



## Welcome to CO-OP4CBD's fourth newsletter!

Three years into the project, we continue our efforts to support and enhance the EU coordination in advancing the implementation of the Convention of Biological Diversity.

### CO-OP4CBD at global biodiversity events

CO-OP4CBD and Biodiversa+ at SBSTTA-27: highlights from the joint side event



In October 2025, during **SBSTTA-27** in Panama, CO-OP4CBD, in collaboration with **Biodiversa+**, hosted a side event on capacity-building initiatives around the world.

[Find out more](#)

**UNFCCC COP30**  
features side  
event co-hosted  
by **CO-OP4CBD**



During **UNFCCC COP30** in Brazil, CO-OP4CBD, in collaboration with **BioAgora**, **RESPIN** and **NetworkNature**, co-organised a side event on science-policy, biodiversity and climate, sharing experiences from numerous regions around the world.

[Find out more](#)

**CO-OP4CBD at**  
the **IUCN World**  
Conservation  
Congress **2025**



During **IUCN Congress 2025**, CO-OP4CBD, in collaboration with **BioAgora** and **RESPIN**, hosted a session on strengthening the science-policy interface (SPI) for biodiversity and climate within Europe.

[Find out more](#)



In September 2025, CO-OP4CBD took part in the **Biodiversa+ Midterm Conference**. The event brought together leading biodiversity initiatives, researchers and policymakers to reflect on progress and strengthen Europe's biodiversity science-policy interface.

[Find out more](#)

## CO-OP4CBD training sessions



In November 2025, CO-OP4CBD organised a training on Technical and Scientific Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism.

[Find out more](#)



In September 2025, CO-OP4CBD organised several online trainings dedicated to specific topics set to be addressed at SBSTTA-27.

[Find out more](#)

## Upcoming training sessions



This training session will provide practical guidance to enhance the meaningful participation of civil society in the UN CBD, including in preparation for COP17 (to be held in October 2026 in Armenia).

[Find out more](#)



During this regional workshop, Central and Eastern European NFPs and experts will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the UN CBD processes and exchange experiences with fellow participants.

[Find out more](#)

## The launch of the European supregional TSCC



**The European subregional Technical and Scientific Cooperation support Centre** (European TSCC) was officially launched on 24-25 September 2025, at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS), with the support of CO-OP4CBD.

This was the result of a decision taken by the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD), at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (Oct. 2024), where RBINS, the European Commission Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (EC KCBD) and IUCN Med were selected as hosts of the European subregional Technical and Scientific Cooperation support Centre (TSCC).

The overall goal of the (sub) regional TSCCs is to **promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation among Parties** to enable them to effectively utilize science, technology and innovation to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF).

The launch event was an excellent opportunity to:

- Collect Parties recommendations for the operationalization of the Centre;
- Assess Parties need and interest for responsive support, peer-to-peer exchange, and matchmaking services;
- Present and fine-tune the operational governance model of the Centre and its decentralized network of Knowledge Hubs, one for each Target of the KM-GBF

The European TSCC will operate on a demand-driven basis and cover the following **44 countries** and **1 regional group**: Albania,

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, , Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the European Union.

[Read the report of the launch event by CO-OP4CBD](#)

[Learn more about the European TSCC](#)

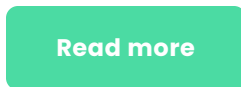
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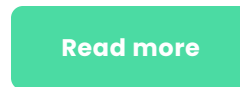
## **CO-OP4CBD supporting the biodiversity experts**



CO-OP4CBD is now inviting experts from EU Member States and Associated Countries to join its dedicated database.



Find materials from CO-OP4CBD's training sessions on this dedicated section on the project's website.



## Synergies

In this section, we highlight updates from the projects with which CO-OP4CBD works in synergy, showcasing their recent activities and results that contribute to strengthening the biodiversity science-policy interface.



### BioAgora

A new [workshop report](#) published through the process of the Science Service



### RESPIN

The [RESPIN](#) project presents the self-paced course "[IPBES and IPCC: Bridging Science, Policy](#)

for Biodiversity presents concrete pathways for identifying, mapping and restoring Key Pollinator Areas (KPAs) and Buzz Lines – landscape connectivity corridors essential for pollinator movement and resilience across Europe. The workshop was organised in response to a policy request from the European Commission’s DG ENV, submitted via KCBD.

[Read more and access report](#)

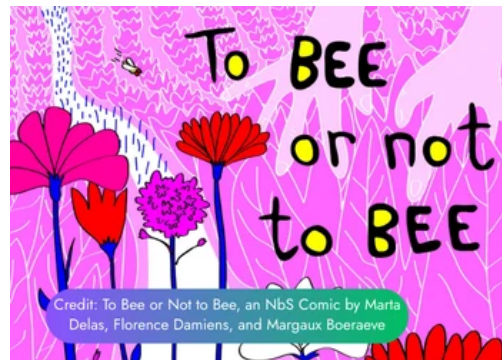
[and Practice](#)". The course provides insights into the histories, goals and processes of IPBES and IPCC, explains overall functioning and highlights options and benefits for engaging as expert and knowledge holder, National Focal Point and stakeholder. The course is hosted on the UNDP e-learning platform [Learning for Nature](#), free of charge and with certificate of completion.

[Access course](#)



## Biodiversa+

The [BiodivTransform call](#) of [Biodiversa+](#) supports research exploring what transformative change means in practice, focusing on shifts in systems, values, and governance needed to address biodiversity loss. With 35 projects funded under this



## NetworkNature

A new comic produced by The Nature of Cities with [NetworkNature](#) and partners, has been released, inviting readers to explore pollinator-friendly design. The comic is part of the [NbS Comics series](#), translating knowledge into visual storytelling promoting

call, the kick-off meeting will be held on 22 April 2026.

biodiversity, climate resilience, and community action.

[Read more and register](#)

[Read the comics here](#)

Make sure to visit the projects' websites to learn more about their latest activities, results, and opportunities for collaboration.

**BioAgora**

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**RESPIN**

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**Biodiversa +**

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**NetworkNature**

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## Learn more about the project's milestones!

Learn more about the project's progress in 2025 with the new **highlights video.**

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**CO-OP4CBD  
2025  
highlights**

[Watch now](#)

On 20–21 January 2026, CO-OP4CBD partners gathered in Budapest, for the project's fourth annual consortium meeting.

**CO-OP4CBD's  
fourth AGM:  
an overview of  
the project's  
development**



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