

EU Green Week Innovative Governance for Biodiversity

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Investing in a nature-positive economy

EU Green Week 2026 is the European Union's flagship environmental event, organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment. Now in its 26th edition, the annual conference will take place in Brussels on 3–4 June 2026, bringing together policymakers, businesses, investors, civil society and citizens from across Europe and beyond to engage in high-level discussions on how nature and the economy can thrive together.

Under the theme “Investing in a nature-positive economy,” Green Week 2026 will explore how sustainable and nature-positive models — from profitable farming and soil health to greening cities and innovative financing — can contribute to Europe's prosperity, resilience and competitiveness. The programme features dynamic formats including panel debates, TED-style talks, cinema nights and a startup-investor matchmaking event, highlighting practical solutions for reversing biodiversity loss and boosting sustainable development.



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Beyond the main conference in Brussels, EU Green Week partner events will take place throughout June across Europe, showcasing how investing in nature delivers benefits for businesses, communities and local environments. These activities make EU Green Week both a policy forum and a continent-wide movement for enhancing environmental sustainability and economic innovation.

To protect our planet and ensure a sustainable future, we must understand the major environmental challenges facing the world today. These challenges affect nature, human health, economies, and the quality of life for future generations. From climate change to biodiversity loss, each issue is connected and requires urgent action at local, national, and global levels. By recognizing these problems, we can better work toward solutions that create a cleaner, healthier, and more resilient planet.



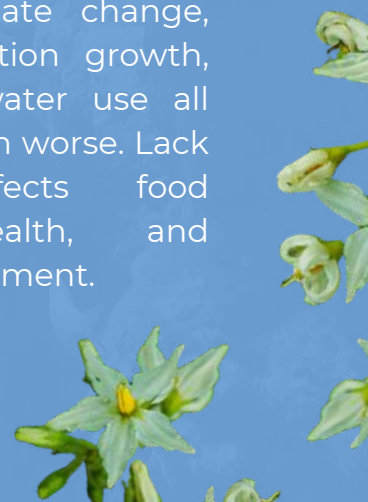
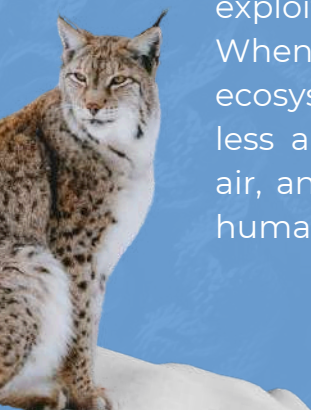
Biodiversity Loss

Biodiversity loss refers to the rapid decline of plant and animal species around the world. It is caused mainly by habitat destruction, pollution, climate change, and over-exploitation of natural resources. When biodiversity decreases, ecosystems become weaker and less able to provide food, clean air, and stable environments for humans and wildlife.



Water scarcity

Water scarcity occurs when there is not enough clean and safe water to meet the needs of people, agriculture, and ecosystems. Climate change, droughts, population growth, and inefficient water use all make this problem worse. Lack of water affects food production, health, and economic development.



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Pollution and Waste

Pollution and waste come from plastics, chemicals, industrial emissions, and untreated sewage. These pollutants contaminate air, rivers, oceans, and soil, harming human health and wildlife. The growing amount of waste also puts pressure on landfills and leads to more environmental damage if not properly recycled or managed.



Climate Change and Carbon Reduction

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns mainly caused by the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas, which emit greenhouse gases. Cutting carbon emissions is essential to slow global warming and its impacts.



Deforestation and Land Degradation

Deforestation and land degradation occur when forests are cleared and soil quality declines, reducing nature's ability to absorb carbon, support wildlife, and sustain food systems — and are linked with climate change and biodiversity loss.



Fossil Fuel Dependence

Many countries still rely heavily on coal, oil, and gas for energy. These fossil fuels release large amounts of carbon emissions and cause air pollution. Moving toward renewable energy like wind, solar, and hydro power is necessary to reduce environmental damage and build a cleaner future.



