



**BiodivERsA 2018 Call on
“Biodiversity and its impact on animal, human and
plant health”**

INFORMATION WEBINAR

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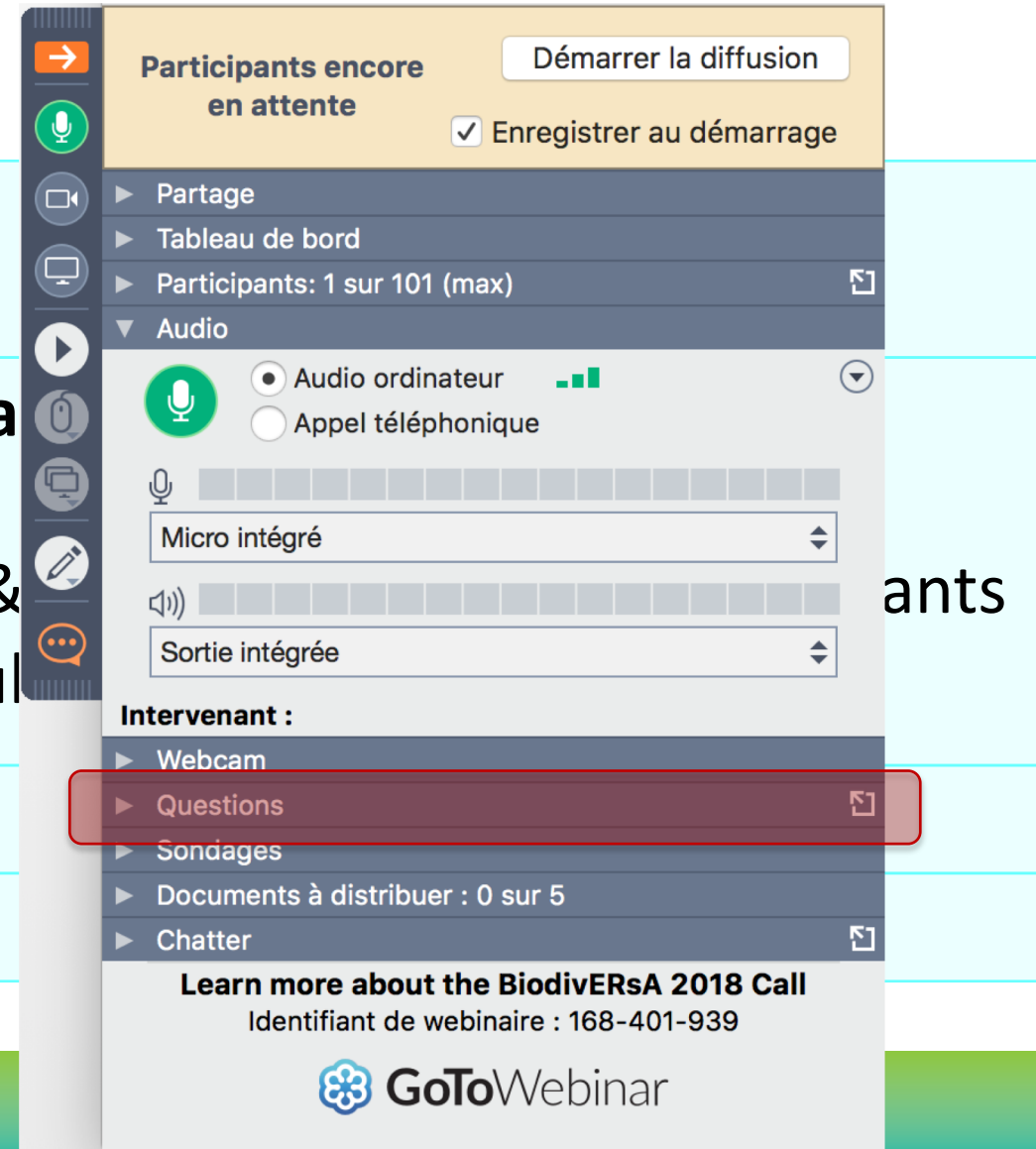
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- **Xavier Le Roux**, BiodivERsA Coordinator & CEO

