# OVERVIEW OF THE BIODIVERSA NETWORK

Coordinating and supporting trans-national research on biodiversity, ecosystem services and Nature-based Solutions

# BiodivERsA: a network with a biodiversity focus and an increasing international dimension

24
Countries

39
Partners

6
Overseas

8
EU-13

Main functions of BiodivERsA

Mapping and foresight

Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

Stakeholder engagement

Funding joint calls for research

Knowledge transfer

Other activities: alignment, mobility schemes
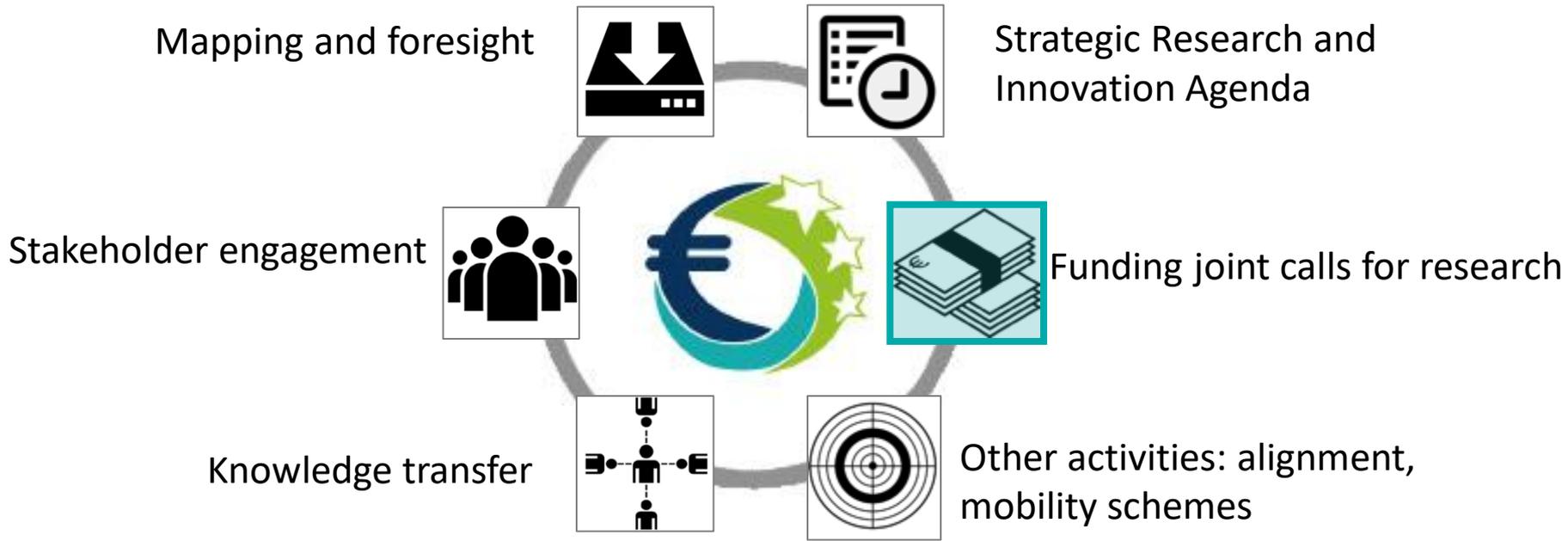
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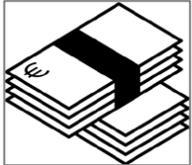
Lauching Joint Calls for transnational medium-sized projects

8

Calls launched

1
With a JPI (FACCE)

1
With the European Commission

1
With the Belmont Forum & EC

195M€*
(total costs)

Incl.
123M€*
(in cash)

raised by BiodivERsA Partners and the EC

incl. tentative figures for the 2018 Call

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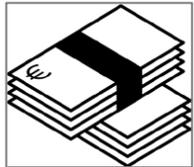
Lauching Joint Calls for medium-sized projects

Over 2008-2017:

94
projects funded

645
teams funded

2213
researchers funded

75
applications submitted on average per call

18.4%
Application success rate

1.2M€
of funding on average per project

5
Different countries per project on average

2019 BIODIVCLIM
JOINT CALL

Biodiversity and Climate change

1. **Functioning of an ERA-NET Call & overview of participating countries**

2. Topic of the call

3. Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants

4. Call process & eligibility rules

How does an ERA-Net work?