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Innovative Governance for Biodiversity session

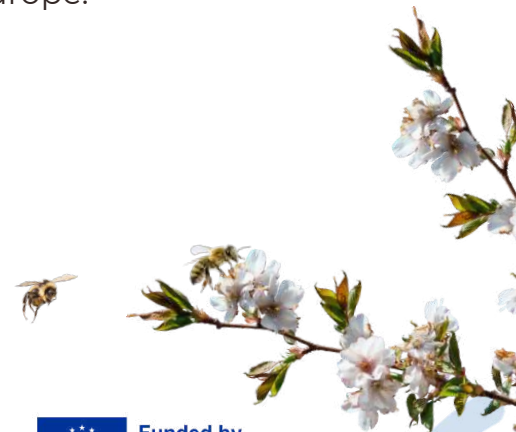
will focus on addressing the challenges of nature degradation, biodiversity loss, and ecosystem fragmentation in Europe.

This discussion will bring together leaders, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners to explore and co-develop governance approaches that support ecological restoration and biodiversity recovery.

Participants will gain insights into how system dynamics approaches can support innovative governance by improving understanding of complex interactions between policies, ecosystems, and stakeholders. Through dialogue between policymakers, networks, and project partners, the event will highlight practical pathways for strengthening collaboration, improving decision-making, and enhancing the overall impact of biodiversity governance and restoration efforts in Europe.



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Within this context, the event, organised by the GoDigiBioS partners, will also spotlight the project, which aims to drive transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society by leveraging new digital and emerging technologies. GoDigiBioS focuses on tackling the underlying and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss - such as unsustainable consumption patterns, norms, and values - while pursuing a double decoupling: separating consumption from excessive natural resource use, and satisfaction from material consumption. A dedicated panel with GoDigiBioS partners will discuss how the project's multidisciplinary consortium is working to advance innovative governance models, digital solutions, and collaborative approaches that support biodiversity protection and long-term ecosystem resilience.

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AGENDA

09:15 - Welcome, moderator

09:30 - Opening, Marcos Nogueira, GoDigiBioS project's coordinator

09:45 - Key note address, Virginijus Sinkevičius, Member of the European Parliament, *tbc*

10:05 - Keynote address, Paulina Dejmek Hack, Head of Cabinet for Jessika Roswall, Commissioner for environment, water resilience and a competitive circular economy.

10:25 - Panel with invited speakers

11:30 - Coffee break

11:45 - Panel discussion and debate, Speakers: the GoDigiBioS project's partners

12:30 - Final remarks and closure, Marcos Nogueira, project's coordinator

12:45 - Networking lunch



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Participation and partnering

This event is a forum for experts, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders to come together and discuss the pressing issues surrounding soil and water resources in a changing environment.

This event will be a meeting point for partners and stakeholders to debate ideas, share best practices and networking.

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About the Project

Biodiversity loss mitigation and adaptation measures

Policies, governance and tools to foster transformative change emerges in response to the urgent need to address the alarming rate at which the world is losing its wild species and ecosystems, considering all the negative consequences this brings to the planet and our society. Biodiversity is the foundation of healthy ecosystems, which provide essential goods and services for all life on Earth. With a continuous detriment of biodiversity at an unprecedented rate, there is an immediate need to reverse this trend in the foreseeable future.

Under this context, **GoDigiBioS** aims to drive transformative change towards a nature-positive economy and society by leveraging new digital and emerging technologies. The project seeks to address the underlying, indirect drivers of biodiversity loss such as consumption patterns, norms and values, aiming to achieve a double decoupling of consumption from excessive natural resource use, as well as of satisfaction from consumption.

GoDigiBioS features a multidisciplinary Consortium composed by several Partners with proven experience that will play a key role in the development of the project.



EUROPEAN STRATEGY

HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-01

HORIZON-CL6-2024-BIODIV-01 is a funding topic within Horizon Europe 2021–2027, specifically part of Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment under the destination “Biodiversity and ecosystem services.” This call was launched by the European Commission to support research and innovation that helps protect biodiversity, improve ecosystem services, and tackle the main drivers of biodiversity loss across Europe.