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- ▶ Partage
- ▶ Tableau de bord
- ▶ Participants: 1 sur 101 (max)
- ▼ Audio
 - ☒ Audio ordinateur
 - ☐ Appel téléphonique
- Micro intégré
- Sortie intégrée
- Intervenant :**
 - ▶ Webcam
 - ▶ **Questions**
 - ▶ Sondages
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 - ▶ Chatter

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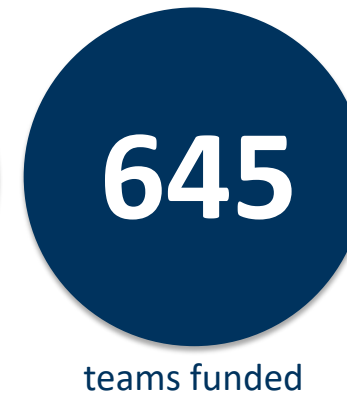
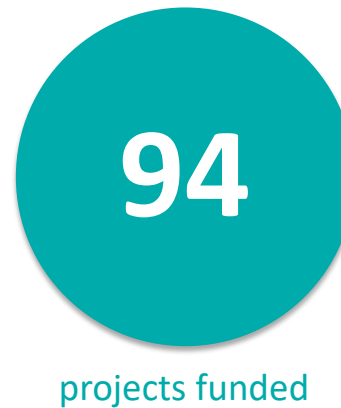
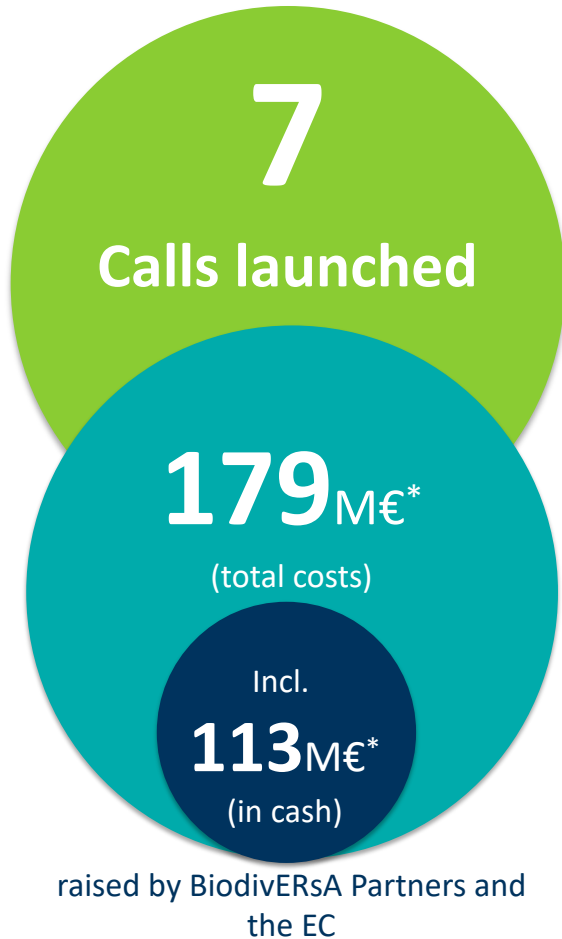
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BiodivERsA: the network of organisations programming and funding research on biodiversity, ecosystem services and Nature-based Solutions in Europe



For the 2018 call:



** Based on success rate in past BiodivERsA calls*

How does an ERA-Net work?

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

...

Funding Organisation #N



One joint Call – 2 Actions (A & B)

