

## Third call for pan-European research projects – ERA-net biodivERsA

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The European partners in the BiodivERsA network have joined efforts to organize and fund a Pan-European call for international research projects on **biodiversity dynamics: developing scenarios, identifying tipping points and improving resilience**.

The call will address the following themes, across all ecosystems and organisms:

- Developing integrated biodiversity scenarios
- Understanding and predicting biodiversity resilience and tipping points
- Decision support for biodiversity policy and management

*To be eligible for the theme “a) developing integrated biodiversity scenarios”, projects should aim at developing scenarios, i.e. exploring plausible future trajectories of biodiversity. Modelling approaches aiming exclusively at better understanding biodiversity dynamics without scenario development are excluded.*

Altogether, 10 countries have confirmed their participation in this transnational programme: Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and Turkey and **Belgium**. The total provisional amount of the call is over 6 M€ for which **Belspo contributes with an indicative budget of 500,000 €**.

Scientific teams from these 10 countries will be invited to form transnational research consortia with a total of at least 3 different countries participating in the call, and to submit **proposals before the 16th of February 2012**. Nevertheless, a mandatory pre-registration of the projects (title, summary, consortium and preliminary budget figures) will have to be done before **the 15th of December 2011**.

The research proposals will be evaluated against criteria of scientific excellence and policy relevance. It is also expected that the European scope of the projects will provide a clearly identified added value to the research carried out.

More information

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