The overall purpose of this call was to give funding to collaborative projects that generate new knowledge, tools, methods and solutions for addressing biodiversity challenges. It was one of the main biodiversity funding opportunities in the 2024 Work Programme.





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ISG - BUSINESS & ECONOMICS SCHOOL (Project coordinator)

ISG | Business & Economics School (Instituto Superior de Gestão) is a private business school based in Lisbon, Portugal, founded in 1978 and part of the Grupo Ensinus / Grupo Lusófona educational group. It is recognized as one of the first and longstanding business schools in Portugal, focused on multidisciplinary education in management, economics and business sciences.

For GoDigiBioS, having ISG as the coordinator means that a well-established academic institution with expertise in management, economics and innovation is overseeing a major research project on biodiversity, digital technologies and systemic transformation.

This is significant because:

1. Academic and managerial experience: ISG's long track record in business and economics education supports strong project leadership and governance.
2. Connection to real-world application: Its focus on linking education with the business sector means the project's results are more likely to be relevant for policymakers, organisations and companies
3. European visibility: Coordinating a Horizon Europe project enhances ISG's international profile and reinforces its role in shaping innovative solutions to global challenges like biodiversity loss.

Overall, ISG's role as project coordinator helps ensure that GoDigiBioS not only advances scientific understanding and technological innovation but also translates findings into practical governance, economic and policy tools that can influence biodiversity action across Europe.



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IrRADIARE, Science for Evolution

IrRADIARE is a sustainability-driven organisation that fosters innovation, multidisciplinary collaboration, and strong partnerships. By combining cutting-edge technology with local knowledge, they develop resilient solutions in areas such as climate adaptation, resource management, and social equity. Through a holistic approach, IrRADIARE empowers communities to transition toward a sustainable future and is committed to supporting a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient world.

In GoDigiBioS project, IrRADIARE is the leader of Work Package 6 – Communication, Dissemination & Exploitation (WP6). In this role, they are responsible for ensuring that project results reach the right audiences, maximising the visibility and impact of the project, and facilitating the uptake and practical application of project outcomes by stakeholders across Europe. Through their expertise in communication, stakeholder engagement, and sustainability, IrRADIARE plays a key role in connecting research, policy, and society, helping to drive meaningful change in biodiversity governance and nature-positive solutions.



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MARIA CARMEN GARCIA MATEO

MCG R&I is a research leader and scientific expert in sustainability, nature-based solutions, biodiversity, and environmental governance. She serves as Research Scientific Director for EU Research & Innovation at MCG Research and Innovation, where she plays a central role in coordinating and leading high-impact EU projects, including serving as Principal Investigator and Work Package Leader (WPI) in the Horizon Europe project GoDigiBios, which focuses on transformative governance and policy mixes to tackle biodiversity loss

Her work spans research on nature-based solutions, ecosystem services, circular economy, sustainable urban planning, co-governance and co-creation of policy, and strategies that enhance human and ecological well-being. She has been involved in major EU projects such as GOGREENROUTES under Horizon 2020 and is a partner in COST Actions and expert working groups that bridge scientific knowledge with policy on biodiversity in Europe.

In her role with GoDigiBioS and other EU projects, she helps ensure that research outcomes are not only scientifically robust but also relevant to policy, governance and practical implementation across European regions and cities. This makes her a key figure in advancing innovative governance solutions for biodiversity and sustainability within the European research landscape.



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PLAN4ALL ZS - P4A

Plan4all is a non-profit association driving digital innovation through the integration of geospatial technologies, AI, and open data. It brings together a large network of partners — including public authorities, universities, research organizations and companies from more than 22 countries — to collaborate on research and innovation actions that use spatial and environmental data for sustainable planning and decision-making.

The organisation builds and maintains open data platforms, AI and remote sensing tools, and geospatial solutions that can be used in a wide range of fields, such as spatial planning, rural and urban development, agriculture, transport and environmental protection. It also fosters community building, knowledge sharing, and cooperation between stakeholders across Europe.