With one joint (international) evaluation per Action

- One ranking list per Action
- Funding of the best top projects



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SESSION 1

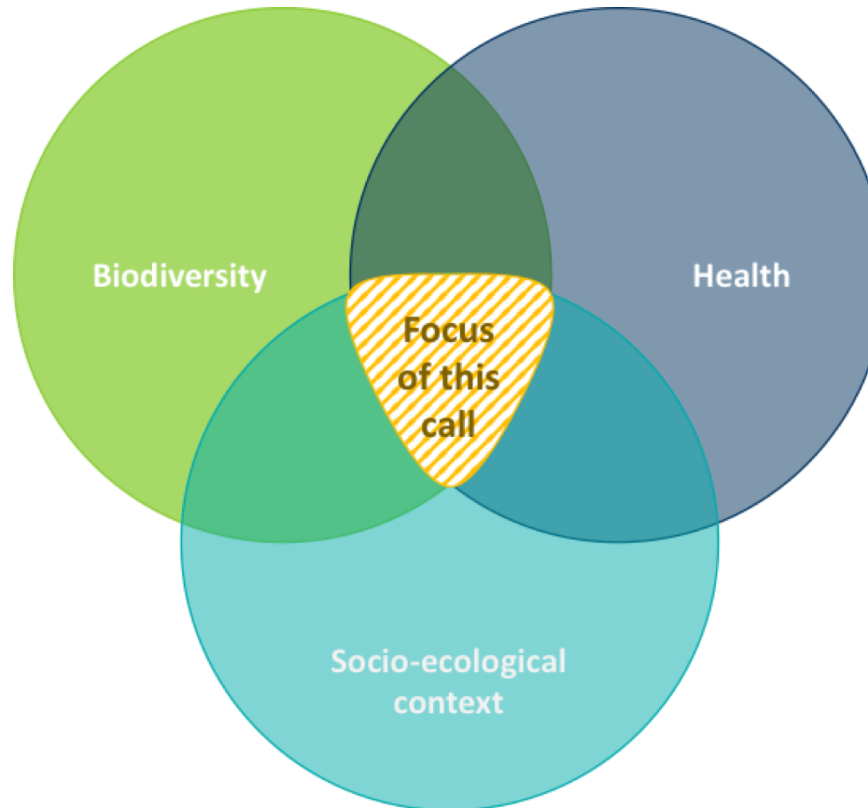
CALL TOPIC

CALL TOPIC “Biodiversity and its influence on animal, human and plant health”

- Support **transnational research projects at the nexus of biodiversity and health** and properly taking into account socio-ecological contexts

CBD Definition

“the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter-alia, terrestrial, marine and their aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species, and of ecosystems”



- **Animal, human and/or plant health;**
- For human health: can cover transmissible, infectious diseases, as well as non-communicable diseases, and well-being.

- **All environments**



SESSION 1

CALL TOPIC

What this call is not about:

- Projects addressing **only biodiversity issues or only health issues** will not be considered within the scope of the call.



Applicants have to clearly demonstrate in their proposal how they **make explicit (i.e. qualify and/or quantify) biodiversity aspects and animal, human and/or plant health aspects in tandem**

For instance:

- ❖ For the 'biodiversity' aspect, in a project studying the human health outcomes of urban biodiversity, **characterizing a space as 'green' without quantifying biodiversity in this space would be insufficient** to demonstrate the role of some facets of biodiversity in this space for human health; engaging with ecologists in addition to other experts, e.g. public health specialists and urban planners, would be needed to address this issue.
- ❖ Regarding the 'health' aspect, in a project focusing on the role of biodiversity on infectious diseases affecting some wild animal species, **characterizing only genetic/species/ecosystem diversity and the abundances of vectors or hosts would be insufficient**; meaningfully engaging with, e.g., epidemiologists and animal health scientists would be needed.



This call **strongly favours cross/inter-disciplinary** collaborations and synergies in order to break down traditional disciplinary silos and foster novel research topics.



SESSION 1

TWO ACTIONS

➤ 2 Actions – 2 TYPES OF RESEARCH FUNDED

ACTION A: Classic collaborative research projects	ACTION B: Synthesis research projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather different research teams• Produce new primary data (e.g., through observational and/or experimental work)• Generate new knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather <u>individuals</u> forming a working group• Do not collect or produce new primary data BUT perform research and answer research questions using existing data sets➤ Core activity: synthesizing and/or analyzing existing data (synthesizing concepts and ideas is also eligible)

!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!

- **Funding Organisations can participate in Action A or B only, or both.** Carefully check in which Action your Funding Organisation is involved.
- Applicants have to **clearly indicate if their proposal is submitted as part of Action A or B**
- If allowed by their Funding Organisations' rules, applicants have the possibility to **apply to both Actions**. They however have to submit distinct proposals under Action A and B.



