BIODIVRESTORE JOINT CALL Conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems

INFORMATION WEBINAR 16 November 2020

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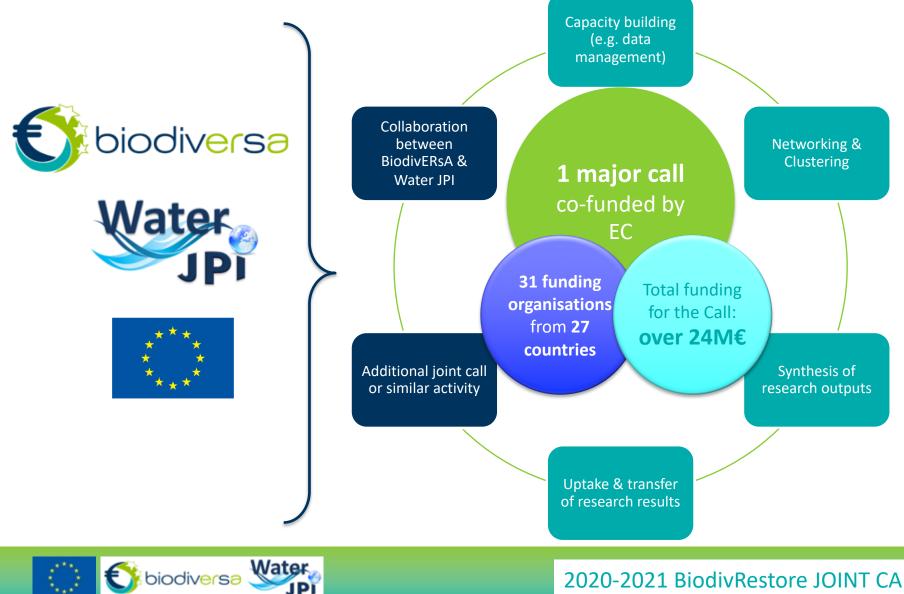
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INTRODUCTION

The BiodivRestore ERA-NET COFUND







2. FUNCTIONNING OF AN ERA-NET COFUND CALL

By Xavier Le Roux

http://biodiversa.org/2020_2021_call http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020biodivrestore



INTRODUCTION

How does an ERA-Net COFUND call work?

Funding Organisation #1 Funding Organisation #2 Funding Organisation #3

Funding Organisation #N

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Co-funding from the European Commission (EC)



One joint Call With one single joint (international) evaluation

One ranking list

Funding of the best top projects



NO NATIONAL PRE- OR POST- SELECTION



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THEMATIC SESSION 1

TOPIC & SCIENTIFIC CONTENT OF THE CALL

«<u>Conservation</u> and <u>restoration</u> of degraded ecosystems and their biodiversity, including a focus on aquatic systems»



- > All environments are eligible, incl. a focus on aquatic systems BUT
 - Proposals can focus on only one environment
 - Proposals comparing different environments or studying links between environments (e.g. terrestrial-aquatic) are particularly welcomed
 - NB: proposals can only address e.g. terrestrial environment and won't be disfavored as compared to proposals working on several environments or focusing only on aquatic environments.
- > Research to be funded through this call will have to go **beyond single study cases**.

CONSULT THE CALL DOCUMENT FOR MORE INFO:

http://www.biodiversa.org/1793/download

http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrestorecall-document.pdf



> 3 non-exclusive themes:

THEME 1 : Studying the biological and biophysical processes at stake for conservation/restoration, and their interactions

- What is the role of different biodiversity dimensions (species diversity, functional including trophic- diversity, ecosystem diversity, genetic diversity) for conservation and restoration?
- What is the relationship between ecosystem functioning (including biogeochemical cycle and ecosystem resilience) and biodiversity during conservation and restoration processes of degraded ecosystems?
- What is the importance of timescale for assessing and understanding post- versus preconservation/restoration trajectories?

