

PESC – RESPIN

Joint Meeting Programme

10th–13th March 2025



Residence Palace, Brussels, Belgium

The Pan-European stakeholder consultation (PESC) for IPBES from the ECA Network and the European project RESPIN joint meeting will provide opportunities for:

- Networking and exchange among stakeholders in the field of biodiversity and climate change, in the Europe and Central Asia region.
- Promoting stakeholders' engagement in IPBES and IPCC processes.
- Strengthening collaboration on biodiversity and climate research at the pan-European level.

Expected outputs

- Better understanding of IPBES and IPCC processes and opportunities.
- Shared experience and strategies on contributing to the IPBES and IPCC processes.
- Knowledge exchange regarding interlinkages of biodiversity and climate change, information on capacity building opportunities for knowledge holders and forms of engagement.

Monday 10th March - Introduction to the event

Auditorium

Time	Topic	Speaker
13.00 - 14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration & coffee• Poster set up	
14.00 - 14.05	Opening remarks	Hilde Eggermont (INBO)
14.05 - 14.15	Presentation of PESC – ECA network	Axel Paulsch (IBN)
14.15 - 14.25	Presentation of EU Horizon projects	Nathalie Morata (FRB)
14.25 - 14.40	Presentation of RESPIN	Yves Zinngrebe (UfZ)
14.40 - 15.00	Presentation of the event	Divija Jata (Belspo), Marie-Claire Danner (FRB)
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30 - 16.00	Introduction to IPBES	David Gonzalez (IPBES Secretariat)
16.00 - 16.30	Introduction to IPCC	Geritt Hansen (Senior Advisor IPCC WGI TSU)
16.30 - 17.00	Getting to know the participants	Coline Léandre (FRB), Marie-Claire Danner (FRB)
17.00 - 19.00	Cocktail & poster session (see list at the end)	

Tuesday 11th March - Interactive sessions

You do not need to register to the session in advance and chose to go to the session you prefer.

Time	Topic	Room
09.00 - 09.30	Registration	
09.30 - 09.40	Introduction to the day - Divija Jata (Belspo), Marie-Claire Danner (FRB)	Auditorium
09.45 - 10.45	<p>Parallel Session 1 – IPBES Process and Opportunities for National Focal Points</p> <p>Facilitator: Axel Paulsch (IBN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPBES process and Opportunities for National Focal Points - David Gonzalez (IPBES Secretariat) Stakeholder engagement and capacity building – Diem Hong Tran (IPBES Capacity Building TSU) Case study - Helena Freitas (NFP Portugal) 	Auditorium
09.45 - 10.45	<p>Parallel Session 2 – IPBES Process and Opportunities for Experts</p> <p>Facilitators: Marie-Claire Danner (FRB), Coline Léandre (FRB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPBES process and Opportunities for Experts and how to take part in the Second Global Assessment - Marie-Claire Danner (FRB) Benefits and costs for an expert to take part – Andras Baldi (Hungarian Platform) Case study – Yves Zinngrebe (UfZ) 	Passage
09.45 - 10.45	<p>Parallel Session 3 – IPCC Process and Opportunities for National Focal Points</p> <p>Facilitator: Nathalie Morata (FRB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPCC process and opportunities for National Focal Points - Phillippe Tulkens (European Commission) Stakeholder engagement and capacity building - Geritt Hansen (Senior Advisor IPCC WGI TSU) Case study - Sebastian Koenig (NFP Switzerland) 	Malbaek
09.45 - 10.45	<p>Parallel Session 4 – IPCC Process and Opportunities for Experts</p> <p>Facilitators: Yamini Yogya (UfZ), Nastja Elst (Belspo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPCC process and opportunities for Expert and how to take part in reports - Christiane Textor (German Aerospace Center) Benefits and costs for an expert to take part– Svitlana Krakovska (NFP Ukraine) Case study – Frank McGovern (expert Ireland) 	Salon
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 - 12.15	<p>Discussion Session 1 – IPBES Process and Opportunities for National Focal Points</p> <p>Facilitator: Axel Paulsch (IBN)</p> <p>Fishbowl discussion on capacity building needs, cooperation between experts and National Focal Points, how to engage stakeholders, etc.</p>	Auditorium
11.15 - 12.15	<p>Discussion Session 2 – IPBES Process and Opportunities for Experts</p> <p>Facilitator: Marie-Claire Danner (FRB)</p> <p>Fishbowl discussion on capacity building needs, how to find time and funding to participate as an expert, how to convince the institution, etc.</p>	Passage
11.15 - 12.15	<p>Discussion Session 3 – IPCC Process and Opportunities for National Focal Points</p> <p>Facilitator: Nathalie Morata (FRB)</p> <p>Fishbowl discussion on capacity building needs, cooperation between experts and National Focal Points, how to incorporate other type of knowledge, etc.</p>	Malbaek

