



EPBRS meeting, November 18-19: “Positive Visions for Biodiversity”: The Role of Research November 18-19 2010

Management Centre Europe, Brussels, Belgium

Participants

- 60 participants are currently registered (including 20 EPBRS delegates , 14 people who will not have attended the first 2 days). See the list of participants in annex)

Objective:

How can biodiversity research in Europe address the needs identified in the first phase and help reach the vision developed in the first part of the meeting?

Question 1: What Scientific knowledge do we NOT have today that will be essential in the next decade and beyond to achieve our visions?

Question 2: How do we most effectively conduct research in an interdisciplinary way to tackle these essential research topics? are the necessary expertise, institutions, educational programmes, financial schemes ready/available? If not, how can they be developed, reached, or engaged?

Products

At the meeting, we propose not to go into development of statements or refined sentences that always take time debating about dots and commas, but to focus on answering each question with a set of **about 10 simple key ideas on a bulleted action point format**. The plenary voting would give priority to these action points.

The last session of the meeting will look into development of some refined and targeted products using the ideas generated at the meeting:

- an opinion paper, or a short article, developed by EPBRS to target some specific audiences.
- Develop action to impact FP8
- The Action Plan of the Research Strategy EPBRS has just launched taking in consideration the results of the 2 questions
- Develop communication toolkit:
 - A poster to illustrate the needed research/ flyers
 - A ppt presentation or keynote
 - Prepare a presentation in the EU parliament





In the introduction there will be an explanation on these targeted products and at the end of the meeting volunteers will be asked to join task forces to finalise the products based on the bulleted actions.

Target audience for the refined targeted products:

- 1- Scientists
- 2- Research Funding agencies
- 3- Research organisations/ Educational Institutions
- 4- Stakeholders such as Civil Society, Business
- 5- Policy makers
- 6- Medias to draw attention on biodiversity research?

Methodology:

- Separate the assembly in 4-6 break-out groups of about 10-15 participants
- For the first and second question, each group discusses the same question at the same time during 2 hours (the discussions aim at starting with a real open brainstorming first hour; and then develop clear bulleted ideas and/or action points making use of flipcharts and post-its). Two facilitators for each group will make sure the ideas/action points are clearly identified and recorded.
- Brainstorming technique: participants will be asked to think for themselves and write down on a post-it 2 ideas to answer the question, facilitators will work with participants to merge/clarify the ideas. Attention will be on expressing a clear idea in each bullet and not on specific wording.
- At the end of the 2 hour-discussion, the facilitators gather and bring together the results/ flipcharts of the discussions. They put on a powerpoint presentation the bullets and, if necessary, some are merged together. Attention will be on expressing a clear idea in each bullet rather than on specific wording.
- The results are presented in a plenary for further discussion, validation of the merged bullets, and some prioritization might be done through simple voting (Forms where participants are asked to write the 3-5 top ones for them)

The results for each question will be the list of bullet points generated by the 3 groups and some prioritization.

Question 1: What scientific knowledge do we NOT have today that will be essential in the next decade and beyond to achieve our visions?

Each group develops up to 20 essential (cutting edge) research topics (2 per vision theme)
The format should be bullet points with clear explanation of the research topic.

Possible sub-questions:

- What research will it be essential to continue in each of these areas?
- What innovative research (not just topics, but also type of research) would be needed?

Question 2: How do we most effectively conduct research to tackle these essential research topics? Are the necessary expertise, institutions, educational programmes, financial schemes ready/available? If not, how can they be developed, reached, or engaged?

Example of other sub-questions:

- How can we conduct research in an interdisciplinary way to meet these needs?
- How can we increase integration of research results in policy, management, conservation?
- What strategies do we need to enact to increase both attractiveness of this research agenda and increase the funding to support these essential areas of research¹ :
 - o How do we bring back Biodiversity research on the EU policy agendas?
 - o How is the current funding scheme matching the needs?
 - o How do we catch the climate change “locomotive”?
 - o How do we diversify funding sources for biodiversity research in Europe?
 - o How do we exploit the vision to promote funding and action on research?

For the third working session there will be 4 groups, each working group addresses a specific product to start the work on how the results of the first two questions can be used to target specific audiences and in a specific format:

WG1: Opinion paper/article: aim, audience, content

WG2: Communication materials: How do we get the message across (audiences, type of products to develop, content)

WG3: Action plan for the EPBRS Research strategy taking in consideration results of the first questions

WG4: Specific action to impact FP8

¹ Brainstorming about what actions shall be taken to identify divers potential sources of funding and how we could engage them (Private foundations, private sector...)



PROGRAMME:

Thursday 18 November

09:00 – 10:30

Introductions

One keynote explaining the process and results of the previous days (20') (E. Balian/M. Sharman)

Short discussion and hopes/expectations for the meeting (10')

One keynote from FRB meeting on : *Future of Biodiversity/Future of Society*. The speaker will have attended the first 2 days and will make links with the vision (15'). (Xavier Leroux)

One keynote on results of Nagoya. The speaker will have attended the first 2 days and will make links with the vision (15'). (Carsten Neßhöver)

Longer discussion on what really stands out as important/notable from the first phase results, From the French meeting, from Nagoya (30)

10:30- 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00

Presentation working groups and of what will be done with the results (20')

Question 1 Breakout groups

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch (rapporteurs bring together results)

14:00 - 16:00

Plenary discussion on Question 1 on the results on the break-out groups and prioritization (Chair?)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:30

Question 2 Break-out groups

rapporteurs bring together results at the end of the session

18:30- 19:00

Evolution Day 1

19h30

Dinner at Restaurant La Manufacture



Friday 19 November

09:00 - 10:00	Question 2 Break-out groups: wrap-up
10:00 - 11:00	Plenary Discussion on Question 2 results
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 13:00	Plenary Discussion on Question 2 results
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	Break-out groups on the products
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Presentation of the results on products
	Designate task force to finalized products: time frame, volunteers...
	Evaluation of these 2 days
	Announcement of Next Hungarian EPBRS meeting
17:30-18:30	Short EPBRS SC meeting

Registered Participants

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