



The European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy

Promoting knowledge for sustainability

The EPBRS is a forum at which natural and social scientists, policy-makers and other stakeholders identify structure and focus the strategically important research that is essential to:

- use the components of biodiversity in a sustainable way,
- maintain ecosystem functions that provide goods and services,
- conserve, protect and restore the natural world, and
- halt biodiversity loss.

The EPBRS:

- is an interface between biodiversity science and biodiversity research policy,
- identifies policies for which biodiversity knowledge is important,
- reviews the knowledge base and identifies gaps that limit the effectiveness of policy,
- establishes priorities for biodiversity research to reduce these gaps,
- produces recommendations designed to support the Commission, Council and Parliament and the EU Member States in orienting research on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the equitable sharing of its benefits,
- provides advice on science for the European delegations to the CBD and other biodiversity related conventions, the Council Working Party on International Environmental Issues (Biodiversity), the European Commission and its agencies, and other relevant institutions and organisations,
- examines European capacity to deliver needed biodiversity research,
- exchanges information with national biodiversity platforms,
- collaborates with relevant organisations inside and outside Europe,
- contributes to other European and international science-policy interfaces on biodiversity and other mechanisms for promoting, delivering and applying expertise on biodiversity,
- helps to raise the awareness of biodiversity and of the research priorities needed to help to halt its loss.