



Network Nature

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Task Forces

Cluster Meeting

Agenda

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NetworkNature NbS Task Forces Cluster Meeting

Advancing cross-TF collaboration – working toward NbS R&I goals

The **NetworkNature+ Nature-Based Solutions Taskforce Cluster** meeting brings together Taskforce (TF) members, NetworkNature+, and the European Commission (European Research Executive Agency and DG Research & Innovation) for an interactive dialogue to take stock of achievements of the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe Nature-based Solutions (NbS) projects to date and to strengthen synergies and exchanges to further increase their impact. The meeting also provides a platform enhancing interactions across NetworkNature+.

First meeting of 2026 will focus on several aspects – firstly, it will zoom in on **further advancing cross-TF collaboration** and taking stock of the **Research and Innovation (R&I) Roadmap implementation**. The objective is to advance cross-TF collaboration beyond the established NN Labs. Secondly, the meeting will explore **potential impacts of artificial intelligence (AI)** on research and innovation, including discussing concrete steps forward. Lastly, there will be a session on **The NetworkNature policy packages** – What is happening and how can the taskforces contribute?

Please make sure to [register here](#).

**This event is only open for Taskforces members, NbS Hubs and members of the European Commission.*

Agenda

09h30 – 10h40		
Welcome and introduction		
09h30 09h35	Welcome Speech	Piret Noukas, European Commission
09h35 09h40	Introduction to Network Nature and to NbS Task Forces	Zuzana Lukacova, IUCN
09h40 09h55	Short updates from the NbS Task Forces 2 min/TF	NbS TFs Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF1 - Paul Mahony • TF2 - Louis Durrant • TF3 - Lukas Weindl • TF4 - Kassia Rudd • TF5 – Ann-Catrin Fender • TF6 – Zuzana Lukacova
09h55 10h20	Quick update on the NN Labs ideas 3 min / idea	ZL intro to NN Labs Ideas leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mónika Németh, BURST TF6 • Gregorio Sgrigna, CNR-IRET TF1, TF2 • Marcel Cardinali, TH OWL TF 2 • Gerd Lupp, TUM, TF6 • Carlos Garcia de Leániz, Swansea University & Blue Rivers Foundation TF1 • Sean Bradley, Groundwork London TF6 • Natalia BRACK, IID-SII TF4
10h20 10h30	Welcoming new NbS projects	
10h20 10h30	Trees4Adapt, JUSTSAFE, SYSTR, COAST – SCAPES, REHUBS	Michael Pashkevich & Katharina Albrich; Maria Gkotzia; Thanasis Sfetsos;

		Manel Grifoll; Dimitra Perperidou
10h30 10h40	Introducing European NbS Hub	
10h30 10h35	Introducing European NbS Hub	Natalia Burgos Cuevas, IUCN
10h35 10h40	Q&A (5 min)	Moderated by IUCN
10h40 – 11h10 Roadmap for R&I on NbS and cross-TF collaboration		
<i>First part of this block will provide an update on the Roadmap for R&I implementation (Introduction / R&I Roadmap) and concrete ideas and opportunities for collaboration between different TFs. After the break, the second session will present the plans for NetworkNature policy packages and other guidance.</i>		
10h40 11h10	Implementation of the Roadmap for R&I and cross-TF opportunities	
10h40 10h50	Roadmap for R&I on NbS – Presentation and update on implementation	Mila Betemps, Biodiversa
10h50 11h00	Ideas and opportunities for collaboration between different TFs based on the R&I Roadmap	Evelyn Underwood, IEEP
11h00 11h10	Q&A (10 min)	Moderated by IUCN
11h10 11h20	Short break	
11h20 11h45	Presentation on the NetworkNature policy packages	
11h20 11h35	The NetworkNature policy packages – What is happening and how can the taskforces contribute?	Louis Durrant, IEEP
11h35 11h45	Q&A (10 min)	Moderated by IUCN
11h45 12h00	Coffee Break	
12h00 12h25	Impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) on research and innovation and way forward	
12h00 12h15	Taking Stock of AI: uses, challenges and opportunities across NbS Task Forces	Paul Mahony, Oppla
12h15 12h25	Q&A/interaction (Mentimeter)	Paul Mahony, Oppla
12h25 12h30	Short Break	

12h30 – 12h55 Standardization

12h30 12h50	Standardization updates	
12h30 12h40	NbS standardisation in Europe, an update	Daniela Rizzi, ICLEI
12h40 13h45	IUCN Updated NbS Standard and application in practice	Leon Mueldner, IUCN
12h45 13h55	Q&A (10 min)	Moderated by IUCN
12h55 – 13h00 Concluding remarks		
12h55 13h00	Concluding remarks and next steps	Zuzana Lukacova, IUCN



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