Funding Organisation #1
Funding Organisation #2
Funding Organisation #3

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Funding Organisation #N

One joint Call
With one single joint (international) evaluation

➢ One ranking list
➢ Funding of the best top projects

NO NATIONAL PRE- OR POST- SELECTION

Participating countries

34 Partners from 26 countries For **20.5M€**

+4M€ from the European Commission

Total funding for the Call: **24,5M€**

Country	Organisation
Austria	FWF
Belgium	BelSPO
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS
Belgium	FWO
Brazil	FAPESP
Brazil	CONFAP
Bulgaria	BNSF
Czech Republic	TACR
Denmark	IFD
Estonia	ETAG
Finland	AKA
France	ANR
France	GUA-REG
France	REU-REG
Germany	DFG
Germany	DLR-PT
Greece	GSRT

Country	Organisation
Ireland	EPA
Israel	MoEP
Latvia	VIAA
Lithuania	RCL
Norway	RCN
Poland	NCN
Portugal	FCT
Portugal	FRCT
Romania	UEFISCDI
Slovakia	SAS
South Africa	DST
Spain	AEI
Spain	ACIISI / GOBCAN
Sweden	Formas
Switzerland	SNSF
Tunisia	MHESR
Turkey	TAGEM

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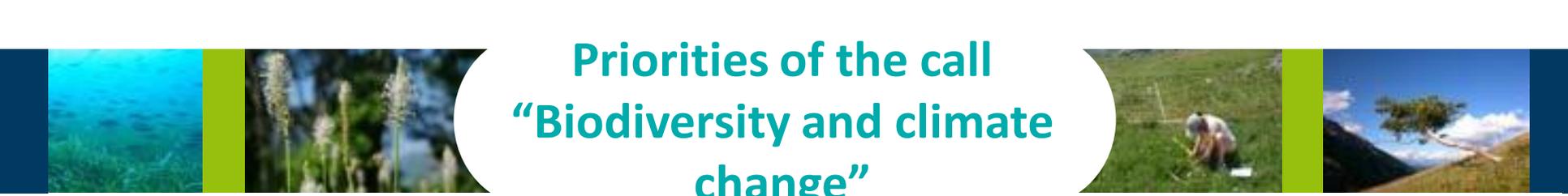
Priorities of the call "Biodiversity and climate change"

➢ This call aims to support **transnational research projects addressing issues at the interface between biodiversity and climate change** across a range of spatial and temporal scales in order to advance knowledge and support evidence-based and reflected decision-making

➢ **All environments** eligible

➢ **4 non-exclusive themes:**

- o Consequences of climate change on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people

- o Climate-biodiversity feedback processes

- o Potential of nature-based solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change

- o Synergies and trade-offs between policies on biodiversity, climate and other relevant sectors, and the role of agents of change

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TYPES OF RESEARCH FUNDED

➢ **Average size of collaborative research projects:**

- **Medium size projects**
- **1.2M€** (on average)
- **5 Partners** (on average)

➢ **Evaluation criteria:**

STEP 1	STEP 2:
• **Fit to the scope of the call**	• **Academic Excellence**
• **Novelty of the research**	• **Quality and efficiency of the implementation**
• **Transnational added value**	• **Expected Impact (incl. stakeholder engagement)**

Example of subcriteria used in previous calls

Scientific excellence

- **For scientific excellence & quality of the implementation:**
  - ✓ Scientific quality of the proposed research
  - ✓ Novelty / Originality and innovation
  - ✓ Clarity of the hypothesis, theories and/or research questions
  - ✓ Level of inter/multi/trans-disciplinarity
  - ✓ Transnational added value

