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 December 2017** (with the submission of a pre-registration in November 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](#)). 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](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites.

We invite you to regularly consult the [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites, on which information on the call will be regularly updated.