



# First International Workshops for CBD National Focal Points

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# CO-OP4CBD project



## Mission

Strengthen the science-policy interface to support the effective engagement with CBD processes within Europe.



## Goal

Enhance coordination within the EU in advancing the implementation of the CBD by harnessing effectively the knowledge of EU experts.

# The team behind CO-OP4CBD

**Nine project partners from 5 EU member states,  
Norway and the United Kingdom.**

**A European network of renowned professionals**  
from the academic and non-academic sectors from  
diverse backgrounds.



# Objectives and way forward in addressing relevant challenges within the CBD (project Task 1.1)

Overall aim: Identify and prioritize issues for CBD NFPs in EU Member States and Associated countries, to address challenges within the CBD and its implementation

Detect knowledge needs relevant for the CBD agenda

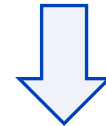
Prioritize knowledge needs

Identify best formats for expert support to CBD delegations

*Potentially identify new and emerging issues*



- Two rounds of workshops with NFPs: March 2023 and February 2024
- Online surveys
- Cooperation with existing processes (e.g., Vilm, WPIEI)



**Comprehensive publicly available report with the outcomes of this process: [November 2024](#)**

# First international workshops for CBD NFPs

- Two days - identical agenda: **24 and 27 March 2023**
- Organized by **NINA and Syke**, with support of CER, UNEP WCMC, RBINS
- **Aim:** Identification of CBD-relevant knowledge needs and best formats for expert support
- Target group: **CBD NFPs and SBSTTA NFPs**
- **50 participants** from 20 EU Member States and Associated countries + EC
- Geographically determined **working groups** (CEE-EU, 2xCEE-AC, Northern Europe, Western Europe)



**AGENDA**

International workshop for CBD National Focal Points: Identification of CBD-relevant knowledge needs and best formats for expert support

**Online, 24 March 2023**

Please join the workshop at the following Teams link:  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 330 610 507 965; Passcode: mY2KY

Time (CET)	Topic
9:45-10:00	Registered participants join the event. Please feel free to turn on the camera.
10:00-10:05	Welcome and housekeeping rules
10:05-10:15	Co-operation for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CO-OP4CBD), EU Horizon project
10:15-10:20	Distribution to Working Groups
10:20-11:45	<b>Working Group sessions</b>
10:20-10:35	Introductory discussion
10:35-11:05	Topic 1: Recurring issues Assessing knowledge needs before and during the negotiations
11:05-11:35	Topic 2: New and emerging issues Assessing knowledge needs before and during the negotiations
11:35-11:45	Best formats for expert support in CBD processes
11:45-12:00	<b>Plenary session:</b> Reporting from Working Group sessions and Closing the workshop

  
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**AGENDA**

International workshop for CBD National Focal Points: Identification of CBD-relevant knowledge needs and best formats for expert support

**Online, 27 March 2023**

Please join the workshop at the following Teams link:  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)  
 Meeting ID: 337 039 569 719; Passcode: k1RNvG

Time (CET)	Topic	Speaker/Facilitator
9:45-10:00	Registered participants join the event. Please feel free to turn on the camera.	
10:00-10:05	Welcome and housekeeping rules	Maja Vasiljević, NINA
10:05-10:15	Co-operation for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CO-OP4CBD), EU Horizon project	Marie-Claire Dammer, FRB
10:15-10:20	Distribution to Working Groups	
10:20-11:45	<b>Working Group sessions</b>	Kaisa Pietilä, Syke Maja Vasiljević, NINA
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# Topics discussed and the process

## SBSTTA 25 agenda items:

- Monitoring Framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF
- Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review
- Sustainable wildlife management
- Plant conservation
- Biodiversity and climate change
- Invasive alien species

## Other issues under CBD consideration:

- Marine and coastal biodiversity
- Biodiversity and health
- Nature and culture
- Synthetic biology
- Detection and identification of living modified organism
- Digital sequence information on genetic resource (DSI)

## Knowledge needs:

- Recurring CBD agenda items (focused on SBSTTA 25 topics) before and during negotiations
- 'Other' issues under CBD consideration before and during the negotiations

## Best formats for expert support in CBD processes:

- When preparing for CBD negotiations
- During CBD negotiations

## Prioritizing knowledge needs and formats for expert support

# Online survey

- Complementary **survey**: 32 responses from 18 countries
- CBD NFPs, SBSTTA NFPs, other CBD delegates
- EU Member States and Associated countries
- Workshops' participants and others
- 21 April – 22 June 2023
- A well-balanced mix of different levels of experience
- Mainly from small CBD delegations (1-5 members)

Are you a National Focal Point to the CBD? (n=32)		EFB (n=20)
CBD National Focal Point (NFP)	12	9
SBSTTA NFP	5	3
Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) NFP	4	3
Nagoya Protocol NFP	4	3
Cartagena Protocol NFP	3	3
Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) NFP	3	3
Article 8(j) and related provisions Traditional knowledge Customary Sustainable Use) NFP	1	1
Resource Mobilization (RM) NFP	1	1
Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) NFP	3	3

# Preliminary results: Knowledge needs and priorities



<b>Prioritized SBSTTA 25 agenda items</b>
1. Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF
2. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review
3. Plant conservation
4. Biodiversity and climate change
5. Invasive alien species
6. Programme of work of IPBES
7. Sustainable wildlife management

<b>Prioritized 'other' CBD agenda items</b>
1. Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)
2. Digital sequence information (DSI) on genetic resources
3. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors
4. Marine and coastal biodiversity
5. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review
6. Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism
7. Biodiversity and agriculture
8. Biodiversity and health



# Preliminary results: Knowledge and capacity needs

## New issues requiring knowledge improvement:

- Baseline scientific information for planning the national targets
- Pollution and restoration
- Analysis of cross-cutting issues and how they interact
- Valuation of biodiversity
- Gender and biodiversity
- Soil biodiversity
- The effects of natural disasters on biodiversity
- Nature-based solutions

## Some countries face challenges related to capacity and internal processes, as they lack:

- Intersectoral collaboration
- Human capacity
- Number of experts
- Financial resources (for implementation of GBF, travelling to COP with more experts, ...)
- Expertise in emerging issues (OECMs, DSI, ...)
- Synthesis of relevant scientific information

# Preliminary results: Best formats for expert support



<b>Most frequently noted information format for preparing for CBD negotiations</b>
1. Short policy briefs
2. Background information documents (e.g., CBD INF-docs)
3. Scientific syntheses on an item
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# Thank you for your attention!

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