

Partners

The project gathers a consortium of 22 partners from 13 European countries, led by a coordination team of four institutions: the Finnish Environment Institute (Syke), the National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE), the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) and the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity (HIFMB).

Partners represent a diversity of stakeholders from academia, public authorities, SMEs and interest groups - their varied perspectives and input are of key importance to reaching the project's objectives.



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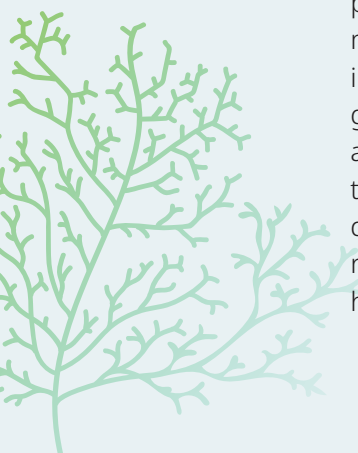
The challenge

While biodiversity policy must be based on the best available science, there is often a mismatch between the domains of governance and research. In Europe, addressing this issue is crucial in light of the ambitions set out in the EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy.



The solution

Over the past few years, the **BioAgora project** has been developing a new mechanism at the interface between policy-makers and knowledge holders – the **Science Service for Biodiversity (SSBD)**. It will be the scientific pillar of the EU Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity, providing a mechanism to mobilise relevant scientific insight in response to key governance needs in a timely and targeted manner. This is to be achieved via a sustained dialogue between policy requesters and experts at the heart of the process.



BioAgora's three primary functions

The SSBD is meant to enable a more efficient exchange between biodiversity research and policy-making. More specifically, it will offer a platform for matching policy demands with research results, affording easy access to scientific knowledge for decision-makers pursuing biodiversity targets at the local, national and European level.



Knowledge Exchange Networks

The project uses existing science-policy interfaces across Europe and beyond to develop Knowledge Exchange Networks (KENS) addressing the most urgent needs for thematic expert input identified for the SSBD. The active KENS cover topics such as:



Agro-ecosystems



Biodiversity monitoring



Freshwater biodiversity



Marine biodiversity



Nature-based solutions



Pollination



Protected areas and connected nature



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