



Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation in the EU: finding solutions through linking biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development

29 – 30 September 2015, KoWi Office Brussels
Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels

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Horizon 2020: The Bigger Picture

- 3:00 p.m. **Welcome address** and introduction to the workshop programme
European Liaison Office of German Research Organisations (KoWi)
Claudia Eggert, Head of Brussels Office
- 3:30 p.m. **Biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development in the European funding landscape: Horizon 2020**
European Liaison Office of German Research Organisations (KoWi)
Victoria Llobet, KoWi
- Substance:** All possible funding topics in Horizon 2020 are specified in the "Specific Programme" which is effective for seven years. Every two years a new "Work Programme" with different research topics is published. This session will introduce topic areas and potential programmes in Horizon 2020 relevant to the workshop themes. Furthermore, it will outline the most important mechanisms and stakeholders involved in the formal "Strategic Programming" process that lead to the Work Programmes.
- 6:00 p.m. End of workshop day 1
- 7:00 p.m. Joint dinner

For urgent questions on Horizon 2020:

KoWi is happy to provide you with further information on Horizon 2020! We will be prepared to answer your individual questions after the workshop:

Registration for individual consulting: 30 September, 4 - 6 p.m., Victoria Llobet (vl@kowi.de)

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- 9:00 a.m. **Biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development - interdisciplinary research: what has already been achieved and an outlook on 2020 and beyond**
European Commission, Directorate-General Research and Innovation
Sofle Vandewoestijne, Policy Officer, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, (confirmed)
- Substance:** Biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development research are longstanding topics in the European framework programmes. This session will deal with the overall approach of interdisciplinary research focussing on the biodiversity-climate change link and sustainable development in the Horizon 2020 Specific Programme and the upcoming needs beyond 2020.
 It will discuss the new innovation approach (nature-based solutions) and demand in Horizon 2020 and how it can be linked to biodiversity and e.g. ecosystem services, in particular in relation to climate change and sustainable development in urban and rural areas. Participants are invited to discuss these issues with the speakers and give feedback on future research needs and possible funding gaps.
- BiodivERsA- promoting pan European research on biodiversity and ecosystem services**
Xavier Le Roux, BiodivERsA, Project Coordinator and CEO, Fondation pour la Recherche sur la Biodiversité, Paris (confirmed)
- Substance:** BiodivERsA is the ERA-Net coordinating and promoting pan-European research on biodiversity and ecosystem services. Created in 2005, it just started its third phase (part of Horizon 2020). The presentation will give insights into its current and future activities, in particular funding opportunities, synergies with Horizon 2020, and the way BiodivERsA could reinforce the knowledge base for biodiversity and nature-based solutions. Discussion will be open for participants to contribute new ideas for developing the ERA in this domain, including the international dimension of future topics of BiodivERsA, etc.
- 11:00 a.m. Short break
- 11:15 a.m. **Biodiversity, climate change, sustainable development - moving targets?**
Important future policies of the EU
European Commission, Directorate-General Environment
Laure Ledoux, Deputy Head of Unit, Biodiversity (confirmed)
- Substance:** Engaging in EU projects also means contributing to the implementation of European research and innovation, environmental and development policies. Which policies are planned by the EU to tackle unsustainable development causing climate change and biodiversity loss? How can science contribute to addressing complex societal challenges such as sustainable urbanisation, climate change, biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation and prevention of natural disasters?
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch break
- 1:00 p.m. **Panel discussion: stakeholder engagement for a better science-policy interface**
- *Birgit De Boissezon, Head of Unit, Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (confirmed)*
 - *Jeremy Wates, Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) (tbc)*
 - *Business representative or national authority*
- Moderator: Estelle Ballan, Belgium Biodiversity Platform (confirmed)*
- Substance:** This session will bring together stakeholders and decision-makers in Brussels to discuss how scientific knowledge is used as a basis for decision-making and funding policies.

2:30 p.m. Coffee and tea

2:45 p.m. **Funding opportunities in bottom-up programmes: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, European Research Council Grants and European Cooperation in S&T (COST)**

Victoria Llobet, KoWi

Substance: The workshop will close with a presentation and discussion of thematically open EU funding programmes, which support scientific networking, training and (essentially) shape scientific careers. How they can be used to advance research and innovation in the area addressed by the workshop?

4:00 p.m. End of the workshop

Organization:

How to register?

Please register (in German/English or French) for the workshop (and optional individual consulting) by sending an Email to Victoria Llobet victoria.llobet@kowi.de

Deadline: 15. August 2015

Your registration is effective from the moment you receive a confirmation by KoWi. It will include details on recommended hotels and travel information. The workshop is free of charge, but travel and accommodation costs cannot be covered by KoWi.

The workshop will not go into details on application processes and specific funding requirements of the presented programmes. KoWi is regularly organizing workshops with this focus; if you are interested please take a look at our website: <http://www.kowi.de/fortbildungen>

Our location:

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Further questions about the workshop:

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KoWi and the environment:

Taking into account European and international efforts to act as resource efficiently as possible, we will avoid massive paper print outs for the workshop. However, we will provide you with all presentations in electronic format as well as a one page mind-map outlining the workshop topics with relevant actors and programmes for your further use.