



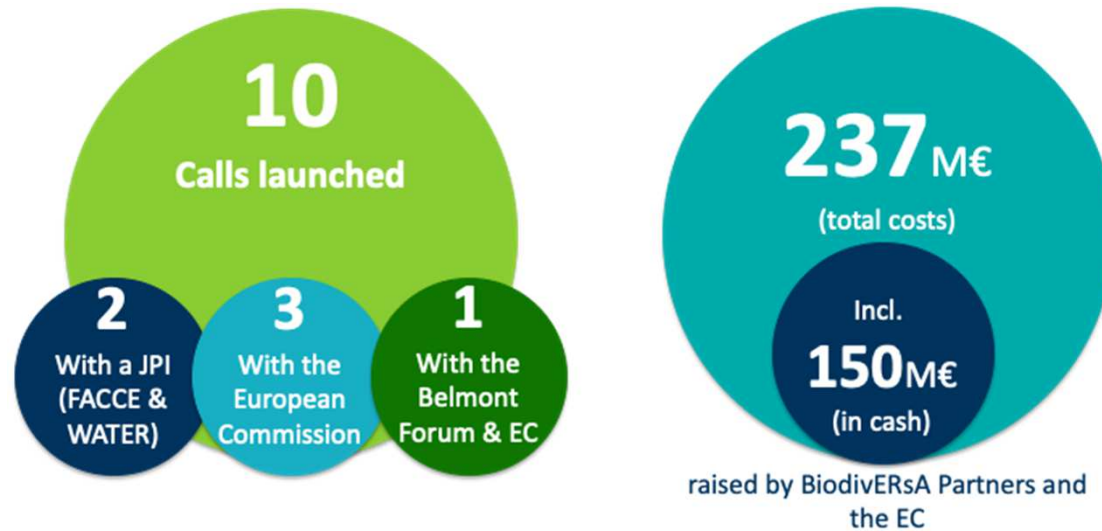
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Introduction

What is Biodiversa+ ?



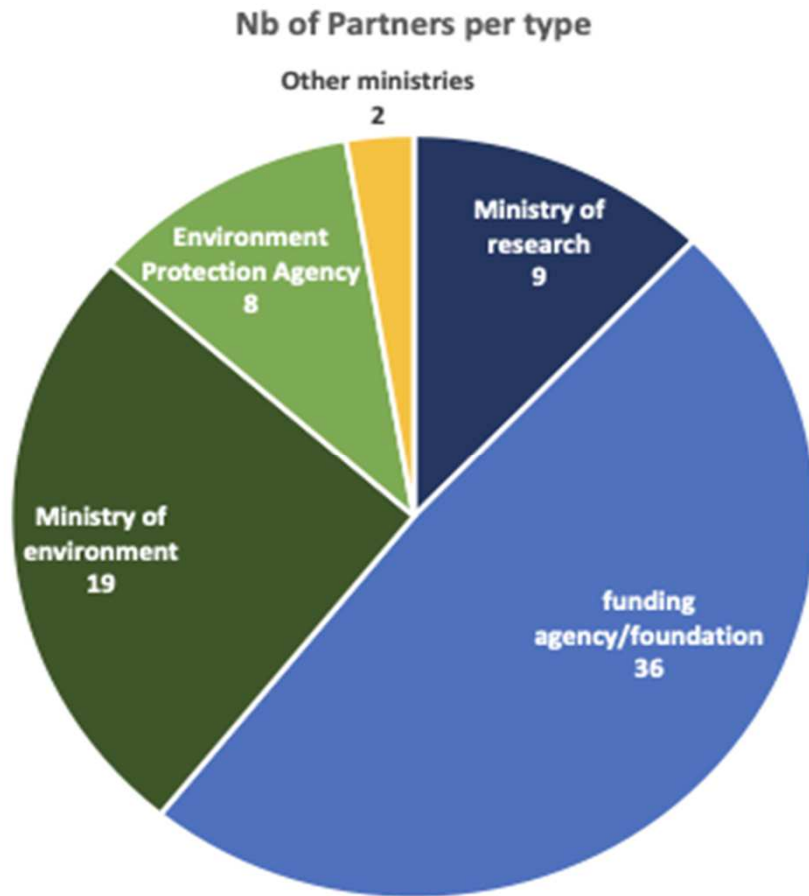
Biodiversa+ building on the BiodivERsA experience (2008-2021)



Over 2008-2020:



A new approach, increased ambition!



