

Project Overview

BIOFIN-EU is a 3-year research project that aims to **protect and restore biodiversity** using mainstream finance. It focuses on **unlocking financial flows**, essential for protecting and reversing biodiversity loss, supporting the **EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy (SFT)**, towards achieving EU 2050 climate goals.

The project paves the way for transformative changes through **Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**, addressing barriers and gaps in implementing the SFT and providing guidance, training, and tools for supporting decision-making for NbS investments.

Partners



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Nature-base Solution (NbS) Action

Management and development of multifunctional forests for ecosystem services.

Description

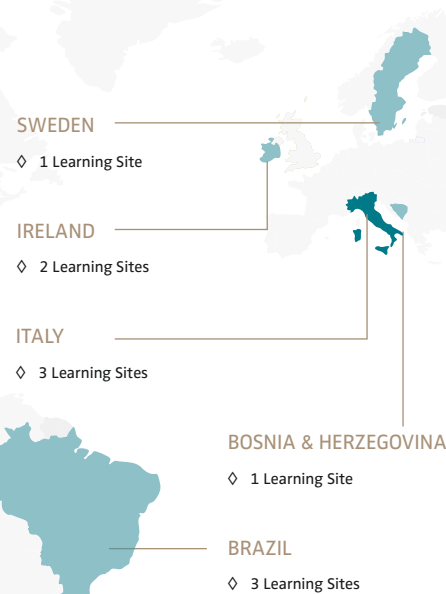
The **BioClima** initiative, part of the LIFE project "IP GESTIRE 2020", is a **public-private partnership** aiming to finance services of public interest. Explores ways to **unlock new funding methods to support nature and its benefits to people** by creating new or improving existing natural areas.

Challenge

EU countries struggle to meet biodiversity goals due to the **Biodiversity Funding Gap** - the difference between needed and allocated resources. **Directing funds to protected areas** like Natura 2000 is crucial for supporting critical habitats.

Importance

The initiative relies on a system that uses **public financing to attract and facilitate private sponsorship**, coupling the two sources of funding to achieve results related to sustainable development. The ecosystem services delivered through the funded projects are assessed and FSC certified. This third-party certification validates the outcomes offering a valuable benefit for private sponsorship.



Protecting and restoring biodiversity using mainstream finance

Contribution to BIOFIN-EU

- Provides data on assessing ecosystem services in a financed project.
- Examines the economic and ecological potential of NbS in the management and development of multifunctional forests
- Assesses how different NbS scenarios impact key ecosystem services, and retail investors' willingness to pay for nature conservation projects.
- Designs financial instruments tailored to the citizen's interests, increasing the funding opportunities for environmental sustainability.

The NbS Dashboard



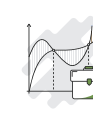
A science-led tool for nature-positive financial decision support, which organises NbS into clear categories, helping to establish effective governance frameworks and identify associated financial tools and business models.

The 3 Dashboard Modules



NbS Database

Categorises NbS and provide stakeholders in nature - positive investments with a systematic tool to record, monitor and report outcomes



Business Builder

- Library of Stakeholder Engagement
 - Menu of Good Governance
- Provides mechanisms for establishing, expanding and maintaining corporate participation in NbS



Data Analytics & Underwriting Engine

Provides tools and methodologies for calculating costs, benefits and impacts of NbS-investment

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