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Get ready for the first Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on “Supporting the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems across land and sea”

The [European Biodiversity Partnership under Horizon Europe](#), (officially starting in October 2021 as the successor of [BiodivERSA](#)) is pleased to announce that it will soon launch its first transnational joint research call on the following topic: **Supporting the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems across land and sea.**

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

- Knowledge for identifying priority conservation areas, establishing effective and resilient ecological networks, enhancing species-based protection, and preserving genetic diversity
- Multiple benefits and costs of biodiversity and ecosystem protection: synergies and trade-offs
- Effective management and equitable governance to deliver bold conservation outcomes

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

The call is **planned to be officially launched early October 2021***. A two-step application procedure will be used with a **closing date for pre-proposals at the end of November 2021**. A first evaluation of pre-proposals will be organised and the deadline to submit full proposals will be in **April 2022**.

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.

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 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, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Portugal



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(incl. the Azores), 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 current [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 also expected that the **international added value of the projects** is clearly presented. The detailed list of evaluation criteria to be used for this call will be published at the launch of the call.

Get prepared by consulting the [BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook](#) (for more information on stakeholder engagement in funded projects); the [BiodivERsA Guide on policy relevance of research projects](#) (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 **12 October from 11:00 to 12:30 CEST**. Registration will open in September.

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.

** Please note that co-funding by the European Commission (and possibly other funders) is pending on the signature of a Grant Agreement with the European Commission*