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2nd call Biodiversa+, the biodiversity partnership in Horizon Europe

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Biodiversa+, the co-funded biodiversity partnership under Horizon Europe, has announced its second joint call for proposals on "Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for science and society". The call is scheduled to open on 8 September 2022 with a deadline for pre-proposals in early November 2022 and for full proposals in April 2023.

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.

A global budget of over 40 million euros has been provisionally reserved for the call and at this stage, the following 33 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, Italy, Ivory Coast, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania (subject to approval), Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Tunisia and Turkey.

Register to the **online information session** for potential applicants to the 2nd joint call of Biodiversa+ to be held on 20 September, 15:00-16:30

[More details on the call "Improved transnational monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem change for science and society".](#)

Background:

Biodiversa+: is the co-funded biodiversity partnership under the Horizon Europe programme and was jointly developed by BiodivERsA and the European Commission (DG Environment and DG Research & Innovation). It continues the work of the Biodiversa ERA-NET which was established under Horizon 2020.

Biodiversa+ gathers 75 research programmers and funders and environmental policy actors from 37 European and associated countries to work on five main objectives:

1. Plan and support research and innovation on biodiversity through a shared strategy, annual joint calls for research projects and capacity building activities
2. Set up a network of harmonised schemes to improve monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem services across Europe
3. Contribute to high-end knowledge for deploying Nature-based Solutions and valuation of biodiversity in the private sector
4. Ensure efficient science-based support for policymaking and implementation in Europe
5. Strengthen the relevance and impact of pan-European research on biodiversity in a global context.

Biodiversity in Horizon Europe: Biodiversity is one of the destinations of the Horizon Europe (HE) Work Programmes in cluster 6 'Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment' and the focus of the Biodiversity Partnership in HE in order to achieve the European Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 to build the bridge between science, policy and practice.

To know more on biodiversity in Horizon Europe, EPSO invites its members to check the [updated EPSO briefing on Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2021-2022 on the Members' only Website](#)* 29.9.2021. It contains all information for plant scientists already available in one document. A new briefing for the period 2022-2023 will be uploaded on EPSO website shortly after the calls are all published by the European Commission, which the EC foresees for October 2022.

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