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The biannual EPBRS meetings are held under each EU presidency and address topics of relevance to the host country and to current biodiversity issues.

Meetings are organized with support of Biostrat, a Specific Support Action (SSA) funded by the EU Sixth Framework Programme (<http://www.biostrat.org/>)

The meetings involve keynote speeches, presentation of European research, breakout groups to prepare agreements, and plenary meetings to discuss and adopt agreements.

Each meeting is prepared by an electronic pre-conference to include as much scientific excellence and opinions as possible.



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The European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy

The European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS) is a forum at which natural and social scientists, policy-makers and other stakeholders identify structure and focus on 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
- halt biodiversity loss



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EPBRS Meetings and Recommendations 2008-2009 (<http://www.epbrs.org>)

EPBRS Portuguese Presidency (Porto, 7-9 Nov. 2007)

Life on the Blue Planet: Biodiversity Research and the New European Marine Policies

EPBRS Slovenian Presidency (Brdo, 16-18 Jan. 2008)

Water for Life : research priorities for sustaining freshwater biodiversity

EPBRS French Presidency (Paris, 17-21 Nov. 2008) **Biodiversity and Industry**

EPBRS Czech Presidency (Pruhonice, 19-22 May 2009)

World Biodiversity and European Taxonomy. Strategies in taxonomy: Research in a changing world

Workshop on a Network of Knowledge for Biodiversity (Brussels May 6 2009)

EPBRS contributes to the discussions on an Inter-governmental Panel for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

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 biodiversity awareness and research priorities needed to help to halt its loss.*

Upcoming EPBRS meetings

- Swedish EPBRS meeting on targets for biodiversity beyond 2010. (Visby, Sept 29-Oct 1 2009): “How can science help policy makers setting new targets for Biodiversity beyond 2010?”
- Spanish EPBRS meeting planned for Spring 2010