As a key partner in GoDigiBioS, Plan4all contributes its expertise in aggregating open datasets and fostering collaborations among stakeholders. The organization is instrumental in developing data-driven tools, typologies, and indicators to address biodiversity loss while promoting sustainable governance and policy mixes. Through its work, Plan4all ensures data accessibility and supports the project's mission to enable transformative changes aligned with the EU Green Deal and SDGs.



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UNIVERSITA DI PISA - UNIPI

The University of Pisa – PAGE group conducts socio-economic research on agriculture, food, and rural development at the European, national, and regional levels, including numerous projects funded by the EU and other public and private entities. It engages in multi-actor and transdisciplinary research, in national and international research programs and associations, knowledge networks, and bottom-up initiatives, and collaborates with local and regional governments. These activities promote knowledge exchange between science, policy, and practice, enabling the group to address real-world challenges with scientific rigor in collaboration with stakeholders and decision-makers.

Being one of Europe's historic and highly respected universities, the University of Pisa helps ensure that GoDigiBioS' research outputs are robust, internationally recognised and well-integrated into broader scientific and policy dialogues.



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22SISTEMA SOSTENIBLE, SL

As a technical and advisory firm, 22SISTEMA SOSTENIBLE works with organisations to promote integrated and systemic approaches that help them rethink and improve how they operate in line with sustainability goals. Its expertise can span issues such as sustainability strategies, circular economy concepts, stakeholder engagement and innovative governance.

In 22SISTEMA support decision making through systems thinking. Using both graphical tools (conceptual maps, mind maps and causal loop diagrams) and operative tools (system dynamics), they identify patterns and dynamics to understand dysfunctionalities, decide actions and monitor results. They build decision making environments. They propose comprehensive solutions for a consistent action integrated in the environment. They call this Systemic Change and Transition Design. In 22SISTEMA they help territories and organizations to develop their vision as a system, and their imbrication in the wider systems they are part of.

Having a partner focused on systemic sustainability and innovation consulting is especially valuable for a project like GoDigiBios, which aims to move beyond traditional research by promoting transformative change and multisector collaboration for biodiversity governance.

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ADELPHI

Adelphi consult is a leading independent consultancy specialising in climate, environment and development. Together with adelphi research and adelphi global, they combine scientific analysis, evidence-based advisory services and international cooperation.

With a team of more than 300 experts from diverse disciplines and nationalities, adelphi works with governments, international organisations, civil society, and the private sector to inform policy, strengthen governance, and accelerate progress toward sustainability and climate goals.

By contributing its established knowledge in sustainability, governance and policy engagement, adelphi helps ensure that GoDigiBioS produces evidence-based and policy-relevant outcomes that can influence biodiversity strategies across Europe.



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CESKA ZEMEDELSKA UNIVERZITA V PRAZE - CZU

The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU) is a public university with more than one hundred years of history, with over 18,000 students being educated in all forms of study (bachelor, master and doctoral), and around 3,000 scientific and technical members of staff. The CZU has six faculties and one institute.

It brings its strong expertise in data science and environmental research to GoDigiBioS project. CZU is responsible for leading the work on the selection of indicators and data collection, as well as the co-design of tools to support biodiversity governance.

In addition, CZU will contribute to the development of typologies and cluster analyses and take a leading role in creating decision-support tools, including System Dynamic Modelling, to help policymakers and stakeholders make informed, evidence-based decisions. Their work ensures that the project's outputs are scientifically rigorous, data-driven, and practical for real-world application, strengthening GoDigiBioS' impact across European regions.



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MINKADEV

Minkadev is a sustainability consultancy headquartered in Barcelona, Spain, with operations and partnerships in Mexico, Colombia and other regions. It specialises in developing fair, sustainable and socially inclusive business strategies that integrate environmental and social goals into market-oriented models.

The organisation works on creating innovative business models that help transform social and environmental challenges into opportunities for sustainable development. Its approach emphasises cross-sector partnerships, inclusion and economic resilience, ensuring that local organisations and communities are central actors in their own development.