Membership – geographical reach & composition

- Ministries of Environment & EPA
 - Ministries of Research; Funding Agencies; Foundations
- ⇒ 75 members from 37 countries

Portfolio of activities

Budget

- Global budget >800 Mio€ (combining in-cash and in-kind resources from Partners; 165 Mio€ co-funding by EC)
- Of this, 64% for research funding; 32% for biodiversity monitoring; 4% other activities

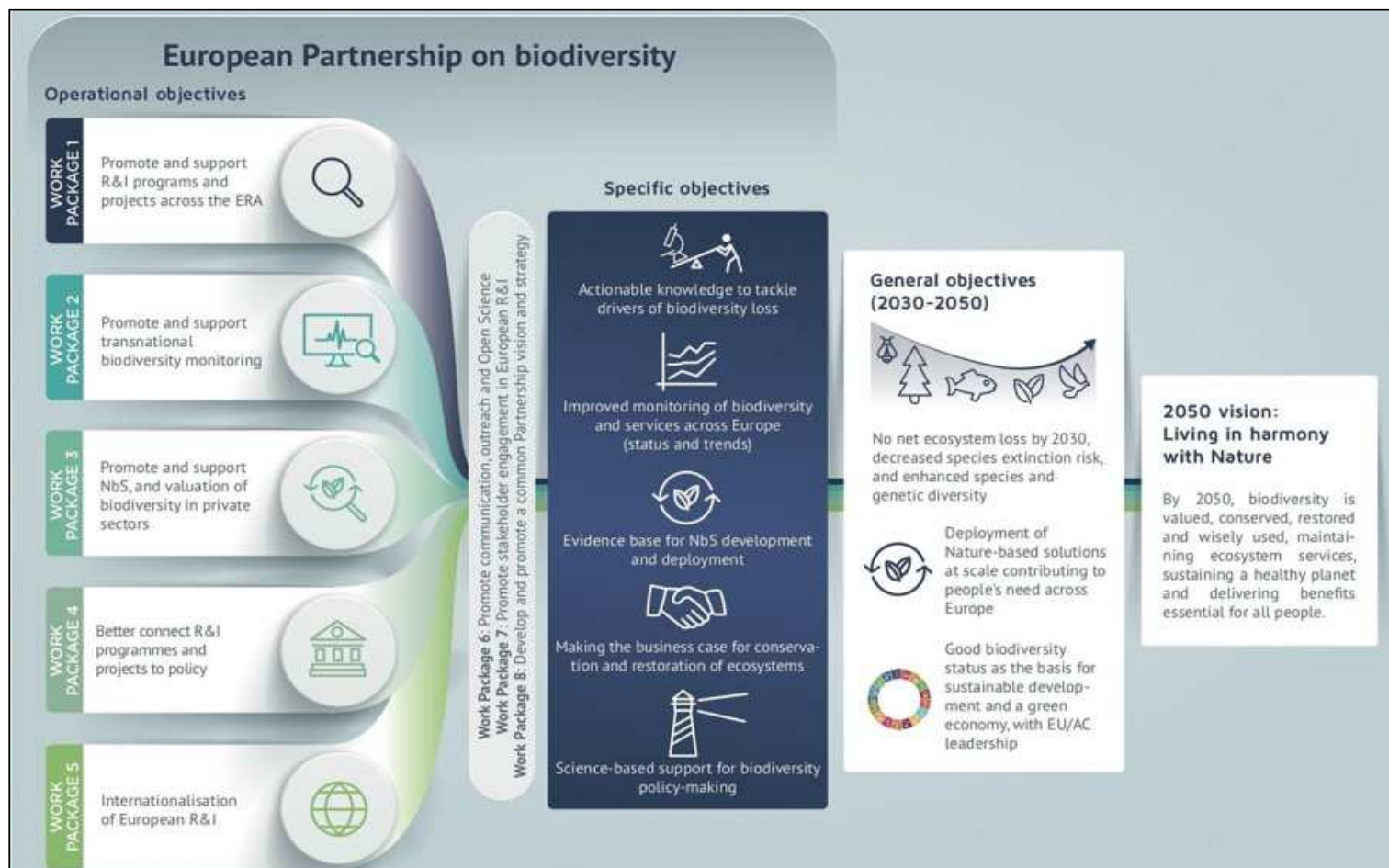
Collaborations

- Existing & newly emerging initiatives, tools, mechanisms
- Complementarity Horizon Europe/Missions/ other Partnerships

