

BiodivERsA2

Cooperation and shared strategies for biodiversity research programs

THEMATIC PRIORITY:

Biodiversity research

PROJECT FUNDING:

In tandem with its coordination and strategy work, BiodivERsA aims to establish itself as a source of regular funding with the launch of one joint call a year – with the two first calls, 19 projects have already been successfully funded. To foster a coherent vision for the setting of priorities in biodiversity research, as well as to avoid wasteful overlaps in project content, BiodivERsA has established a common rolling agenda to support research.

DESCRIPTION:

Part of the ERA-NET scheme, the BiodivERsA initiative aims to build a sustainable platform for high-level biodiversity research on a transnational scale. Now in its second four-year phase, BiodivERsA works with a network of 21 national funding agencies in 15 countries to provide the money, focus and networking opportunities for biodiversity researchers to work efficiently on projects that help understand biodiversity dynamics, and to explore innovative solutions for the use, conservation and sustainable management of biological resources. A key objective of BiodivERsA is to foster strategic cooperation among those working in biodiversity research and related disciplines, an ambition being supported by the organisation's own funding of pan-European research projects. One joint call is launched annually – those of November 2010 and November 2011, which focused respectively on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their valuation, and on biodiversity scenarios and tipping points, with budgets close to 9 million EUR each. All of BiodivERsA's work is underpinned by a commitment to openness, cooperation and the sharing of best practice, a principle supported by the organisation's online database and BiodivERsA's common strategic agenda.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY (November 2013 – May 2014)

Project funding

Launch of the 4th call jointly with JPI-FACCE on “Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services”.

The call was launched on November 1st 2013 and counts on the participation of 15 funding agencies from potentially 15 countries, with over 8.7 M€ reserved budget. The funding decision is scheduled for June 2014, projects to start in October 2014.

Meetings & Conferences

Late 2013/Early 2014, Strategic foresight workshop (BeISPO, task 2.3)

February 2014, 1st meeting of the evaluation committee 2013-2014

March 2014, General Assembly of BiodivERsA2 Partners

May 2014, 2nd meeting of the evaluation committee 2013-2014 (evaluation)

June 2014, Call Steering Committee of the call on “*Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services*” and funding decision.

Deliverables, studies, results

BiodivERsA newsletter (November 2013)

Release of policy briefs to promote results of BiodivERsA-funded projects (December 2013-April 2014)

Report on strategic actions for effective cooperation with and integration of research infrastructure within BiodivERsA projects (November 2013).

Report on ways to promote participation of new MS, AS and CC agencies and scientists in joint call (November 2013)

Report on EU biodiversity research gaps and priorities, and strategic foresight activities (February 2014)

Revised « How to assess Policy relevance in research projects » (March 2014)

Best practice guidelines for stakeholder engagement (April 2014)

Activities of the network

September 2013, Launch of the BiodivERsA database. The database compiles the information on 122 funding organizations from 17 countries, including 605 annual calls, 216 funding programmes (including FP6 and FP7), over 6,500 research projects and 2,860 research organizations. The information in the database will be available to the public under registration and acceptance of the data user agreement.

Participation to European Parliament event amongst others to promote funded projects' results and interface science and policy

Discussions and decision on the model(s) chosen for sustained cooperation beyond October 2014.

Others:

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START & END DATES

01.11.2010 - 01.11.2014

HOMEPAGE

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