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> 3 non-exclusive themes:

THEME 2 : assessing trade-offs and synergies between targets, benefits and policies for conservation and restoration

- Analysing trade-offs and synergies between targets of conservation / restoration measures (different biodiversity facets, different ecosystem functions and services)
- Assessing (quantitative and qualitative) social and economic benefits and costs (incl. co-benefits and conflicts) of conservation/restoration approaches
- Developing integrative socio-ecological approaches (incl. governance systems and new decisionmaking tools) to understand the benefits and risks associated to conservation/restoration measures and predict their outcomes

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THEME 3 : knowledge for improving the effectiveness and upscaling of conservation and restoration actions

- Upscaling of processes to landscapes or regions and across gradients
- Integrating conservation and restoration approaches for improving their effectiveness
- **Evaluating and considering uncertainties** associated to conservation and restoration approaches **for developing adaptive management**

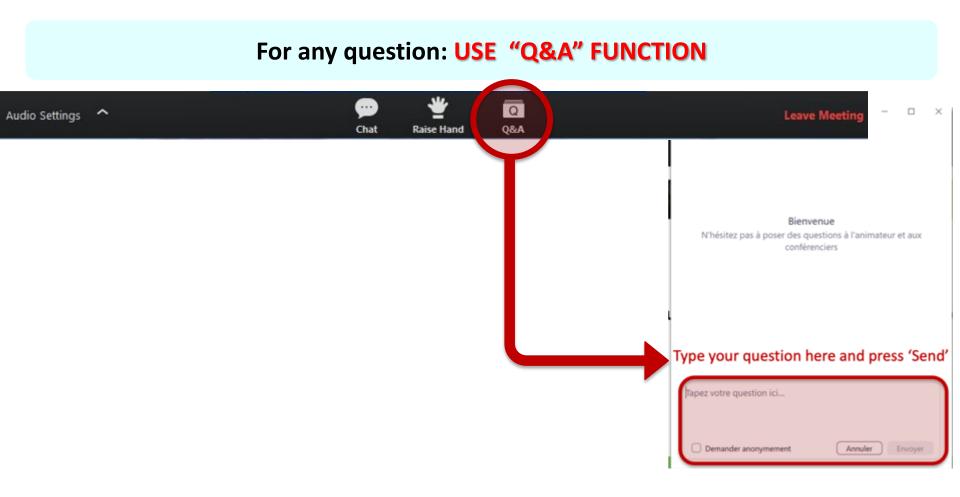
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THEMATIC SESSION 2

TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS APPLICANTS



THEMATIC SESSIONS Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants Average size of collaborative research projects: **Medium size projects** ٠ good opportunity to be part of bigger transnational research projects and to join **1.2M€** (on average) • forces with other teams **5 Partners** (on average) • Spain Romania Sweden 231,000 Romania € Transnational project

Belgium

Estonia

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Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants

TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

Evaluation criteria:

STEP 1: pre-proposal stage

IF MORE THAN ca. 110 PRE-PROPOSALS ARE RECEIVED

- Fit to the scope of the call
- Scientific excellence
 - Novelty / originality and innovation of the research goals and objectives
 - Transnational added value
- Societal and policy impact
 - Expected contribution of the proposed research to society and/or policy
 - Transnational added value

STEP 2: full-proposal stage

- Excellence
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation
- **Impact** (incl. societal / policy relevance and approaches to stakeholder engagement)



LOOK AT SUBCRITERIA TO KNOW WHAT WILL BE EVALUATED



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Criteria for evaluation of scientific excellence

- Scientific quality of the proposed research goals and objectives
- Novelty / Originality and innovation of the research foals and objectives
- **Clarity** of the hypothesis, theories and/or research questions
- Transnational added value
- Level of inter- and multi-disciplinarity = level of mobilization and integration of different scientific disciplines and competencies in the proposed research
- Relation to other projects

Criteria for evaluation of quality / efficiency of implementation

- Quality and efficiency of the **management structure** and procedures
- Competence and expertise of the consortium
- Level of integration and collaboration between partners
- Suitability of budget requirements
- Project feasibility and risk management
- Data management

Criteria for evaluation of impact

Policy and/or societal relevance and importance of the research for solving pressing issues

- Clear statement of the **policy/societal application**
- Clearly **identified policy makers** who are end users of the research results and ways to engage them.
- Arrangements for **knowledge transfer / uptake**
- Transnational added value

Approach to stakeholder engagement:

- Rationale for the stakeholder engagement planned
- Identification of appropriate stakeholders, and the desired outcomes of their engagement
- Description of precise interests and support
- Methods/activities proposed for engagement, planning and resources
- Evidence of skills to engage
- Knowledge transfer methods and plans

• Transnational added value

There should be clear evidence of added value either **directly within the countries involved** in the research, **or indirect value** accrued as a result of, e.g. learning from models applied to countries outside of the countries involved.

