

**Biodiversa+ and GBIF 2<sup>nd</sup> symposium**  
**“Call for the set-up of national biodiversity monitoring hubs”**  
**16<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 - 9.00 to 15.45 - Helsinki**

**Venue:** Hakaniemenranta 6, Helsinki

**Online registration:** <https://link.webpolsurveys.com/EP/CDDA1A97B4B37C5B>

### **Draft Agenda**

**8.30 - 9.00** Registration

**9.00 - 9.15** Welcome words and introduction of the objectives of the symposium.

*By Liam Lysaght, GBIF Chair and Petteri Vihervaara, Biodiversa+ WP2 lead on biodiversity monitoring*

### **SECTION 1: Why should we better coordinate biodiversity monitoring schemes at European and national levels?**

**9.15 - 10.05 EU level:** Policy & research needs for a European Biodiversity Observation Centre for the coordination of biodiversity monitoring schemes, keynote speeches by DG ENV and DG RTD

*Chair: Tim Hirsch, GBIF*

- EU policy perspective, by *Francisco De Asis Sanchez Crespo* (online), DG ENV (10 min)
- EU research perspective, by *Gilles Doignon* (online), DG RTD (10 min)
- Research needs related to biodiversity monitoring, by *Henrique Pereira, Professor of Biodiversity Conservation at iDiv, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Invited Chair at CIBIO, University of Porto* (10 min)
- The EBOCC current situations and pilot phase implementation, by *Camino Liqueste, JRC/EuropaBON* (10 min)
- 10min for questions facilitated by the chair of the section.

**10:05 - 10:30** Coffee break

**10.30 - 11.30 National level:** Why should we establish national hubs or centres to coordinate biodiversity monitoring schemes across scales and countries?

*Chair: Petteri Vihervaara, Biodiversa+*

- The concept of national hubs and an overview from Biodiversa+ governance pilot across 10 countries, by *Aino Lipsanen, Biodiversa+* (10 min)

- The role of GBIF nodes and options for European coordination, by *Tim Hirsch, GBIF* (10 min)
- The role of EEA/Eionet national networks for European coordination, by *Janica Borg, EEA* (10 min)
- Round table discussions about synergies and challenges to link EU and national scales, facilitated by the chair (30 min)

11.30-12.30 Lunch Break

## **SECTION 2: How to extend the collaboration and data flows between a variety of biodiversity monitoring actors?**

*Chair: Aino Lipsanen*

**12.30 - 12.45** National hubs and data interoperability: What monitoring data already flows through GBIF national nodes, and requirements for standardisation and data publishing, by *Dag Endresen and Niels Raes, GBIF*

**12.45 - 13.00** Sharing data with EBOCC from national data sources - what should we take into consideration from the national point of view (EBVs)? by *Henrique Pereira, Professor of Biodiversity Conservation at iDiv, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Invited Chair at CIBIO, University of Porto.*

**13.00 - 13.15** Connecting biodiversity monitoring schemes (BioDash plans), by *Guillaume Body, Biodiversa+*

**13.15 - 13.45** Round table discussions about harvesting national data sources in relation to EBOCC, facilitated by *Tim Hirsch, GBIF*

13.45 - 14.15 Coffee break

## **SECTION 3: What strategic concrete recommendations should be agreed upon to set-up national biodiversity monitoring hubs?**

*Chair: Petteri Vihervaara, Biodiversa+*

**14.15 - 14.30** GBIOS & GEO BON support to interlinkages of national and regional BONs, by *Andrew Gonzalez / GEO BON, McGill University*

**14.30 - 14.40** Finnish Ecosystem Observatory as a national BON, an introduction, by *Petteri Vihervaara*

**14.40 - 15.30** Round table discussions about strategic next steps to advance establishment of national hubs including synergies with existing networks, facilitated by *Petteri Vihervaara and Tim Hirsch*  
*Recommendation for people travelling to Tallinn early to leave around 15.15pm.*



- Plans for MoEs and EPAs to develop their national biodiversity coordination centres (i.e. concrete steps / plans / proposals to move forward).
- Outcome of the workshop: common recommendations to set-up these national centres

**15.30 - 15.45** Closing remarks

End of workshop at 15.45

**19.00 Dinner for those who will stay in Helsinki for Wednesday**  
**Restaurant Salutorget (address Pohjoisesplanadi 15)**

## Practicalities

### Ferries from Helsinki to Tallinn

Note for the participants travelling to the Biodiversa+ Tallinn events, the ferry to Tallinn leaves at 16.30 from Länsisatama harbour (arriving at Tallinn 18.30). Check-in ends at 16.00 and boarding closes at 16:10. A group taxi leaves from the venue at 15.15. Next ferry is at 19.30 - 21.30. You can find other ferry schedules e.g. here:

<https://www.ferryscanner.com/en/ferry/results#search/dep/HEL/arr/TAL/date/2024-04-16/passengers/1/vehicles/0>

### Schedule of the Biodiversa+ events on biodiversity monitoring

Time	16th of April		17th of April	18th of April	
am	<b>Biodiversa+ / GBIF 2nd Strategic symposium</b> <i>(closed event participation upon invitation only)</i>  <b>In Helsinki</b>		<b>BiodivMon kick-off meeting</b>  <i>Open event</i>  <b>In Tallinn</b>	<b>Biodiversity monitoring national hub WS</b>  <i>Open to Biodiversa+ WP2 partners &amp; other participants upon invitation</i>  <b>In Tallinn</b>	<b>BiodivMon clustering WS</b>  <i>(closed event for BiodivMon funded projects)</i>  <b>In Tallinn</b>
pm		<b>Biodiversa+ Science Policy Forum</b>  <i>Open event</i>  <b>In Tallinn</b>			

⚠ On the 16th, you can't attend both events

⚠ On the 18th, you can't attend both events

- + final seminar of [Finnish Ecosystem Observatory \(FEO\)](#) project (2020-2024) in Suomenlinna, Helsinki (and streamed to YouTube), on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.

