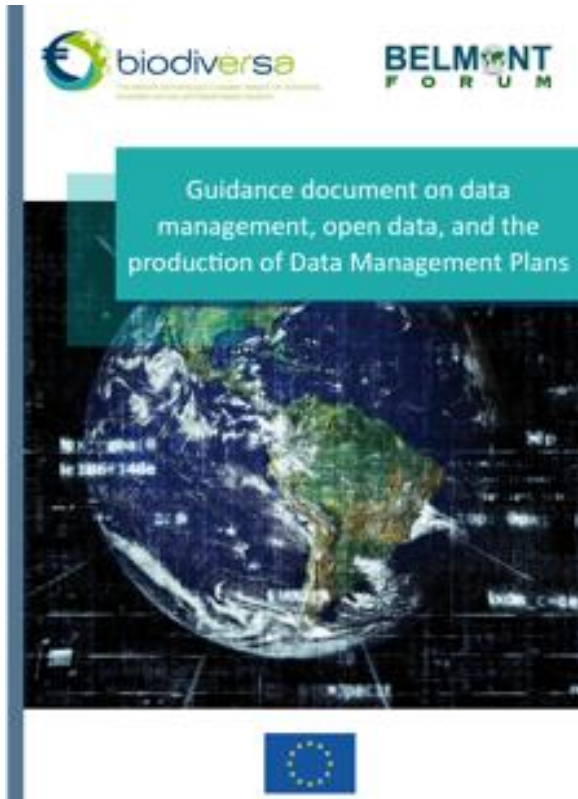
Challenges, barriers, principles and **recommendations** for relevant mobilization of citizen science in research projects

