



**Pre-announcement of the Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call on biodiversity scenarios**

The Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA are pleased to announce the launch of their joint call on the following theme: **Scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services**.

The call is **planned to be launched in October 2017**, with a **closing date in March 2018** (with the submission of a pre-registration in December 2017) [Indicative schedule].

The indicative global budget for this call is of more than **25 million euro**.

Scientific teams will be invited to form transnational research consortia with teams from minimum 3 countries participating in the call. Proposals have to be exclusively written in English.

The research proposals will be evaluated across criteria of **scientific excellence and policy /societal relevance/stakeholder engagement** (for more information on stakeholder engagement in funded projects, please check the [BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook](http://www.biodiversa.org/577)). It is also expected that the **international added value** **of the projects** will be clearly demonstrated.

At this stage, the following countries have expressed a preliminary interest to participate to the call:

**Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States**

**Austria, Belgium and Portugal** are also likely to participate to the call (their participation however till needs to be confirmed). The updated list of participating countries will be published on the [Belmont Forum](https://www.belmontforum.org/) and [BiodivERsA](http://www.biodiversa.org/1224) websites.

We invite you to regularly consult the [Belmont Forum](https://www.belmontforum.org/) and [BiodivERsA](http://www.biodiversa.org/1224) websites, on which information on the call will be regularly updated.