Transnational added value may include:

- relevance to international policy statements or processes, legislative frameworks or management plans;
- clear added value to national research projects across the world by linking expertise and efforts across national teams and across studied areas and research models;
- bringing about comparisons at the local level between researchers and stakeholders who are not used to work together;
- standardisation of methods;
- general increase of common knowledge in biodiversity relative to the themes of the call;
- etc.

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TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

Projects are expected to:

- Be scientifically excellent
- Be multi-disciplinary, where relevant
- Demonstrate a transnational added value
- Engage stakeholders

Consult the BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/stakeholderengagement</u>

Demonstrate political / societal relevance

Consult the BiodivERsA Guide on policy relevance of research projects http://www.biodiversa.org/1543

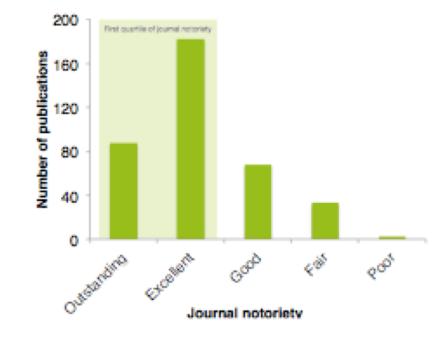




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Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants

Academic profile of funded projects' outputs



THEMATIC SESSIONS Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants



THE **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT HANDBOOK** aims at helping research teams identify relevant stakeholders to engage with in order to enhance the impact of their work.

The Handbook draws upon exiting literature and presents case studies that provide clear, simple guidance, which considers 'why', 'who', 'when' and 'how' to engage.

Contents:

- PART 1: INTRODUCTION
- PART 2: WHY ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS
- PART 3: HOW TO IDENTIFY STAKEHOLDERS
- PART 4: WHEN TO ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS
- PART 5: METHODS FOR ENGAGEMENT
- PART 6: PLANNING THE DETAIL OF THE ENGAGEMENT
- PART 7: MANAGING STAKEHOLDER CONFLICT

PART 8: MONITORING AND EVALUATING THE ENGAGEMENT

Types of projects funded & expectations towards applicants

Stakeholder engagement profile in previous funded projects

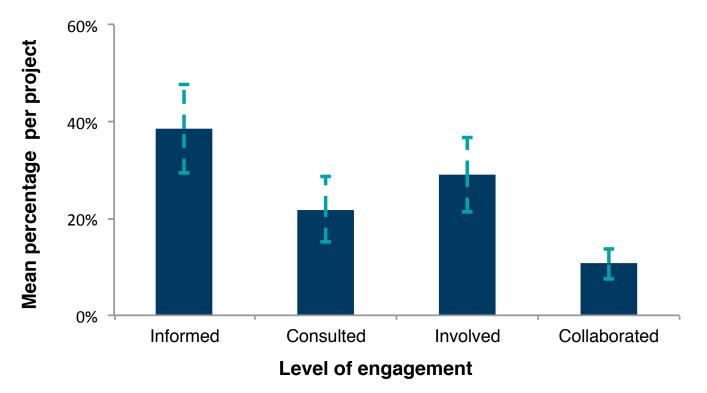


Figure 7: Mean percentage of stakeholders engaged by individual projects, per level of engagement. Bars are standard errors (n=12).

