We are happy to publish the first newsletter of our brand new project EuropaBON!
This three-year project officially started in December 2020 and aims to design an EU-wide framework for monitoring biodiversity and ecosystem services.

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1 News from the Secretariat

Stakeholder workshop - registration has opened!
The success of EuropaBON depends upon the active collaboration of its members together with the wider biodiversity community! We therefore invite all parties (individuals or organisations) with an interest in biodiversity to take part in our first stakeholder workshop on 26-28 May 2021. The aim of this workshop is to facilitate knowledge exchange to identify specific user and policy needs for biodiversity monitoring.

We invite you to register for this workshop by 7 May 2021.

**Register for the workshop**

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**EuropaBON and GEO BON**

EuropaBON adopts the approach for the development of coordinated Biodiversity Observation Networks (BONs) from the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON). This approach emphasizes co-design with stakeholders at all stages of the BON development, from assessment of current monitoring to implementation of a new design including new information streams. It aims at integrating data streams with models to produce relevant biodiversity indicators for policy and management, assessments and scenarios building on the Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs) and Essential Ecosystem Service Variables (EESVs) developed in GEO BON.

By endorsing as a regional BON with GEO BON, EuropaBON aims to ensure that the network continues to operate as a community of practice participating in the implementation of the European biodiversity monitoring system well beyond the 3 year duration of the project.

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### 2 Latest Project Achievements

**Development of the EuropaBON website**

Our website is a one-stop-shop where you can find all internal and external project information. With its intuitive and appealing design, the web page serves for creating the overall corporate identity of EuropaBON, establishing a recognizable and outstanding
EuropaBON Members Portal

EuropaBON Members Portal serves as a contacts database, which allows members to receive regular information on project progress, upcoming events and outcomes; connect with other members across the EuropaBON network; participate in open workshops; and engage more actively in the various project activities. It further serves as a communication platform, where all project members can interact with one another.

EuropaBON Social Media Accounts

By being present on social media, we create special interest communities for the project. In an interactive and engaging manner, all updates and results produced within the project are communicated through social media, creating and engaging a community of online...
stakeholders surrounding the project.

Do you want to be part of our community? Make sure to follow EuropaBON on the project’s social media accounts and be the first to learn about our outcomes and results!

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3 Other news from our network

Open Positions in EuropaBON

The Research Centre in Biodiversity and Genetic Resources (CIBIO) is seeking to recruit one postdoctoral researcher to be based in Portugal in order to join their biodiversity monitoring team for EuropaBON!

Requirements and how to apply can be found [here](https://eracareers.pt).

Changes to European meteorological data policies threaten biodiversity monitoring

A letter that was recently published in Science by our project partner, Professor Judy Shamoun-Baranes (UvA Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Dynamics), informs about the use of weather radar data to monitor aerial biodiversity in Europe and the risks we face due to changes in data policy.

The original publication can be found [here](https://science.sciencemag.org/lookup/doi/10.1126/science.abb7099).


New proposal submitted to the EEA

Two EuropaBON partners (CREAF and NIVA) are included in a consortium for a new proposal recently submitted to EEA for a new European Topic Center for Biodiversity and Ecosystems (ETC-BE) for the period 2022-2026. There are no competing consortia. If the proposal is accepted, the new ETC-BE can be an important network for collaboration with EuropaBON. The work in the new ETC-BE will include compilation and assessments of biodiversity data and indicators in terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems. The new ETC-BE can also interact with the potential Biodiversity Monitoring Coordination Centre (BMCC) that will be planned by EuropaBON.

4 Recent Publications

Judy Shamoun-Baranes, Silke Bauer, Jason W. Chapman, Peter Desmet, Adriaan M. Dokter, Andrew Farnsworth, Birgen Haest, Jarmo Koistinen, Bart Kranstauber, Felix Liechti, Tom H.E. Mason, Cecilia Nilsson, Raphael Nussbaumer, Baptiste Schmid, Nadja

EuropaBON’s dissemination team would like to invite you to share all EuropaBON-related updates, stories and recent achievements to g.popova@pensoft.net.

Please send us all:
- scientific papers
- events where you’ve participated
- products and services that you’ve created
- any other noteworthy achievements

With your help we will spread the word about the EuropaBON!