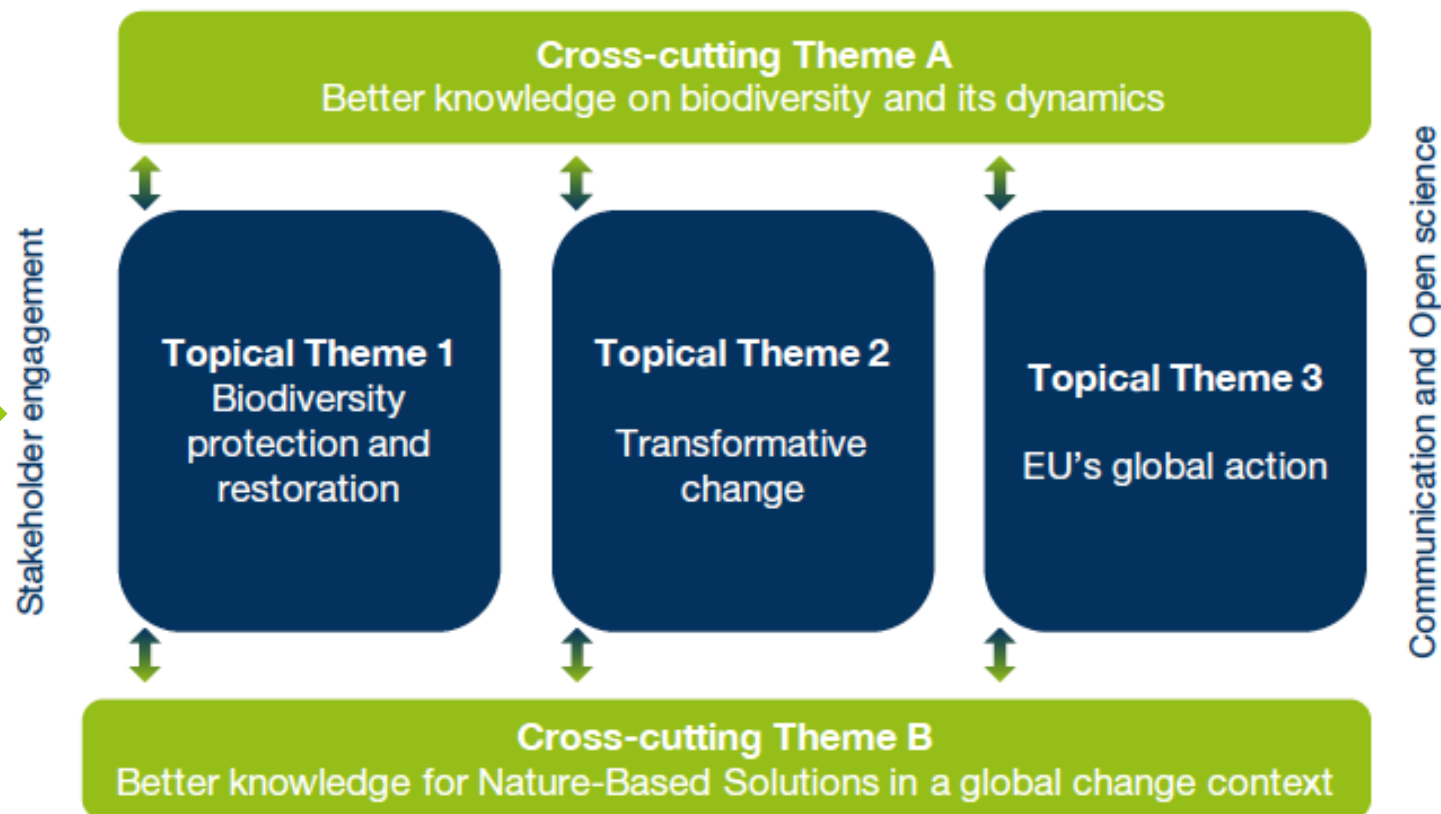
Lifespan: 2021 – 2028

Part of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, to make the bridge between science, policy & practice

