

Engaging in the science-policy interface: addressing capacity needs to meet their transformative potential

This session brings together three current European Union (EU) projects working at the science-policy interface (SPI) for biodiversity. BioAgora aims to connect research results on biodiversity to the needs of policy making in a targeted dialogue between scientists, other knowledge holders and policy actors. Respin aims to support the integrated use of IPBES and IPCC to address knowledge gaps, foster coherent policies, enhance EU-level decision-making, and raise awareness. CO-OP4CBD aims to enhance coordination within the EU in advancing the implementation of the Convention of Biological Diversity by effectively harnessing the knowledge of EU experts. Together, these projects are developing complementary insights and resources to facilitate engagement in SPIs.

This session aims to bring the knowledge and insights generated in these projects thus far into dialogue with each other to generate cross-project learning and facilitate exchange of ideas.

Topics to be addressed include:

Integrating scientific research into policy frameworks

Implementing a “whole-of-government” approach: increasing access to biodiversity information at national and European levels

Implementing a nexus perspective on biodiversity and climate

Exploring SPI activities addressing cross-sectoral collaboration and biodiversity mainstreaming

Transformative potential of SPIs

Capacity building for enhanced engagement in the science-policy interface

Intended outputs: Research note/article summarizing the state of the art and novel approaches for building capacity across SPI contexts in Europe.