

Get ready for the upcoming Biodiversa+ Call on “Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for science and society”

Biodiversa+, the [European Biodiversity Partnership under Horizon Europe](#) is pleased to announce that it will soon launch a new transnational joint research call on the following topic: **Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for science and society**.

This call will cover the following three non-exclusive research themes:

- Innovation and harmonisation of methods and tools for collection and management of biodiversity monitoring data
- Addressing knowledge gaps on biodiversity status, dynamics, and trends to reverse biodiversity loss
- Making use of available biodiversity monitoring data

All environments (i.e. terrestrial, inland freshwater including wetlands, and marine) will be eligible.

The call is **planned to be officially launched on 8 September 2022**. A two-step application procedure will be used with a **closing date for pre-proposals early November 2022**. A first evaluation of pre-proposals will be organised and the deadline to submit full proposals will be **early April 2023**.

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 2022.

To be eligible, research consortia will have to include **teams from a minimum of 3 countries participating in the call** (including a minimum of two from [EU Member States or EU Associated Countries](#)).

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A global budget of over **40 million euros** has been provisionally reserved for the call and at this stage, the following 34 countries have expressed a preliminary interest in participating in the call:

Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, 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](#).

The research proposals will be evaluated 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 and impact** (including expected policy and/or societal impact and approach to stakeholder engagement) at step 2 (full proposal stage).

For both steps, it is expected for the **international added value of a submitted project** to 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 early September.

Get ready now by consulting the [Biodiversa Stakeholder Engagement Handbook](#) (for more information on stakeholder engagement in funded projects); the [Biodiversa Policy Guide](#) (for more information on policy relevance of research proposals, and for engagement of policy-stakeholders); and the [Biodiversa Citizen Science Toolkit](#) (for more information on how to engage citizens in your research projects)

SAVE THE DATE: an **information webinar for potential applicants** will be organized on **September 20th, 2022, from 3PM to 4:30PM CEST**. To participate in this workshop, you can register at the following link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PLvkR4lwStmNmKXEjI4rHQ

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