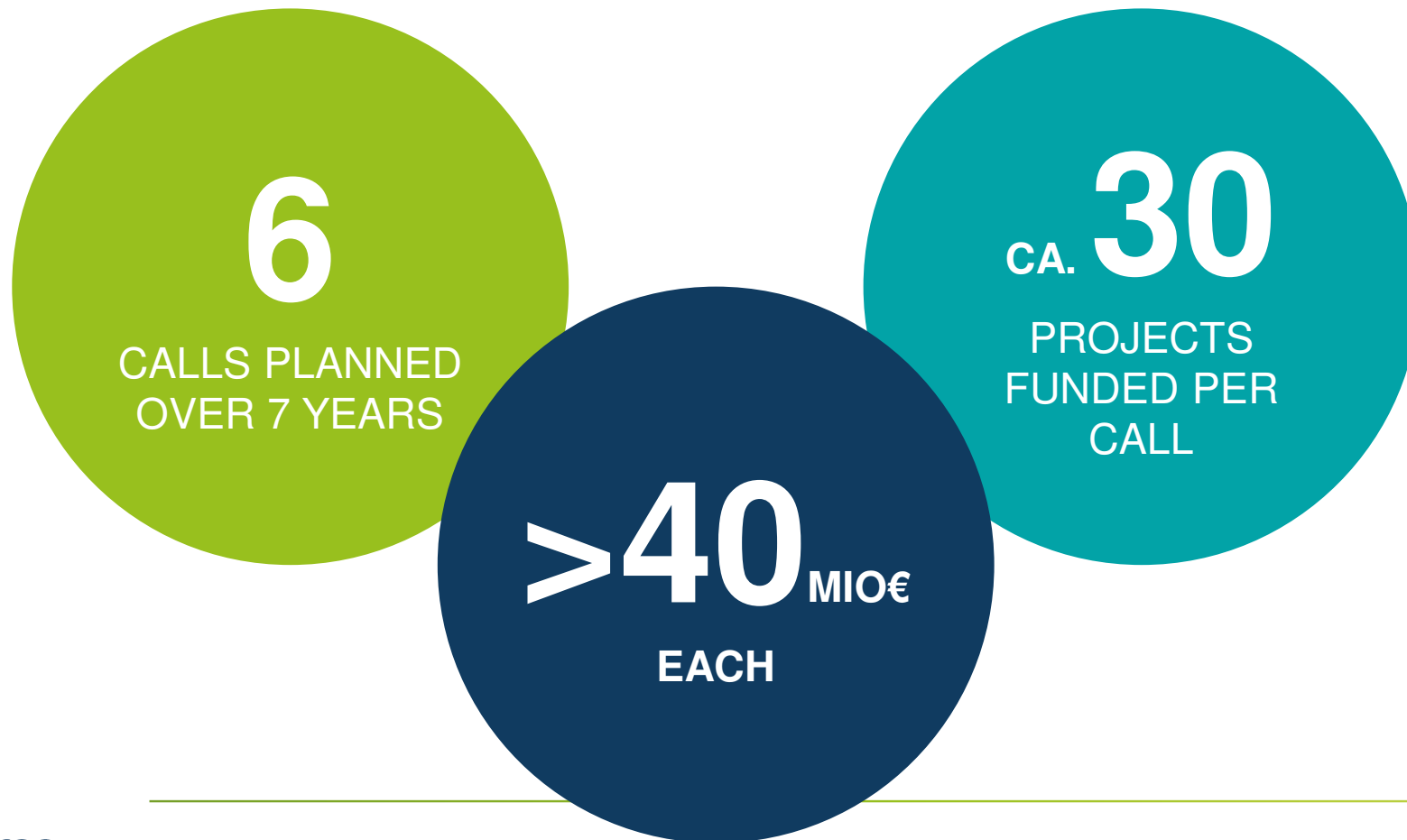
Biodiversa+: objectives & vision



Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda



Funding opportunities in Biodiversa+ (2021-2028)