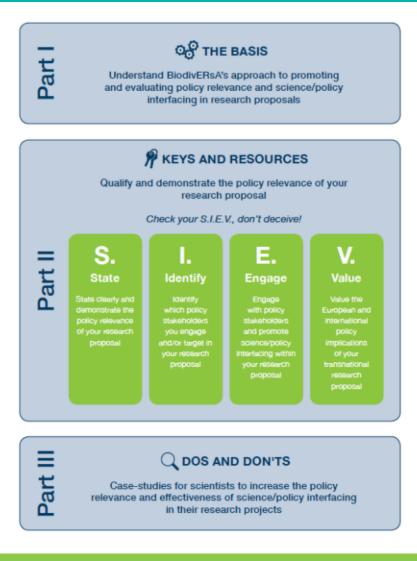
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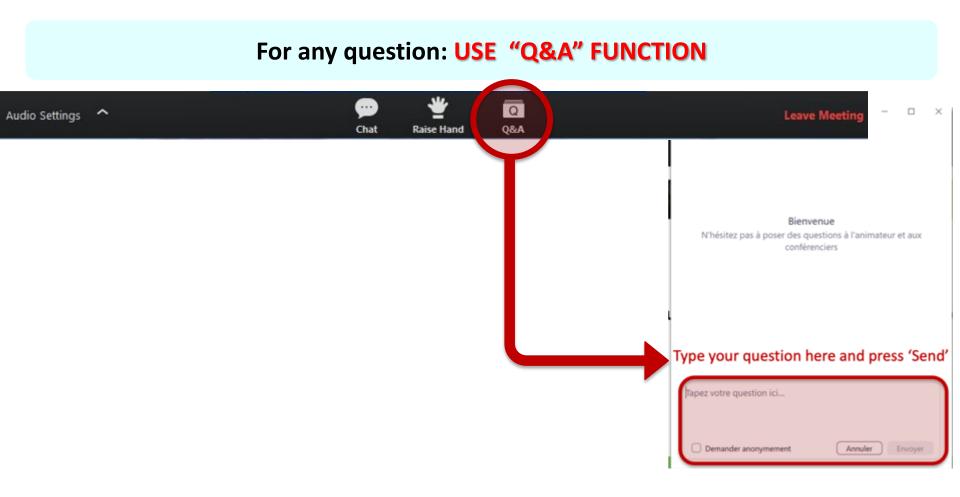


THE POLICY GUIDE aims at helping researchers to:

- Better understand what is policy relevance of research
- Be aware of what the criteria are for evaluating policy relevance of research in BiodivERsA calls
- Be able to more efficiently identify the most relevant policies and policy-making bodies for a given research project







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Topic and scientific content of the call

THEMATIC SESSION 3

CALL PROCESS & ELIGIBILITY RULES



<u>STEP 1</u>: Mandatory submission of pre-proposals through the online platform (EPSS)

!! Applicants cannot enter the procedure at a later stage **!!**

- Eligibility check
- If more than ca. 110 pre-proposals are received: First evaluation by an independent evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
 - *i.* fit to the scope of the call
 - *ii.* scientific excellence (with a focus on novelty of the research proposed)
 - *iii.* societal and policy impact
- **<u>STEP 2</u>**: Applicants invited to step 2 have to **submit a full proposal via the EPSS**
 - Eligibility check
 - Evaluation by external reviewers and an independent evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
 - i. Excellence
 - *ii.* Quality and efficiency of the implementation
 - iii. Impact

CONSULT THE INDICATIVE PRE-PROPOSAL and FULL-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORMS: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/1793/download</u> OR <u>http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore</u>



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5 October 2020:	Official launch of the call to submit !!	
7 December 2020, 16:00 CET (local time in Brussels):	Deadline for submitting pre-proposals	
Between 8-15 January 2021:	 First eligibility check by the Call Secretariat & FCPs ➢ Eligible pre-proposals are invited to submit full proposals 	
15 March 2021, 16:00 CET (local time in Brussels):	Deadline for submitting full proposals	
Late March 2021:	Second quick eligibility check completed by Call Secretariat & FCPs	
Late June 2021:	EvC meeting ➤ Ranked list of proposals established by the Evaluation Committee (EvC)	
September 2021:	 Recommendation for funding projects by the CSC ➢ Results communicated to applicants (together with EvC feedbacks) 	
December 2021:	Earliest possible start of funded projects	
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GENERAL CALL SCHEDULE

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4 January 2021:	First eligibility check completed by Call Secretariat & FCPs	
Early March 2021:	 After EvC and CSC meetings: ➤ Selected applicants are invited to submit full proposals. 	
3 May 2021, 16:00 CEST (local time in Brussels):	Deadline for submitting full proposals	
17 May 2021 max:	Second quick eligibility check completed by Call Secretariat & FCPs	
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Call process & eligibility rules

Consortium composition:

- Scientific teams will be invited to form transnational research consortia with teams from minimum 3 different countries participating in the call
 - In addition, part of the eligible Partners, at least two must be from different EU Member States or Associated Countries (AC) participating in the call.

