



- Building the **European Biodiversity Observation Network**

First EU BON Stakeholder Round Table

- Requirements for Policy -

Place: Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels

Date: 18 June 2013

Format: 1-day workshop, 11:00 – 16:00 o'clock

Intention

A main obstacle to reach the 2010 biodiversity goals and to implement the European Biodiversity Strategy is the lacking integration of biodiversity aspects into political, economic, and management decisions in different sectors mainly due to knowledge gaps. EU BON will provide access to sound data sources and scientific knowledge that is reliable, relevant, up-to-date, and publicly available. Europe maintains substantial capacities to generate and manage such knowledge and to provide data relevant to assessing and managing our biological resources. These capacities concern research and technology development, tools for information management and infrastructure, and procedures for the development and implementation of well-informed environmental policies.

In order to meet the demands of the main political stakeholders in the EU, in this workshop an overview of the project will be given and first results will be shown summarized in the first show case which is dealing with datasets in relation to political targets and indicators. In addition, the idea how the science–policy/management interface can function for example via the planned European Biodiversity Portal will be presented and the requirements for policy (political administration) discussed.

Results of this first stakeholder round table will be documented and passed back to the project in order to increase its relevance. Next stakeholder round tables can be used to evaluate the progress of the project with regard to serving the demands of EC, EEA, GEO BON, IPBES, JRC and other stakeholders.

Agenda

11:00

Welcome

11:10

General overview of EU BON and its targets

Christoph Häuser (Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, EU BON Coordinator)

11:30

Expectations from the EC

Jane Shiel (Scientific Officer at European Commission DG Research; tbd)

12:00 Gap-analysis with regard to the European Biodiversity Strategy and its indicators

Urmas Kõljalg (University Tartu)

Cristina Secades (UNEP-WCMC)

Alberto Arroyo Schnell (WWF tbd)

Discussion

13:00 Lunch

13:45

The contribution of EU BON to support the EC with regard to IPBES

Paul Leadley (IPBES MEP member, requested)

Patricia Mergen (EU BON Biodiversity Portal)

Anne Teller or Julie Raynal (EC Environmen, tbd)

Discussion

14:45 Perspectives for citizen science

Veljo Runnel (University Tartu)

Cigdem Adem (EEA)

Discussion

15:30

Resume (Expectations for EU BON from European Policy Bodies)

16:00

End of event

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