Types of projects funded

➤ Average size of collaborative research projects

- **Medium size projects**
- **1.2 – 1.5M€** (on average)
- **5 Partners from different countries** (on average; minimum is 3)

good opportunity to be part of bigger transnational research projects and to join forces with other teams





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First Call 2021-22

Biodiversa+ Call “Supporting biodiversity and ecosystem protection across land and sea”



“Supporting biodiversity and ecosystem protection across land and sea”

CONTEXT

- Despite ambitious targets, Europe’s biodiversity continues to be eroded and many agreed policy targets had not been achieved by the end of 2020
- Similarly, assessments of species and habitats protected under the Habitats Directive for the period 2006-2012 revealed that 60% of species and 77% of habitats remain in unfavourable status
- Land and sea use change and direct exploitation in particular, can be managed through effective area-based conservation, with connected systems of protected and conserved areas (OECM)



*Truly coherent Trans-European
Nature Network*

*30% protected
10% strictly protected*

“Supporting biodiversity and ecosystem protection across land and sea”

Priorities of the Call:

- Advance knowledge and inform more effective and integrative biodiversity management by enhancing the scientific underpinnings of biodiversity and ecosystem protection.
- Measures regarding protected areas (including nationally designated protected areas), integrated area-based conservation measures reconciling conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services, as well as measures contributing to effectively protecting species in the wild
(not restoration; not ex situ conservation)
- **all environments**, i.e. terrestrial, freshwater and marine; but go beyond single study sites
- Also covers research in the Outermost Regions (ORs) and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) of the EU

“Supporting biodiversity and ecosystem protection across land and sea”

Proposals should address one or more of the 3 following themes:

- **THEME 1** – Knowledge for identifying priority conservation areas, establishing effective and resilient ecological networks, enhancing species-based protection and preserving genetic diversity
Areas important for biodiversity; Ecological connectivity; Ecological networks; Ecological representation; Broadening the range of area-based conservation tools; enlarging toolbox for species-based protection; ...
- **THEME 2** – Multiple benefits and costs of biodiversity and ecosystem protection: synergies and trade-offs
Positive and negative impacts; Costs and benefits from different conservation strategies; Integrated protected area management/ landscape & seascape approaches; tools and approaches to mitigate trade-offs (move to win win); economic & social-economic metrics
- **THEME 3** – Effective management and equitable governance to deliver bold conservation outcomes
Sound governance and effective/adaptive management; inclusive and adaptive; motives for protection & influence of power constellations; right-based approaches...

Types of projects funded

Overall, 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 on policy relevance of research projects

<http://www.biodiversa.org/1543>

⚠ Expectations at the level of the whole project, and not at the level of each research Partner ⚠

⚠ Make sure to have the right expertise in the project as a whole ⚠



Specific evaluation criteria to evaluated these

Types of projects funded – assessment criteria

- **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.

Transnational added value may include:

- relevance to **international policy statements** or processes, legislative frameworks or management plans;
- clear added value to national research projects across the world by **linking expertise and efforts across national teams** and **across studied areas and research models**;
- bringing about **comparisons** at the local level between researchers and stakeholders who are not used to work together;
- **standardisation** of methods;
- general increase of common knowledge in biodiversity relative to the themes of the call;
- etc.



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Useful guidance documents for applicants

The stakeholder engagement handbook



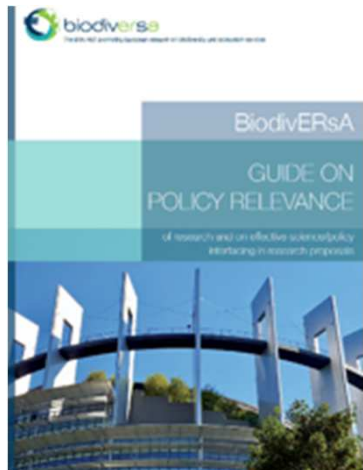
It will help you identify relevant stakeholders to engage with in order to enhance the impact of your work.

The Handbook draws upon exiting literature and presents case studies that provide clear, simple guidance, which considers **‘why’, ‘who’, ‘when’ and ‘how’ to engage**.