11.15 - 12.15	Discussion Session 4 – IPCC Process and Opportunities for Experts Facilitators: Yamini Yogya (UfZ), Nastja Elst (Belspo) Fishbowl discussion on capacity building needs, how to find time and funding to participate as an expert, how to convince the institution, etc.	Salon
12.15 - 13.45	Lunch	
13.45 – 14.45	Interactive Session 1 - IPBES Transformative Change Assessment Facilitators: Yves Zinngrebe (UfZ), Axel Paulsch (IBN) How to make assessments relevant to policy landscape? Which actors will have to receive information on transformative change? What formats would be useful to inform them?	Auditorium
13.45 – 14.45	Interactive Session 2 - Biodiversa+ Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation: a clash of words on tough choices (Part 1) Facilitator: Biodiversa+ BiodivClim Knowledge Hub This interactive session throws the attendees straight into the spotlight for a lively, debate-style showdown. Together, we will spar over thought-provoking motions that explore the potential of nature-based solutions to address both the climate and biodiversity crises. The session features two "match rounds", each with a fresh set of motions and a short break to catch your breath in between.	Passage
13.45 – 14.45	Interactive Session 3 - Raising awareness of IPBES and IPCC findings Facilitator: Kaisa Korhonen-Kurki (Syke) How IPBES /IPCC findings are reflected in the policies and how to improve the knowledge uptake in policy?	Malbaek
13.45 – 14.45	Interactive Session 4 - Raising awareness of IPBES and IPCC processes as National Focal Point Facilitators: Jennifer Hauck (CoKnow), Claire Brown (UNEP-WCMC) If you could design factsheets and a course about how to engage as an expert in IPBES and IPCC, what would it look like? Discussion around key questions: How to find experts? How to motivate experts to get and stay engaged?	Salon
14:45 – 14:55	Session change	
14.55 -15.55	Interactive Session 1 – How can IPBES and IPCC be stronger considered by existing information processes that inform policy and decision making? Facilitator: Alicia Pérez-Porro (CREAF) How knowledge processes currently operate in different countries? How can IPBES and IPCC inputs be adjusted to feed into existing knowledge processes?	Auditorium
14.55 -15.55	Interactive Session 2 – Biodiversa+ Nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation: a clash of words on tough choices (Part 2) Facilitator: Biodiversa+ BiodivClim Knowledge Hub See Part 1	Passage
14.55 -15.55	Interactive Session 3 – How can the information from reports be selected and presented to timely inform policy processes? Facilitators: Jennifer Hauck (CoKnow), Claire Brown (UNEP-WCMC) What format to use to encourage the use of assessment findings in policy processes? What can be criteria for selecting policy-relevant contents?	Malbaek
14.55 – 15.55	Closed Session 4: Interlinkages between EU Projects and initiatives Facilitator: Yves Zinngrebe (UfZ)	Salon
15.55 - 16.25	Coffee break	
16.25 – 17.00	Outcomes of breakout groups and schedule for next day	Auditorium

Wednesday 12th March - Interlinkages between Climate and Biodiversity

Auditorium

Time	Topic	Speaker
09.00 - 09.30	Registration	
09.30 - 09.35	Introduction to the day - Divija Jata (Belspo), Marie-Claire Danner (FRB)	
09.35 - 10.45	<p>Panel Discussion - Understanding the Interlinkages Between Biodiversity and Climate Change – The Current State of Play</p> <p>Facilitator: Nathalie Morata (FRB)</p> <p>Panelists: Belma Kalamujic Stoil (Biodiversity Expert, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Sebastian Koenig, (IPBES/IPCC Focal Point, Switzerland), Karin Zaunberger (European Commission)</p>	
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 - 12.15	<p>Panel Discussion - The Future of Biodiversity-Climate Interlinkages – Opportunities for Action and Innovation</p> <p>Facilitator: Alicia Pérez-Porro (CREAF)</p> <p>Panelists: Karin Zaunberger (European Commission), Roseline Remans (CGIAR, Belgium), Saso Gorjanc (IPOS)</p>	
12.15 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00	Excursion	

