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Welcome to BioAgora's second newsletter!





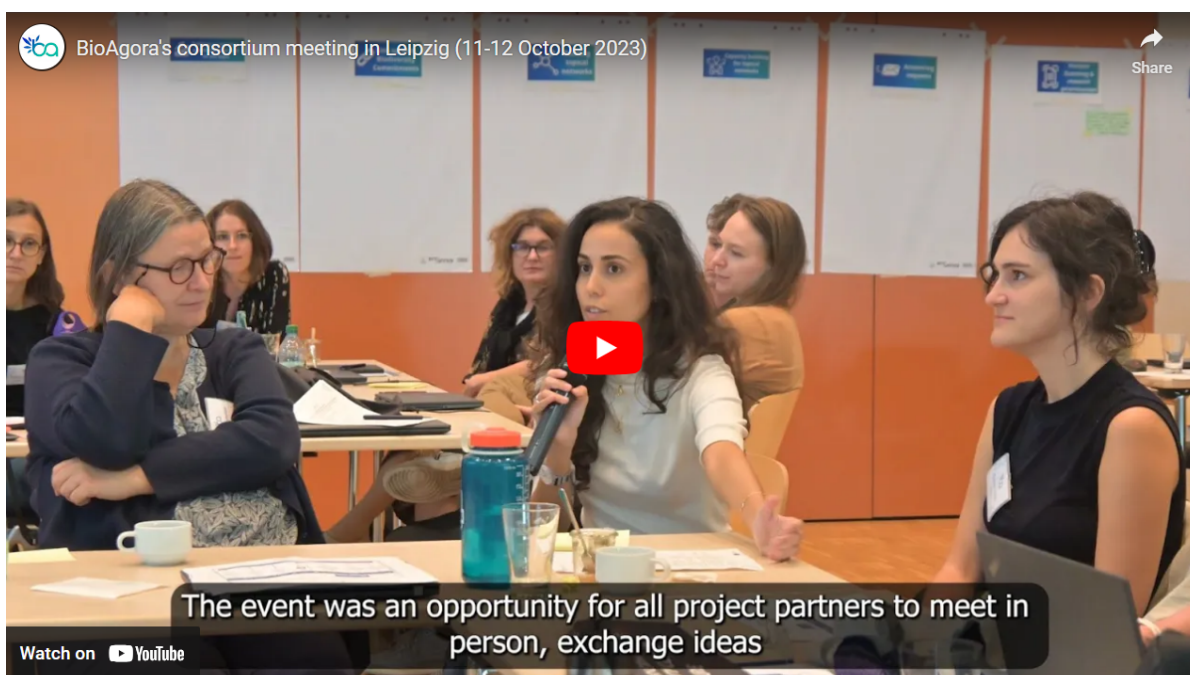
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A word from our project coordination team:

Hello and welcome to BioAgora's second newsletter! We have been keeping busy since our last project newsletter with the main focus being our second face-to-face consortium meeting in Leipzig. You can learn all about the event, our latest news and events below.

Enjoy our newsletter!

Experience our consortium meeting in Leipzig in our latest video



BioAgora's annual consortium meeting took place in Leipzig, Germany on 11 and 12 October 2023. The two-day event was built around ten prospected functions of the future EU Science Service for Biodiversity (SSBD) and presented a great opportunity for all participants to exchange ideas face-to-face.

The first session, which focused on the "Link to Biodiversity commitments" function, introduced the participants to the first framework with the 10 functions and the roadmaps of the different Demonstration Cases (DCs). The session concluded with some lessons learned from the DCs testing the framework.

The second session of the day covered the "Answering request" function which focused on the types of requests (fast and long), links with other functions and an interactive session which simulated the process of answering requests.

The next session included both the "Building evidence and knowledge base on topic" and the "Web centralised platform" functions. The session aimed to identify and discuss the need of this function and how it should be defined, to explore how other tasks complement and contribute to the development of the function and to discuss what might be lacking in our current approach and what else is needed for the effective function.

The second day of the meeting began with a session focused on the "Building topical networks" function which explored how to facilitate topical networks creation in the Science Service.

The second session covered the "Horizon scanning and research prioritisation" function, which included an interactive brainstorming session for all participants.

Finally, the session "Feedback to Policy Framework" function and "Mainstreaming Biodiveristy" function also included a fun interactive session for all participants in which they had to respond to different requests.

BioAgora news



2023 Radboud Conference on Earth System Governance

Bridging Sciences and Societies
for Sustainability Transformations

BioAgora to support sustainable transformation in the biodiversity policy arena

A BioAgora session, organised at the 2023 Radboud conference on Earth System Governance (22-27 October), focused on how BioAgora may support transformative change in the European biodiversity policy arena. With panellists representing the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment, the Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity, the BioAgora project, and Finnish science-policy expertise for sustainability, the event gave a comprehensive picture of the practice of science-policy interaction for biodiversity.

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Events



European
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BioAgora takes part in the 4th EU Biodiversity Platform meeting

BioAgora participated in the 4th meeting of the European Biodiversity Platform (EUBP) on 15-16 November 2023 in Brussels.

For more information about the role of BioAgora within the EUBP, [see our article](#).

Read more about BioAgora's participation in the 4th meeting of the European Biodiversity Platform on our project website.

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Coming soon



Eszter Kelemen
ESSRG

Eszter Kelemen is a senior researcher at ESSRG. She has a background in ecological economics.

Her main research topic is the values and valuation of nature, with a special attention on how diverse values can be taken up in policy processes.

Eszter leads WP5 and participates in WP1 and WP4.



Our new social media campaign "**Faces of the project**" is around the corner! It will be dedicated to **the main people behind BioAgora**, their backgrounds and their role in the project.

What's next for BioAgora in 2024?



The year 2024 will be a busy time to develop the Science Service for Biodiversity and to organise several workshops, webinars and other events!

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