Quality of implementation

  - ✓ Quality and suitability of the consortium
  - ✓ Feasibility and risk
  - ✓ Level of integration and collaboration
  - ✓ Relation to other projects
  - ✓ Suitability of budget requirements
  - ✓ Quality of project governance

For Societal impact:

- *Approach to stakeholder engagement:*
  - ✓ Reasons for undertaking or not
  - ✓ Identification of appropriate, and the desired outcomes
  - ✓ Evidence of support/commitment to engage
  - ✓ Methods/activities proposed for engagement and collaborative learning, planning and resources
  - ✓ Evidence of skills to engage
  - ✓ Knowledge transfer methods and plans

- *Policy and/or societal relevance and importance of the research for solving pressing issues*
  - ✓ Clear statement of the policy/societal application
  - ✓ Clearly identified policy makers who are end users of the research results and ways to engage them.
  - ✓ Arrangements for knowledge transfer.

- **Transnational added value**

There should be clear evidence of **added value either directly** within the countries involved in the research, **or indirect value** accrued as a result of, e.g. learning from models applied to countries outside of the countries involved.

Projects are expected to:

- Be **scientifically excellent**

- Be **multi-disciplinary**, where relevant

- Demonstrate a **transnational added value**

- **Engage stakeholders**

    Consult the **BiodivERsA Stakeholder engagement Handbook:**
    http://www.biodiversa.org/stakeholderengagement

- **Demonstrate political / societal relevance**

    Consult the **BiodivERsA Guide for policy relevance of research projects**
    http://www.biodiversa.org/1543

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Call process

- **STEP 1**: **Mandatory submission of pre-proposals** **through the online platform (EPSS)**

  ‼ Applicants cannot enter the procedure at a later stage **‼**

  ➢ Eligibility check
  ➢ First evaluation by an independant evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
    i. *fit to the scope of the call*
    ii. *novelty of the research*
    iii. *transnational added value*

- **STEP 2**: Applicants invited to step 2 have to **submit a full proposal via the EPSS**

  ➢ Evaluation by external reviewers and an independant evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
    i. *Excellence*
    ii. *Quality and efficiency of the implementation*
    iii. *Impact*

  > **INDICATIVE APPLICATION FORMS** WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE LAUNCH OF THE CALL
  > **Regularly check: www.biodiversa.org/2019-call**

- Official launch of the call: **2 September 2019**

- Deadline to submit pre-proposals: **5 November 2019**

- Deadline to submit full proposals: **10 April 2020**

General eligibility criteria

Consortium composition:

- **Proposals must involve teams from at least three different countries participating in the call** (including minimum 2 from EU Member States or Associated Countries) and must be supported by at least three different Participating Organisations.

- A particular rule apply for Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories:

  - Provided the first criteria is met (partners from at least two different EU Member States or Associated Countries participating in the call), for proposals including researchers from outermost regions and overseas countries and territories participating in the call, **if two outermost regions and overseas countries and territories are from the same country, these are counted as two participating countries**. Where a proposal includes three or more researchers from outermost regions and overseas countries and territories from the same country, these will be counted as two participating countries.

Project duration: **3 years**

Other general eligibility rules:

- The main applicant is employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call

- Proposals must be written in **English**.

- The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country.

Each National / regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional team

‼️ Applicants thus have to comply with their funding organisations' eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items)

Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules ‼️

➢ Funding Organisations' rules and list of Funding Organisations' Contact Point will be available online at the launch of the call

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Looking for a Partner for a Project you would like to submit?
OR
Looking for a Project to join?

Use the **BiodivERsA Partner Search Tool**

You simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the online platform that will soon be available online

Link: https://proposals.etag.ee/biodivclim/partner-search

❖ Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants

❖ Have a look at the forms submitted through a **user-friendly search function**: search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria: country, discipline, keywords

Thank you for your attention!

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