Thursday 13th March - Understanding Policy and uptake

Auditorium

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09.00 - 09.30	Registration	
09.30 - 09.35	Introduction to the day - Divija Jata (Belspo), Marie-Claire Danner (FRB)	
09.35 - 10.45	<p>Panel Discussion - National and subnational uptake</p> <p>Facilitator: Yves Zinngrebe (UfZ)</p> <p>Panelists: Ana Maria Hernandez (Independent), Eva Spehn (Swiss Academy of Sciences), Jennifer Hauck (CoKnow), Tamar Pataridze (Caucasus Nature Fund)</p>	
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 - 11.25	IUCN opportunities – Boris Erg (IUCN European Regional Office)	
11.25 - 11.40	Upcoming opportunities - Anna Heck (IPBES NFP Belgium)	
11.40 - 12.05	RESPIN Next steps - Yves Zinngrebe (UfZ)	
12.05 - 12.15	Closing remarks – Eva Spehn (Swiss Academy of Sciences)	

List of posters showcased on Monday 10th

Presentation on experience in biodiversity projects

Ahmadjon Akramov - NGO Youth Ecological Center Republic of Tajikistan

Droughts and traditional herding practices in the alpine pastures of Kyrgyzstan

Emil Akymbaev - Independent indigenous scholar and knowledge holder, Kyrgyzstan

Inequalities in regional representation of IPBES European work

András Báldi - HUN-REN Centre for Ecological Research, Hungary

Harnessing the Hungarian ecosystems' mapping and assessment results for novel scientific results

András Báldi - HUN-REN Centre for Ecological Research, Hungary

RO-ADAPT - a support web tool for climate adaptation

Roxana Bojariu, Roxana Burcea - National Meteorological Administration, Romania

How can I channel my science to impact conservation policy and practice? Scientific and stakeholder engagement with IUCN and IPBES

Laure Denos - International Union for Conservation of Nature

Uptake of IPBES results - Educational material

Lars Dinesen - IPBES in Denmark

Biodiversa+ - BiodivClim Knowledge Hub

Sonja Gantioler - Eurac Research

Regarding COP17 in Armenia

Ani Ghukasyan - Ministry of Environment, Armenia

Become an IPBES fellow

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Climate Change Projection of Türkiye

Erdogan Karaca - Directorate of Climate Change, Türkiye

Military impact on Protected areas of Ukraine in 2022-2024

Viktor Karamushka - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

Impact of hydropower and irrigation development on biodiversity in Central Asian Highlands under climate change.

Bakhtiyor Karimov - "Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers" National Research University (TIAME NRU), Uzbekistan

Creating a suitability map for solar power plant installation using geographic information systems: the case of Samsun province

Furkan Keskin - Directorate of Climate Change, Türkiye

CBD COP17 in Armenia

Karen Khachatryan - Ministry of Environment, Armenia

Cooperation between the scientific community and decision-makers in Ukraine to contribute to the IPCC
Svitlana Krakovska - Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute, National Antarctic Scientific Centre

Overview of IPCC-IPBES 2024 meeting in France
Coline Léandre - French Foundation for Research on Biodiversity

Activities addressed to reduce the risks of climate-driven disasters in Georgia
Irakli Megrelidze - National Environmental Agency, Georgia

CO-OP4CBD – COOPERATION FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY Strengthening Hungarian Contributions to the Convention on Biological Diversity
Tímea Németh - Hungarian Research Network, Centre for Ecological Research (HUNREN-CER)

Atmospheric circulation changes and their impact on some climatic elements in the area of the Balkan Peninsula.
Petar Nozharov - Climate, Atmosphere and Water Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Uptake of the IPBES transformative change assessment: practical guidance based on insights from the assessment
Roseline Remans - The Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (CGIAR) & glocolearning

Local (indigenous) indicators of climate change around Lake Ysyk-Kol
Aisuluu Samakova - Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan

A community of stakeholders and capacity building in Bulgaria under the IPBES topics.
Kalina Stoyanova - Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW), Bulgaria

Lake Ohrid - biodiversity and assessed threats
Orhideja Tasevska - PSI Hydrobiological Institute, Ohrid, North Macedonia

Ecosystem services approach in North Macedonia
Vlatko Trpeski - Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia

RESPIN - REinforcing Science-Policy INterfaces for integrated biodiversity and climate knowledge and policies
Yamini Yogya - Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