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Science underpinning the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy

Together with the European Commission, ALTER-Net is proud to host a major conference on science to support the European Union's Biodiversity Strategy.

The primary focus of the conference will be the objectives and targets of the EU's 2020 Biodiversity Strategy, which should be realized by the end of this decade. Being a science-policy interface network, ALTER-Net wants to help the EU in realizing these targets by providing scientific knowledge, e.g. by pointing out possible weaknesses, opportunities and necessities, and by helping to find solutions and evidence-based actions.

The conference will be a mixture of plenary and parallel sessions on each of the six EU biodiversity targets, discussion workshops and a range of side events. Speakers will be invited by the Organising Committee and there will be an open invitation to present posters within the scope of the EU-targets.

Representatives of several European networks and projects will also be present, including Liaise, MarBEF (ALTER-Net's sister network covering marine ecosystems) and the emerging Biodiversity Knowledge network of knowledge.

This is a key science-policy interface event in the field of European biodiversity and ecosystem research: **register soon!**

When: 15-18 April 2013

Where: Augustinian Monastery
Academiestraat 1, Ghent, Belgium

Who should attend:

- Staff and students of ALTER-Net member institutes;
- Alumni of ALTER-Net summer schools;
- Others involved in biodiversity and ecosystem services research from all relevant disciplines;
- Policymakers, decision-makers, land managers and conservationists;
- Businesses who impact upon, or have a key interest in, the state of natural ecosystems.

How to register:

Complete the registration form on the ALTER-Net website. The closing date for registration is **22 March 2013**. Registration is obligatory!

Fees:

There is no general registration fee but a small charge will be made for lunches and refreshments, and for two optional events: a conference dinner and a beer tasting.

Please check the website, www.alter-net.info, regularly for the latest programme, venue, hotel and travel details, and information on how to pay.

Join our [LinkedIn group](#) to participate in the pre-conference discussions on EU target statements.



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