

Extra –September 2013



Conference venue
[Jerusalemkirche](#)
Berlin

Date
from 24 Sept, 1PM
to 26 Sept, 3PM

Watch live the BiodiversityKnowledge conference, September 24-26th

The BiodiversityKnowledge second conference will take place in Berlin, September 24-26th, involving a broad range of active participants, e.g. natural scientists, social scientists, policy makers, practitioners, etc... During this conference, the participants will discuss and finalize the recommended design of a future Network of Knowledge (NoK) on biodiversity and ecosystem services, aiming to provide an important building block for the future development of the interface between science and society in Europe.

Thank you to all who have registered or showed interest in participating in Berlin.

For those of you who cannot make it physically to the conference, but would be interested in following the discussion and even being able to ask the speakers questions, we have arranged that all the plenaries and a selection of the breakout sessions will be [broadcast live](#) on our website. Watching the conference and participating to the discussion is very simple: go directly to the [live-stream page](#) or go to the [conference page](#) on our website where more information will be provided. On the [agenda](#), a camera symbol in the timeline indicates whether the session will be webstreamed.

We warmly invite you to react and contribute live during the conference, either directly through the chat window on the live-stream page or via Twitter using **#BDKconf2**

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If you want to react or provide feedback later, that is of course also possible, just [send us an e-mail](#).

The webcast starts at 1PM CET on Tuesday September 24th. Just click on the camera to access it.



Updated conference agenda and a special guide to the conference for participants and webstreamers

You can find on our website an updated detailed [agenda](#) of the conference and a special [guide to the conference](#), aiming to help you gain a better understanding of the challenging tasks BiodiversityKnowledge is dealing with in trying to design a Network of Knowledge (NoK) on Expertise on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Europe.

Conference agenda in a nutshell:

- **Session 1:** Introduction to BiodiversityKnowledge project and to the Network of Knowledge approach (NoK) - September 24th (13:00-15:20).
- **Session 2:** Insights from testing the NoK prototype & Panel discussion with potential NoK users from different levels of policy (representatives from IPBES, NGOs, European and national Environmental Protection Agency) - September 24th (15:50-17:50)
- **Session 3:** Identifying solutions for major challenges of the NoK - September 25th (9:00-14:15)
- **Session 4:** strengths and weaknesses of different design options for the NoK - September 25th (14:15-18:00) & September 26th (8:30-10:00)
- **Session 5:** Institutional perspectives into the operationalization of the NoK – September 26th (10:00-14:30)
- **Session 6:** Wrap-up and way forward September 26th (14:30-15:00)

The White paper awaits your feedback

One of the project's main outputs will be the [White paper](#) describing the concrete concept for the Network of Knowledge, including its context, its functions, overall objectives as well as the practicalities of the NoK through the lessons learned from three demonstration cases. The paper also elaborates on governance issues, rules and procedures. Finally, some concrete design options for the implementation of the NoK are presented at the end of the paper.

We cordially invite you to take part in the **discussion about this White paper on our Forum**. We have divided the document in 5 parts and as many [Forum themes](#) to make it possible for you to formulate ideas concerning specific aspects of the paper:

[Aim and background](#) - [The two functions of BiodiversityKnowledge](#) - [Added value of BiodiversityKnowledge](#) - [Governance, rules and procedures](#) - [Design options](#)

If you do not have the time to read the complete white paper, the [Executive Summary](#) is probably just what you are looking for.

Best wishes and welcome to the last stages of the NoK design,

Carsten Neßhöver and Marie Vandewalle on behalf of the BiodiversityKnowledge Team



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