Contents:

- PART 1: INTRODUCTION
- PART 2: WHY ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS
- PART 3: HOW TO IDENTIFY STAKEHOLDERS
- PART 4: WHEN TO ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS
- PART 5: METHODS FOR ENGAGEMENT
- PART 6: PLANNING THE DETAIL OF THE ENGAGEMENT
- PART 7: MANAGING STAKEHOLDER CONFLICT
- PART 8: MONITORING AND EVALUATING THE ENGAGEMENT

The policy guide



It will help you to:

- Better understand what is **policy relevance of research**
- Be aware of what are the **criteria for evaluating policy relevance of research** in Biodiversa+ calls
- Be able to more efficiently **identify the most relevant policies and policy-making bodies** for a given research project

Part I

THE BASIS

Understand BiodivERsA's approach to promoting and evaluating policy relevance and science/policy interfacing in research proposals

Part II

KEYS AND RESOURCES

Qualify and demonstrate the policy relevance of your research proposal

Check your S.I.E.V., don't deceive!

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State

State clearly and demonstrate the policy relevance of your research proposal

I.

Identify

Identify which policy stakeholders you engage and/or target in your research proposal

E.

Engage

Engage with policy stakeholders and promote science/policy interfacing within your research proposal

V.

Value

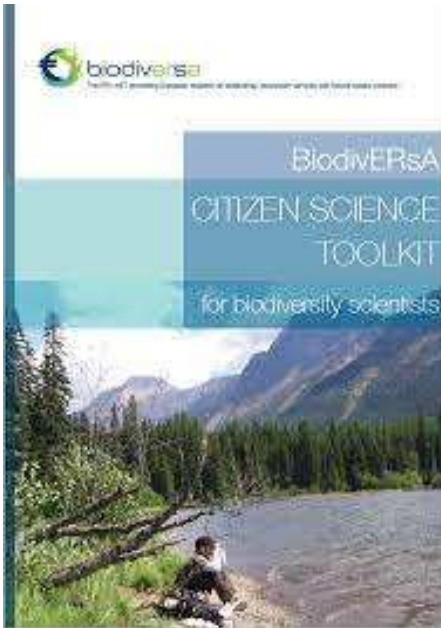
Value the European and international policy implications of your transnational research proposal

Part III

DOS AND DON'TS

Case-studies for scientists to increase the policy relevance and effectiveness of science/policy interfacing in their research projects

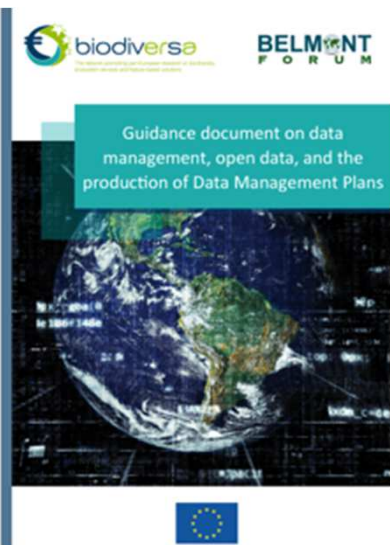
Citizen Science Toolkit



With this Toolkit you will :

- Get a better overview and understanding of what Citizen Science is;
- Figure out all the benefits of adopting Citizen science approaches;
- Have access to a list of the most relevant publications and most useful tools for Citizen Science;
- Discover many examples of Citizen Science projects and testimonies from researchers;
- Find out how to overcome the most common perceived challenges.

Guidance document on data management, open data, and the production of Data Management Plans



Biodiversa+ encourages open sharing of research data and digital outputs to stimulate new approaches to the collection, reuse, analysis, validation and management of data and information, thus increasing the transparency of the research process and robustness of the results.

- Applicants are thus requested to submit
 - Preliminary data management information in their pre-proposals
 - A first Data Management Plan in their full proposals

To help you, consult our guidance document & learn more about

- Main principles and policies for data management
- Existing tools and resources
- & Get advice on the writing of your data management plans



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Thank you!

Find out more about the call: <https://www.biodiversa.org/1772>
The link to the online platform (EPSS) will also be available here

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