Country / Organization	Туре	National Funding Contribution
Austria - FWF	EU	1.000.000
Belgium - BelSPO	EU	300.000
Belgium - F.R.SFNRS	EU	200.000
Belgium - FWO	EU	700.000
Brazil - CONFAP	non-EU	1.588.000
Bulgaria - BNSF	EU	230.000
Czech Republic - TACR	EU	300.000
Denmark - IFD	EU	1.000.000
Estonia - ETAG	EU	200.000
Finland - AKA	EU	850.000
France - ANR	EU	2.000.000
Germany - DFG	EU	1.500.000
Germany - DLR	EU	2.000.000
Ireland - EPA	EU	500.000
Latvia - VIAA	EU	400.000
Lithuania - RCL	EU	100.000
Moldova - NARD	Associated country	200.000
Morocco - MENFPESRS	non-EU	400.000
Netherlands - LNV	EU	300.000
Norway - RCN	Associated country	1.400.000
Poland - NCN	EU	500.000
Portugal - FCT	EU	500.000
Portugal - FRCT (Azores)	EU	200.000
Romania - UEFISCDI	EU	500.000
Slovakia - SAS	EU	240.000
South Africa - WRC	non-EU	130.000
Spain - AEI	EU	1.000.000
Sweden - SEPA	EU	500.000
Switzerland - SNSF	Associated country	CHF 1.500.000
Taiwan - MOST	non-EU	500.000
Tunisia - MHESR	Associated country	200.000





Project duration: 3 years

Other general eligibility rules:

- The project coordinator is eligible and employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call.
- The project coordinator (person in charge) can only participate as coordinator in one proposal of this call. Apart from the position of coordinator, applicants can participate in several proposals (as long as this is in line with their funding organisation's eligibility rules);
- Proposals must be written in **English**.
- The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country.



Funding organisations' financial rules and eligibitility criteria

Each National / regional Funding Organisation funds its own national / regional team

I Applicants thus have to comply with their funding organisations' eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items)

Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules !!

Consult the updated Funding Organisations' rules and Funding Organisations' Contact Points here:

https://www.biodiversa.org/1645

OR

<u>http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrestore-fcp.pdf</u> <u>http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrest-fo-rules-final-v7.pdf</u>



Call process & eligibility rules

Looking for a Partner for a Project you would like to submit? OR Looking for a Project to join?

• Use the **BiodivRestore Partner Search Tool**

You simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the online platform (in English)

Link: <u>https://proposals.etag.ee/biodivrestore/partner-search</u>

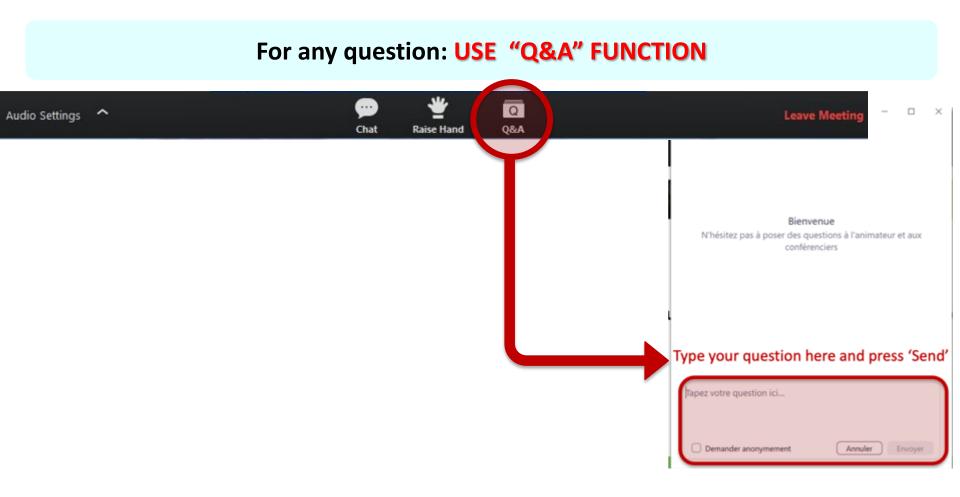
* Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants

