

Connecting biodiversity knowledge and decision-making

Biodiversity policy must be based on the best available science. Often there is a mismatch between both worlds – the research community and decision makers. A large European consortium has now been tasked to overcome this problem. In the coming years the BioAgora project will develop a Science Service for Biodiversity for the EU Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity.

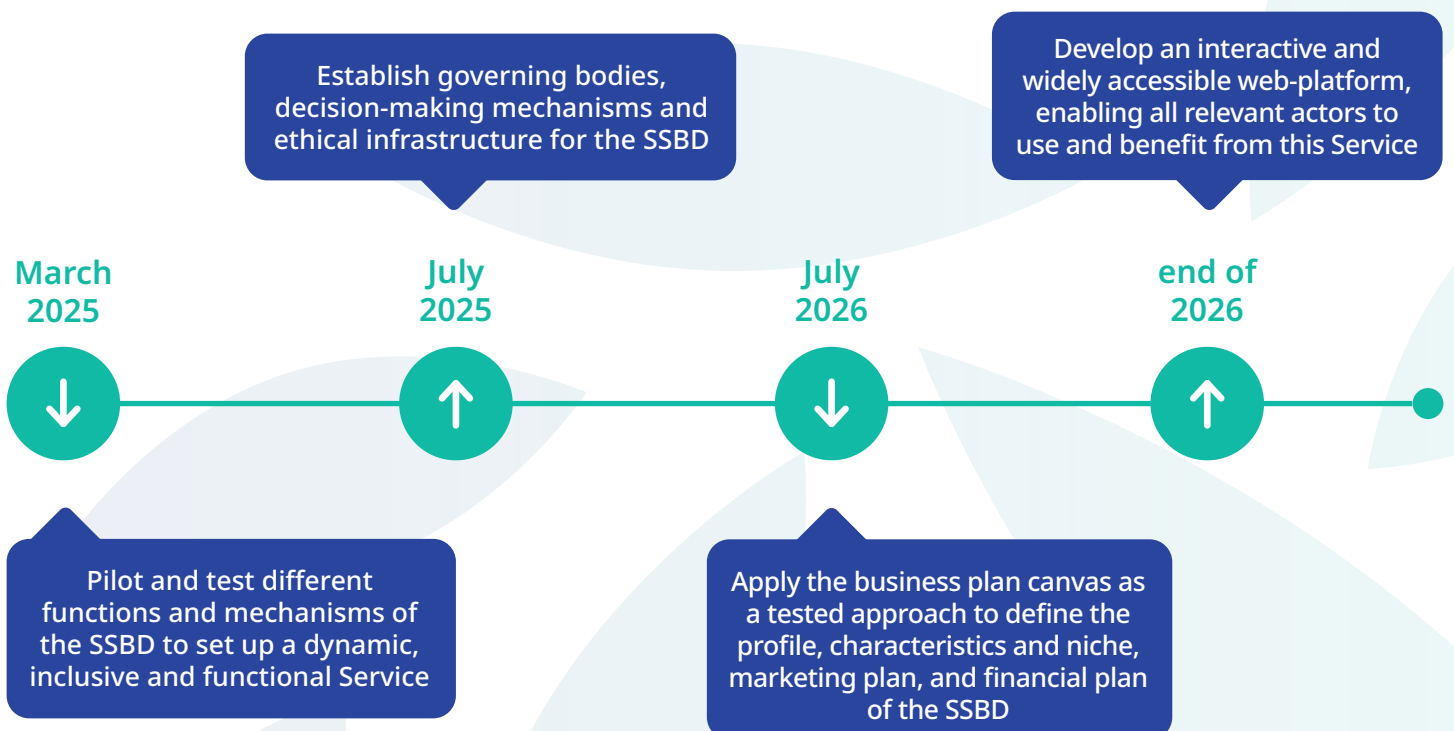
The BioAgora project

BioAgora is a collaborative project funded by the EU Horizon Europe programme. It will build the Science Service for Biodiversity (SSBD), the scientific pillar of the EU Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD). BioAgora orchestrates a targeted dialogue between scientists, other knowledge holders and policy actors at the EU biodiversity policy arena. The project will assess existing science-policy interfaces, test approaches in demonstration cases, identify key knowledge needs and propose pathways to connect knowledge to policy in the most effective way.

The Science Service for Biodiversity

BioAgora will create a fair and functional SSBD, in response to the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 by facilitating the science-policy dialogue. SSBD will enable the necessary sustainability transformation in Europe, as called for by the European Green Deal. Decision-makers at local, national, and European levels will gain easy access to scientific results reach European biodiversity targets and implement a system change in society. Embedded within the KCBD, the SSBD will offer a platform matching policy demands with research results.

From 2023 to 2026 BioAgora will:



Objectives



Provide tailored pathways to better orchestrate science-policy interactions to support the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030



Design demonstration cases across the EU that ratchet up or revitalise the implementation of EU biodiversity commitments



Analyse existing Science-Policy Interfaces, their policy tools and current biodiversity knowledge in Europe



Develop inclusive governance and a feasible business model for the SSBD



Support capacity building for EU decision-makers and knowledge providers to bring transformative change for biodiversity



Promote cooperation and co-learning among researchers, policymakers and practitioners contributing to biodiversity protection

Demonstration cases

The project will use existing **Science-Policy Interfaces**, **across Europe and beyond**, as **demonstration cases** to address the most urgent needs identified for the Science Service for Biodiversity. These demonstration cases are directly related to the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

The demonstration cases will reveal real-life actions, and will highlight processes already in place in different biodiversity management and governance contexts, such as marine bio-economy to forestry, aquaculture, pollination, from mountain tourism to urban green infrastructure. The cases will show how governance can enhance science-based transformative change and will support implementing, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the EU Biodiversity Strategy.



Pollination



Nature-based solutions



Transformative change



European Union Centre for Biodiversity



Monitoring and Scenarios



Freshwater



Marine

Project partners

BioAgora gathers a **Consortium of 22 partners**, **from 13 European countries**, led by the Finnish Environment Institute (Syke).

Partners represent a diversity of actors coming from academia, public authorities, SMEs, and associations. They all bring their specific skills to contribute to reaching the project's objectives.

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