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2024-2025 Joint Call

Biodiversity and Transformative Change

#BiodivTransform



Biodiversa+ is pleased to announce that its 4th joint call for transnational research projects on “Biodiversity and Transformative Change” (referred to as BiodivTransform) is now open.

The online platform (EPSS) is now open.

Prepare and submit your pre-proposal



Transformative change can be defined as a “fundamental system-wide reorganisation across technological, economic and social factors, including goals and values needed for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity” (IPBES 2019).

The BiodivTransform Call aims to support **interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and/or cross-sectoral** research and innovation projects that will:

- › Help understand **trade-offs and cross-linkages** between the worldwide crises of biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution;
- › Identify, analyse, and comprehend **transformation processes** that may safeguard biodiversity by mitigating its threats and halt – even reverse – as the benefits it may provide to people.

This call adopts a bottom-up approach and intentionally does not define research themes.

Projects will be expected to demonstrate **academic excellence** with potential for **societal and policy impact** regarding biodiversity, aiming to co-develop policy, and practices for transformative change.

This call is **not restricted in terms of specific environments nor geographic areas**, encompassing all realms (terrestrial, marine, coastal and freshwater ecosystems experiencing various levels and sources of disturbances, including transition zones and interfaces (coastal, wetlands, urban–rural, forest and in integrated land/seascapes).

Applicants must **carefully read the announcement of opportunity (Call Document 1)** that further details the scope of the call.

Call schedule



A two-step application procedure applies, with the mandatory submission of pre-proposals at the first step and the submission of full proposals. Proposals (**in English only**) must be submitted via the [Biodiversa+ Electronic Proposal Submission System \(EPSS\)](#).

- › **Launch of the call:** Tuesday 10 September 2024
- › **Deadline for pre-proposals (mandatory):** Friday 8 November 2024, 15:00 CET (local time in Brussels)
- › **Results of the evaluation of the first step:** mid-February 2025
- › **Deadline for full-proposals:** Friday 11 April 2025, 15:00 CEST (local time in Brussels)
- › **Recommendations for funding:** late September 2025
- › **Start of the projects:** between 1 December 2025 and 1 April 2026

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To be eligible, research consortia must:

- › include eligible research partners from at least **3 different countries financially participating** in the call,
- › seek support from at least **3 different Funding Organisations**,
- › involve partners from at least **2 different EU Member States** or Horizon Europe Associated Countries.

NB: Not all EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries participate financially in this call. Please refer to the list of Participating countries which ones are eligible for funding.

Proposals must be exclusively written in English.

Participating countries

Check the participating organisations and their rules!

[Participating funding organisations](#)

37 Funding Organisations from 32 countries are joining this call and have reserved – together with the European Commission – a total amount of Research Partner involved in a proposal must comply with **the eligibility criteria and rules of its national / regional funding organisations**.

The full up-to-date list of funding organisation participating in this Call, their reserved budgets and their national / regional eligibility rules and procedures are available [here](#).

Biodiversa+ strives to encourage researchers from countries and regions with research communities that have been less responsive in the past. Therefore, for your information we would like to draw your attention in particular to the following funding organisations: [MHESR](#) (Tunisia), [NARI](#) and [NSTC](#) (Taiwan).

Assessment criteria



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

- At step 1: (1) **fit to the scope of the call**, (2) **novelty of the research**, and (3) **impact**;
- At step 2: (1) [scientific] **excellence**, (2) **quality and efficiency of the implementation** [of the project plan], and (3) **impact** (covering expected includes policy impact, and approach to stakeholder engagement).

Research projects are expected to have a holistic approach, to be transnational, inter- and transdisciplinary, and to mobilise as needed natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and arts. For both steps, the **transnational added value** of a submitted project must be clearly presented.

Applicants must carefully **read the detailed assessment criteria (Call Document 6)**.

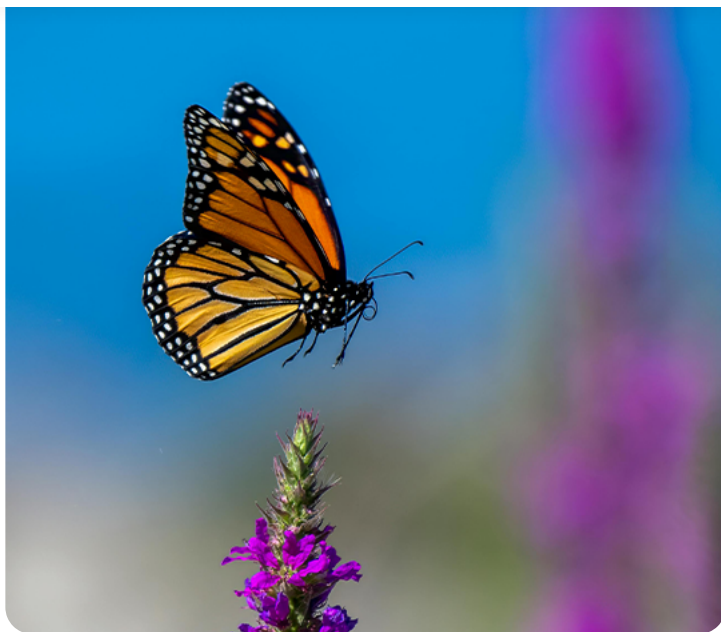
Maximise your chances!

Biodiversa+ offers various resources to help you develop a strong proposal:

- › [Stakeholder Engagement](#): Learn effective strategies for engaging stakeholders in your research project.
- › [Policy Relevance](#): Ensure your research aligns with policy needs and promotes science-policy interaction.
- › [Citizen Science](#): Explore ways to incorporate citizen science into your research activities.
- › [Data Management Guide](#) for more information on how to write and develop your data management plan with a focus on making your data as possible

Important information and key documents

Make sure to carefully read all the support which contains the following information: :



- › [Announcement of Opportunity](#) (including the call text detailing the scope of the call)
- › [Pre-proposal application form](#) (for information only; the actual form is to be completed on [the EPSS](#))
- › [Full proposal application form](#) (for information only; the actual form is to be completed on [the EPSS](#) in Step 2)
- › [Checklist for applicants](#)
- › [Assessment criteria](#)
- › [Open Science and Fair data Principles](#)
- › [Conflict of interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure policy](#).
- › [FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions)

Please note that **each research partner in a project who is requesting funding under this call must comply with the eligibility criteria and rules of the regional funding organisation.** For specific questions related to the budget, eligibility criteria and rules of your funding organisation, **please contact your Organisation Contact Point (FCP).** All national / regional eligibility & funding rules and associated information including the Funding Organisation's [are available here](#).

On 24 September 2024, we held an information webinar. Watch the recording to learn more about the call.

Be aware of all relevant European initiatives and choose wisely the one best suited for your project. For topics with a strong focus on water and circularity, the [Water4All 2024 Joint Call](#) is recommended. For topics with a strong focus on circular urban economies transition pathways, the [DUT 2024 Joint Transnational Call](#) is recommended.

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