

Save the date!

Biodiversity and Human Well-Being – Europe’s Role in Shaping Our Future

Virtual Transdisciplinary Conference | 25 – 27 January 2022



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Dear colleagues,

the central importance of sustainable use and protection of biological diversity for the further development of human well-being is increasingly recognised. However, implementation remains difficult and the erosion of biodiversity and natural capital continues to progress, as the global IPBES Report 2019 and the Dasgupta Review 2021 have made clear.

High expectations are therefore linked to the “post-2020 global biodiversity framework” which will be negotiated at the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of Parties (COP 15) in Kunming from October 11 onwards. On a European level, conservation and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity are key issues of the ambitious “Green Deal” proposed in 2019 aiming at a “donut economy” that respects planetary boundaries as well as social and human rights. However, are these high expectations justified or do we need to be more ambitious? More specifically:

- Analysed from a transdisciplinary, systemic perspective, are the post-2020 and the EU Green Deal framework sufficient to achieve a short-term reversal of the actual biodiversity loss necessary to safeguard human wellbeing?
- What role can or should transdisciplinary science and the various social actors play to stop and reverse biodiversity loss?

- How can synergies be created at the European and international scale, at the level of scientists and stakeholders, in order to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and thus contribute to improving human well-being?

To discuss and elucidate these questions, the BMBF Research Initiative for the Conservation of Biodiversity (Forschungsinitiative zum Erhalt der Artenvielfalt, FEaA), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), invites you to save the date for the transdisciplinary digital conference:

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To allow for a broad transdisciplinary discussion, the conference invites European scientists from all disciplines related to biodiversity, stakeholders from politics, society, economy and the media. More information on the program and speakers of the event will be available soon on our website www.feda.bio/en/.

You can already sign up to be informed about the registration opening and the final programme of the conference via e-mail here: <https://www.feda.bio/en/2022-conference/>

We look forward to welcoming you at the conference!

On behalf of the organizing committee,



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