Have a look at the forms submitted through a user-friendly search function: search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria: country, discipline, keywords

• Join the Water JPI Researchers Forum on LinkedIn







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GENERAL INFORMATION

!! Please carefully read all

documents !!

Lots of resources available online

Consult the CALL DOCUMENT containing the following information:

- Announcement of Opportunity (call text)
- Pre-proposal application form (for information; to be accessed via EPSS platform)
- Full Proposal application form (for information; to be accessed via EPSS platform in Step 2)
- Checklist for applicants
- Data policy
- Assessment criteria
- Conflict of Interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure policy.

http://biodiversa.org/2020_2021_call OR http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore

Consult the list of Funding Organisations contact points and rules

http://www.biodiversa.org/1645 OR http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrestore-

<u>fcp.pdf</u>

http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrest-fo-rules-final-v7.pdf

Check our FAQ

To be published soon on both BiodivERsA & Water-JPI websites



OTHER RESOURCES

Example of funded projects

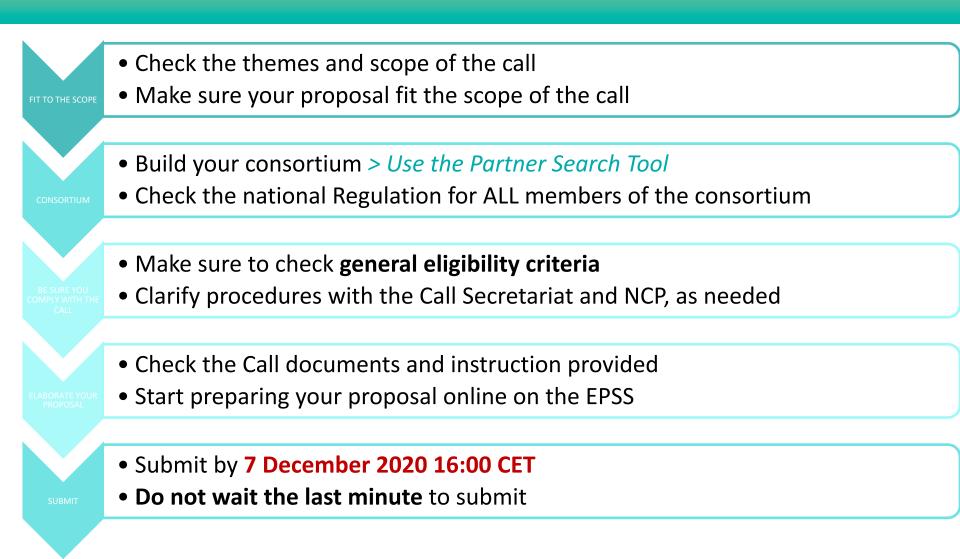
- Check the video produced within the context of the BiodivERsA Prize: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/1550</u>
- Have a look at the description of past projects in the pages of our calls
 - BiodivERsA : <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/75</u>

To help you in the preparation of your proposal

- BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/stakeholderengagement</u>
- BiodivERsA Guide on policy relevance of research projects: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/1543</u>
- Guidance document on **data management**, open data, and the production of Data Management Plans: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/1677/download</u>



LAST ADVICES





Thank you for your participation! & All the best with the preparation of your application!

Find out more about the call:

http://biodiversa.org/2020_2021_call

http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-calls/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore

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National/Regional Contact Points: <u>http://www.biodiversa.org/1645</u>; <u>http://www.waterjpi.eu/joint-call-2020-biodivrestore/biodivrestore-fcp.pdf</u>

Technical helpdesk for the online platform (EPSS): <u>epss.biodivrestore@g.etag.ee</u>



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