

Get ready for the upcoming Biodiversa+ Call on “Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change – BiodivNBS”

Biodiversa+, the [European Biodiversity Partnership](#) under Horizon Europe, is pleased to announce that it will soon launch a new transnational joint research call on **Nature-Based Solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change** (referred to as BiodivNBS).

SCOPE OF THE CALL

This call will aim at supporting research on biodiversity to gain a better understanding of the tipping points and trade-offs and underlying mechanisms affecting Nature-Based solutions (definition in Box opposite, see also [Eggermont et al. 2015](#)), and their successful implementation with respect to the benefits for nature, human well-being and societal transformation.

To do so, it will cover the following three non-exclusive research themes:

- A. Synergies and trade-offs of Nature-Based solutions in the context of human well-being
- B. Nature-Based solutions mitigating anthropogenic drivers of biodiversity loss
- C. The contribution of Nature-Based solutions for just transformative change

The call will cover **transnational, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and cross-sectoral research** on Nature-Based solutions in **all parts of the world. All realms (i.e. terrestrial, marine, coastal, and freshwater) will be eligible.**

Nature-Based Solutions are defined as “*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)

MAIN STEPS OF THE CALL

The call is **planned to be officially launched on 11 September 2023.**

A two-step application procedure will be used with a **closing date for pre-proposals’ submission early November 2023.** A first evaluation of pre-proposals will be organised and the deadline to submit full proposals will be early **April 2024.**

Proposals (in English only) will have to be submitted electronically. Instructions regarding submission, eligibility and evaluation criteria and other relevant information will be published with the official call announcement early September 2023.

BUILDING TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH CONSORTIA

To be eligible, research consortia will have to include **teams from a minimum of 3 countries financially participating in the Call**, including at least 2 from EU Member States or [EU Associated Countries](#). Note that not all EU Member States or Associated Countries will financially participate in this call.

At this stage, a global budget of over **40 million euros has been provisionally reserved by 34 countries together with the European Commission**. The countries which have expressed a preliminary interest in participating in the Call are:

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

The updated list of potential participating countries will be published on the [Biodiversa+ website](#).

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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The research proposals will be evaluated by independent experts against the following criteria:

- **Fit to the scope of the call, novelty of the research, and impact** at step 1 (pre-proposal stage);
- (Scientific) **Excellence, quality and efficiency of the implementation** (of the project plan) and **impact** (including expected societal impact (incl. policy impact), and approach to stakeholder engagement) at step 2 (full proposal stage).

Research projects will be expected to be transnational, inter- and transdisciplinary and mobilise as needed natural sciences, technical sciences, and social sciences and humanities.

For both steps, the **international added value of a submitted project** must be clearly presented.

The detailed list of evaluation criteria to be used for this call will be published at the official launch of the call in September.

Get ready now by consulting the guides published by [Biodiversa+](#) including:

- *The [Stakeholder Engagement Handbook](#) for more information on stakeholder engagement in funded projects*
- *The [Guide on Policy Relevance](#) of research and on effective science-policy interfacing in research proposals, including engagement of policy-stakeholders (note that this guide is currently being updated)*
- *The [Citizen Science Toolkit](#) for more information on how to engage citizens in your research projects*

INFORMATION WEBINAR

SAVE THE DATE: an information webinar for potential applicants will be organized on **September 26th 2023, from 1PM to 3:00PM CEST.**

→ To participate in this workshop, **register** (*mandatory*) at:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mNu2_1p8Q6aMTUARzD4rpA

We invite you to regularly consult the [Biodiversa+ website](#) and register to the [Biodiversa+ mailing list](#) to be kept updated on latest information regarding this major upcoming research funding opportunity.

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