**Catalogue of resources**, networks, tools, support, publications

**Case studies** and best practice examples from past funded projects



# 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

# Call process and eligibility rules

*By Bérengère BROCHE, Biodiversa+ Operational team and Call Secretariat*

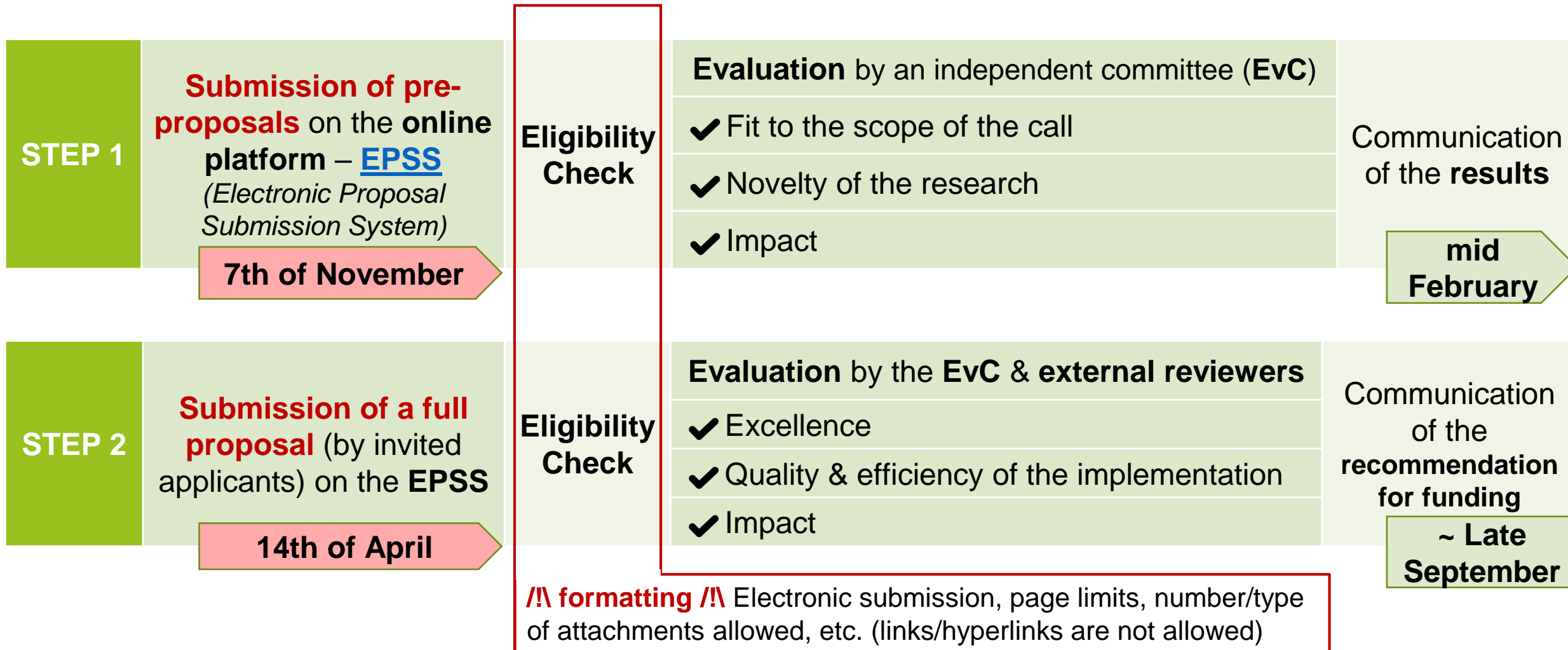


# BiodivTransfrom Call Schedule

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



# General Call Process



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

# BiodivConnect

## Participating Countries and Funding Organisations



40 funding  
organisations  
from 32  
countries

Total  
funding for  
the call:  
>40 Mio  
EUR

Austria, Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels, Flanders), Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Province of Bolzano (Italy), Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, 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/biodivconnect-funding-organisations/>

# General Eligibility Criteria (i): consortium composition

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

**ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM**

Portugal (MS)	
Brazil	
Norway (AC)	

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

**NON-ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM**

Poland (MS)	
Brazil	
Taiwan	

Partners from  
3 different  
participating  
countries BUT  
only 1 EU MS  
or AC

**!/ NOT ALL HORIZON EUROPE ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES LISTED BY THE EC ARE ELIGIBLE,  
ONLY THE ONE PARTICIPATING IN THIS CALL, LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE**



# General Eligibility Criteria (ii): the proposal

- **Projects are expected to act as transnational project** and not as a mosaic of national projects.
- The project's duration is **3 years**
- 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.
- Proposals must be written **in English**

# General Eligibility Criteria (iii) : the researchers

- **An applicant requesting funding must be eligible** and employed by an eligible organisation **according to the terms and conditions of the participating Funding Organisation** to which they apply for support
- **The project coordinator (person in charge) must be funded by one of the funding organisation participating in the call**
- **The project coordinator 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)
- **No change of Project Partner Coordinator (person in charge) will be allowed between Step 1 & 2**
- **An individual researcher affiliated to several organisations cannot request funding from more than one funding organisation in this call.** They will not be considered as two different Partners within the consortium.

# Changes between pre- and full proposals (i)

## Content

The information given in a pre-proposal is binding

- **No changes regarding the scientific 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).

## 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.

# Changes between pre- and full proposals (ii)

## Consortium composition

**Max 3 changes of partners** allowed, provided approval by the concerned Funding Organisations (FO).

- The eligibility of any new partners should be confirmed by the concerned funding organisation at least one week before the full proposal submission deadline and before being implemented on the EPSS
- The max. number of changes applies to “**Partner**” including self-financed ones, but it does not apply to “team members” or “subcontractors”

## What is considered a change?

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

**NOTA BENE: 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 in the “disclosure of changes” box (for information for the EvC and the Call Secretariat, CS)



# Changes between pre- and full proposals (iii)

## Widening option

The widening option is a measure to **encourage participation** and success of countries / regions with **small research communities and/or where research applications have been less successful** at Step 1 (pre-proposals). It will be set-up between Step 1 and 2 of the evaluation process:

- On a voluntary basis, consortia invited to submit a full proposal in Step 2 will have the possibility to **include one or several new research Partner(s) from undersubscribed Funding Organisations**. The inclusion of one or several new research Partner(s) should be relevant for the proposal, and new research Partners should be well integrated in the consortium.
- The addition of a Partner from undersubscribed Funding Organisations is **not considered as one of the maximum 3 changes** allowed but the eligibility procedure remains the same and **Funding Organisation national/ regional rules must be respected**.

For more details on how to implement the widening options into your consortia, please consult the [Call documents](#), p25.

# Funding Organisations' financial rules and eligibility criteria

Please download the rules of the Funding Organisations here:  
<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivconnect-funding-organisations/>

**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.**

# Build your consortium 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:**

11  
projects  
looking for  
partners

90  
partners  
looking for  
projects

- 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

# Q&A Session



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# Conclusion

1

Check the scope of the call

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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 **7th of November 2025, at 12:00 CET**



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

## **Contacts:**

- Call Secretariat (ANR): [biodiversa.cs@agencerecherche.fr](mailto:biodiversa.cs@agencerecherche.fr)
- National / Regional Contact Points are indicated in the rules of the funding organisations:  
<https://www.biodiversa.eu/biodivconnect-funding-organisations/>
- Technical helpdesk for the online platform (EPSS):  
[epss.biodiversa@g.etag.ee](mailto:epss.biodiversa@g.etag.ee)