SESSION 1

SPECIFICITIES OF ACTION B

TYPE OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED: synthesis research projects

- **No collection or production of new primary data** – analysis of existing data set to generate new knowledge
 - Explain why the working group members share expertise and have (or have access to) data to address specific questions relevant to the topic of the call
- Projects of **2 to 3 years**

FORMAT OF THE CONSORTIUM:

- Include **one post doc for 2 years**
- Average size of consortia: **10 to 15 participants**. Groups of more than 15 individuals are not allowed.
- Each group is expected to meet (i) once or twice every year, and (ii) for 4 to 5 full working days up to two weeks each time.

EXPECTED PROJECTS OUTPUTS:

- **scientific publications** of high standard and other products
- Other deliverables such as organising an international workshop, a training session, participating in lectures, producing white papers and policy briefs, etc., are welcome.



SESSION 1

CALL THEMES

The Call addresses the following major themes:

- ❖ **T1: Relationship between biological diversity and animal, human and/or plant health:** effects and underlying mechanisms
- ❖ **T2:** Understanding and predicting the **integrated effects of global change factors on biodiversity-related health issues**
- ❖ **T3: Valuing/qualifying biodiversity benefits to animal, human and plant health,** and promoting health-friendly biodiversity status as well as biodiversity-based health status

+ Focus on **biodiversity-health relations in European overseas** (for areas eligible to this call)

- Applicants have to address the above-mentioned theme(s), but including a European overseas dimension in term of the issues addressed, models/systems/areas covered, and stakeholders considered in their project.
- Projects should involve research teams from both ORs and OCTs and mainland.

➡ **All proposals have to address at least one theme**

!! RESTRICTIONS !!

- **For Action A or B, projects addressing Theme 1 should also address Theme 2 and/or Theme 3.** This should be also taken into account by projects relevant for Theme 4.
- **Projects focusing on the role of plant/animal/human microbiome for their health can apply under Action B only.** They won't be eligible for Action A

➤ CONSULT THE **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY** FOR MORE INFO: <http://www.biodiversa.org/1484>

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SESSION 2

TYPES OF RESEARCH FUNDED

ACTION A: Classic collaborative research projects	ACTION B: Synthesis research projects NEW ACTION IN BIODIVERSA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium size projects • 1-1.2M€ (on average) • 5 Partners (on average) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget size: ~200,000€ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ca. 100,000€ for group functioning • + 2 years post-doc (costs depend on your country) • ~10-12 Individuals (max. 15)

➤ Evaluation criteria:

ACTION A: Classic collaborative research projects	ACTION B: Synthesis research projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Excellence • Quality and efficiency of the implementation • Expected impact and stakeholder engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific excellence, including quality of synthesis activities • Quality and complementarity of the working group • Quality and efficiency of the project implementation • Societal and policy relevance and expected project outcomes



SESSION 2

TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

Projects are expected to:

- **Scientifically excellent**
- Be **multi-disciplinary**, where relevant
- Demonstrate a **transnational added value**
- Be **trans-disciplinary**

- ❖ **Engage stakeholders**

Consult the **BiodivERsA Stakeholder engagement Handbook**:

<http://www.biodiversa.org/stakeholderengagement>

- ❖ **Demonstrate political / societal relevance**

Consult the **BiodivERsA Guide for policy relevance of research projects** (available soon – from Oct. 15th. Register here if you want to receive a copy:

<https://biodiversa1.typeform.com/to/ytecRj>)

SESSION 2

SPECIFICITIES OF ACTION B

USE SYNTHESIS CENTRES TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT YOUR PROJECT?

Efficient implementation of synthesis research projects supported under this call require a range of **specific services**.


These services can be provided by specific infrastructures having a particular expertise in this domain, such sDiv (DE), cesab (FR), GGBC (SE)

They consist mainly in providing:

- the time and environment for focussed thinking;
- active management of social dynamics to promote the development of teams;
- support and advice to facilitate data and information sharing;
- cutting edge computing, data management and informatics support;
- organisational flexibility to respond to emerging needs;
- support for students, post-doctoral, and sabbatical fellows

CESAB
CENTRE FOR THE SYNTHESIS AND ANALYSIS
OF BIODIVERSITY



sDiv | synthesis centre of  **iDiv**

- During the application phase (both pre-proposal and full proposal), you will have to **indicate in your proposal the synthesis services you would need during the implementation of your projects**, using this pre-defined list of services.



