 **- Building the European Biodiversity Observation Network**

# First EU BON Stakeholder Round Table

## - Requirements for Policy -

Place: Leibniz Association, Brussels Office, Rue du Trône 98 - 4°, 1050 Brussels

Date: 18 June 2013

Format: 1-day workshop, 11:00 – 16:00 o'clock

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**Intention**

A main obstacle to reach the 2010 biodiversity goals and to implement the European Biodiversity Strategy is the lacking integration of biodiversity aspects into political, economic, and management decisions in different sectors mainly due to knowledge gaps. EU BON will provide access to sound data sources and scientific knowledge that is reliable, relevant, up-to-date, and publicly available. Europe maintains substantial capacities to generate and manage such knowledge and to provide data relevant to assessing and managing our biological resources. These capacities concern research and technology development, tools for information management and infrastructure, and procedures for the development and implementation of well-informed environmental policies.

In order to meet the demands of the main political stakeholders in the EU, in this workshop an overview of the project will be given and first results will be shown summarized in the gap analysis which is dealing with datasets in relation to political targets and indicators. In addition, the idea how the science–policy/management interface can function for example via the planned European Biodiversity Portal will be presented and the requirements for policy (political administration) discussed.

Results of this first stakeholder round table will be documented and passed back to the project in order to increase its relevance. Next stakeholder round tables can be used to evaluate the progress of the project with regard to serving the demands of EC, EEA, GEO BON, IPBES, JRC and other stakeholders.

# Agenda

11:00
**Welcome**
- *Christoph Häuser (Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, EU BON Coordinator)*
- *Jane Shiel (Scientific Officer at European Commission DG Research)*

11:15
**General overview of EU BON and its targets**
- *Christoph Häuser (Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, EU BON Coordinator)*

11:30
**Synergies and contributions from other EU projects**
- *Kris Verheyen (University Gent; FunDivEurope)*
- *Jörg Freyhof (IGB; BioFresh)*
- *Lyubomir Penev (Pensoft; STEP)*
- *Rudolf May (German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation; INSIPRE)*
- *Peter Galbusera (KMDA; CONGRESS)*

BREAK

12:30
**Gap-analysis of existing biodiversity information with regard to the European Biodiversity Strategy and its indicators**
- *Urmas Kõljalg (University Tartu)*
- *Cristina Secades (UNEP-WCMC)*

Discussion

13:30 LUNCH

14:15
**EU BON and global governance**
Chair: Rob Doubleday (University of Cambridge)

(1) Perspectives for biodiversity policy
- *Georgios Sarantakos (GEO Secretariat)*
- *Anne Teller (EC Environment, MAES/IPBES)*

(2) Perspectives for citizen science
- *Veljo Runnel (University Tartu)*
- *Cigdem Adem (EEA)*

(3) EU BON Biodiversity Portal - content creation and integrating key datasets for policy, science and citizens
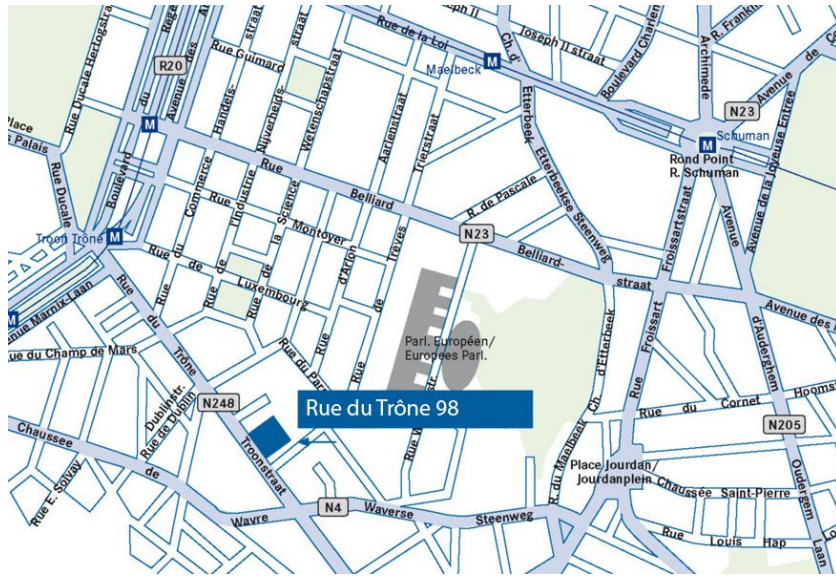- *Patricia Mergen (RMCA)*

Discussion

15:30
**Resume (Expectations for EU BON from European Policy Bodies)**
Chair: Christoph Häuser

16:00
End of event

**Location map:**



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