At Minkadev, they specialize in designing and implementing systemic solutions that integrate sustainability, innovation, and social impact. Through participatory methodologies and collaborative approaches, they facilitate stakeholder engagement and the creation of inclusive, nature-positive value chains. With expertise in governance, biodiversity conservation, and multi-actor coordination, they contribute to transformative change by bridging local needs with scalable solutions. Minkadev helps projects and organizations align their strategies with the ecosystems they depend on, fostering sustainable and impactful transitions.





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Municipality of Matosinhos

Matosinhos is located in the North of Portugal in the Metropolitan area of Porto. The municipality has a large number of projects related to digitalization and new technologies that will be important to understand the role of digitalization in Biodiversity loss, and the municipality has a number of strategic assets that can support a strategy for enhancing natural capital and biodiversity.

As a partner in GoDigiBioS project, Matosinhos Municipality brings practical governance experience and commitment to sustainability from the local government perspective. Its participation ensures that project research, tools and governance solutions are grounded in real-world municipal priorities and can be tested and scaled in an urban context where nature protection, ecosystem services and community engagement are critical.



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MYTH Jeux

Myth Jeux is a Game Design and Game Development studio based in Namur, Belgium since 2023. It's main focus and interests are on Gamification Projects and Game Design in general.

In the context of projects like GoDigiBioS, Myth Jeux contributes its expertise in gamification and digital engagement, helping to design tools and platforms that make biodiversity, ecosystem management, and sustainability concepts more accessible and interactive for stakeholders, policymakers, and the general public. By applying game design principles, Myth Jeux supports the project in increasing participation, motivation, and understanding of complex environmental issues.





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Sdruzhenie Digitalna Natsionalna Koalitsiya - DNA

Sdruzhenie Digitalna Natsionalna Koalitsiya (DNA) is a non-profit association based in Sofia, Bulgaria, focused on digital transformation, digital skills development, and fostering collaboration across sectors. Established in 2013, DNA brings together stakeholders from business, academia, and government to promote digital innovation, technology adoption, and capacity building in Bulgaria.

Within the GoDigiBioS project, DNA's expertise in digital ecosystems, stakeholder engagement, and technology-enabled governance is central to developing tools and frameworks that use digital innovation to support biodiversity restoration and nature-positive policies. Their role ensures that the project leverages digital skills and networks to maximize the reach, adoption, and practical impact of its results across European regions.

DNA Bulgaria



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GLOBALNI PARTNYORSTVA SDRUZHENIE - GPA

Global Partnerships Association is a non-governmental organisation with main focus on citizen involvement and youth empowerment. At the heart of our efforts is building partnerships, initiatives, and non-formal education that prepare young people to succeed as citizens, employees, entrepreneurs, and change-makers. They believe that educated, employed, engaged and self-confident young people possess the power to solve the world's toughest problems. Their aim is to involve youngsters in different environmental and social activities on local and international level.

Within the GoDigiBioS project, GPA contributes its grassroots outreach, youth engagement and stakeholder mobilisation expertise, helping the consortium ensure that project tools, dialogues and governance models are accessible and relevant to citizens, local communities and younger generations. Through its strong focus on participation and capacity building, GPA supports the project's goal of achieving inclusive, people-centred approaches to biodiversity governance and sustainability.



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ASSOCIATION

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Brussels is widely recognized as the political and administrative heart of the European Union, hosting major institutions including the European Parliament, the European Commission, and numerous other EU agencies and bodies. It is in this city that many of the most important decisions shaping Europe's future are debated, negotiated, and implemented, ranging from environmental regulations to economic and social policies.

This unique position makes Brussels an ideal location to host the event on **Innovative Governance for Biodiversity** during the European Green Week 2026. By bringing together policymakers, scientists, business leaders, and civil society representatives in the city where European policies are crafted, the event can foster direct dialogue with key decision-makers, promote evidence-based solutions, and support the implementation of EU biodiversity and sustainability strategies.

Moreover, Brussels' status as a hub for international organizations, think tanks, and NGOs ensures a diverse and influential audience, creating opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the dissemination of best practices across Europe. Hosting the event in Brussels not only highlights the strategic importance of biodiversity and ecosystem restoration but also reinforces the EU's commitment to innovative governance and nature-positive policies, making it the perfect setting for driving meaningful change



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