SESSION 2

SPECIFICITIES OF ACTION B

HOW TO BUILD A BUDGET FOR ACTION B?

You are highly recommended to include the following costs in your project, as they are essential for the implementation of synthesis activity:

- Personnel costs for **one post-doctoral fellow for a 2-years duration**
 - The costs related to the post-doc should be **attached to the host organization of the coordinator**.
- Expenses related to the **participation to working group meetings**
 - These costs should be computed according to the working group composition and number/duration of meetings
- **Subcontract costs for synthesis services**
 - Per project, you may request **30,000€ up to 50,000€** for these services, depending on your needs and the activities planned in your project
 - These costs will be **generated according to the number of group meeting days in synthesis centres planned** (one week of meeting corresponds to 8,300€)
 - These costs are to be divided equally among group members.

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Call process

- **STEP 1: Mandatory submission of pre-proposals** through the online platform (EPSS)
 - Applicants cannot enter the procedure at a later stage
 - Eligibility check
 - Possibly, first evaluation by an independent evaluation panel according to the following criteria:
 - i. fit to the scope of the call
 - ii. novelty of the research
 - iii. transnational added value.
- **STEP 2:** Applicants invited to step 2 have to **submit a full proposal via the EPSS**
 - Evaluation by external reviewers and an independent evaluation panel



General eligibility criteria

Scientific teams will be invited to form transnational research consortia with :

- ❖ For Action A: teams from **minimum 3 countries participating in the Action**
- ❖ For Action B: group members from **minimum 5 countries participating in the Action**

!! No changes of partners or group members allowed between pre-proposal and full proposal stages **!!**

FOR COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL:

- Cannot be funded by BiodivERsA;
- Can participate but as **self-financed Partners**: they will have to provide evidence of support;
- **Cannot be coordinator** of a project;
- Partners from countries not participating in the call are **not counted in the minimum number of countries needed** in a project to be eligible.

Participating countries

16 funding organisations from 12 countries...
...reserved amount of 10 to 12M€

May fund teams from other countries of the Caribbean region

Country	Agency	Action A CLASSIC	Action B SYNTHESIS
Austria	FWF	Y	Y
Belgium	FWO	Y	N
Belgium	BELSPO*	Y	Y
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	Y	N
Bulgaria	BNSF	Y	Y
Estonia	ETAG	Decision pending	Decision pending
France	ANR	Y	Y
France	GUA-REG	Y	Y
Germany	PT-DLR	Y	Y
Germany	DFG	Y	Y
Ireland	Irish EPA	Y	Y
Lithuania	RCL	Y	N
Poland	NCN	Y	Y
Romania	UEFISCDI	Y	N
Slovakia	SAS	Y	Y
Switzerland	SNSF	Y	N

* Pending final decision



Funding organisations' financial rules and eligibility criteria

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



!! 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 **!!**

➤ Funding Organisations' rules and list of Funding Organisations' Contact Point available here:

<http://www.biodiversa.org/1490>



BiodivERsA Partner Search Tool

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

Looking for a Project to join?

Use the BiodivERsA Partner Search Tool

You simply have to fill in a Partner / Project Search form on the following platform:

<https://proposals.etag.ee/biodiversa2018/partner-search>

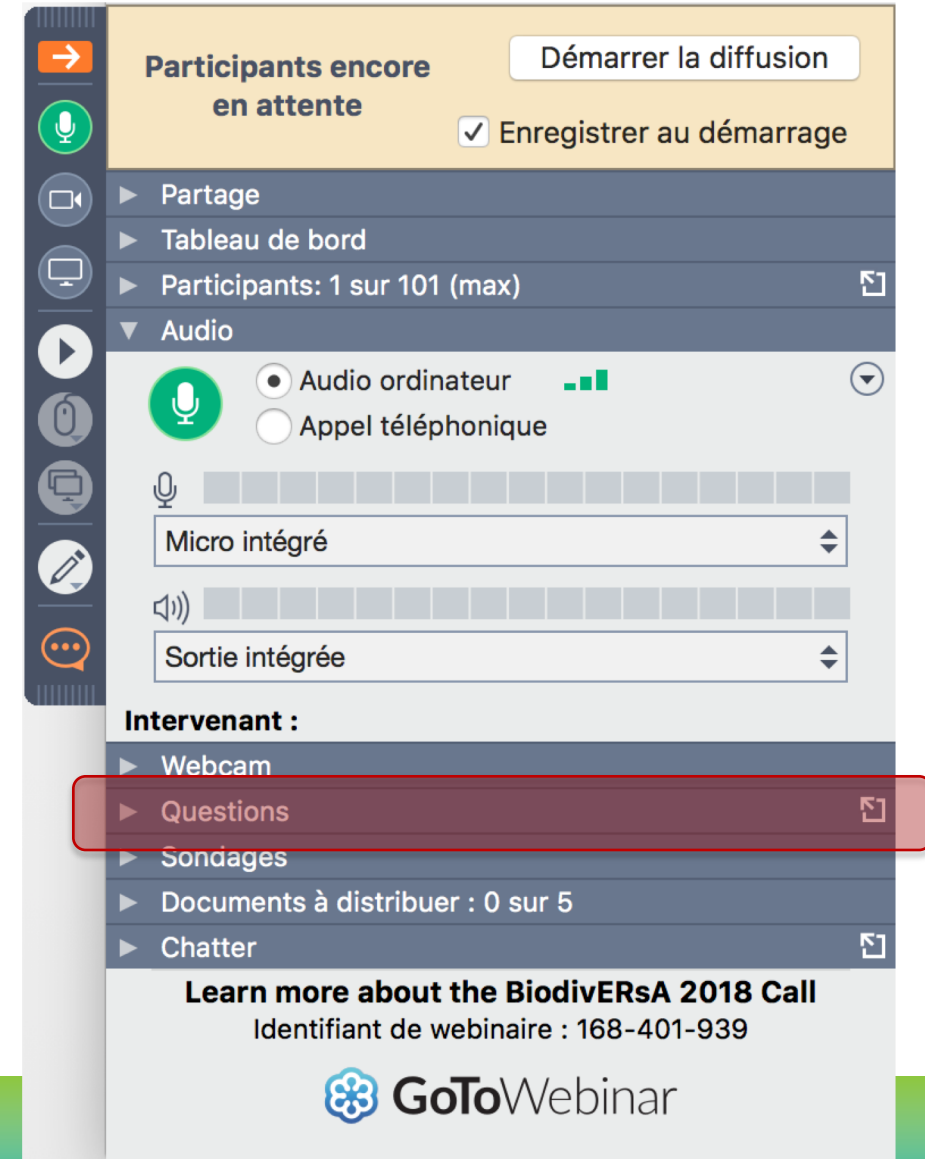
- ❖ Your form will be visible on the platform and you may be contacted by other applicants
- ❖ Have a look at the forms submitted through a **user-friendly search function**: search for partners or projects to join on the platform according to different criteria: country, discipline, keywords

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Q&A sessions

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Call Schedule & next Steps

The schedule of the call may vary according to the number of pre-proposals received per Action and the evaluation process applied:

NEXT STEP

Deadline for submitting pre-proposal

16th November 2018, 16:00 CET

Invitation to submit full proposals if your pre-proposal is eligible

BETWEEN
10-14th of December 2018
& End January

Deadline for submitting full proposals

BETWEEN
8th February 2019, 16:00 CET
& 15 March 2019, 16:00 CET

Recommendation for funding projects by the CSC

BETWEEN
Late June 2019
& September 2019

Earliest possible start of funded projects

BETWEEN
October 2019
& November 2019

Latest possible start of funded projects

March 2020

**!! Do not wait
the last minute
to submit !!**



General information

Lots of resources available online on the BiodivERsA website

<http://www.biodiversa.org/1489>

!! Please carefully read all the documents !!

- ❖ Complete announcement of opportunity
- ❖ Indicative pre-registration and full proposals forms
 - !! Different forms for Action A and B !!
 - ❖ Detailed assessment criteria
- ❖ Funding Organisations eligibility rules
 - ❖ And more...

Check also our **FAQ**

All the best with the preparation of your application!





Thank you for your participation!

Find out more about the call:

www.biodiversa.org/2018-call

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