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# Investing in Nature: A Dialogue on EU Policy, Research, and Finance for Agricultural Biodiversity on the Global Stage

*A dialogue between EU institutions, researchers, and civil society on how agricultural biodiversity investment fosters a nature-positive economy.*

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 2 June 2026
<b>Time</b>	15:30 - 18:00
<b>Venue</b>	Brussels, Belgium
<b>Format</b>	Public dialogue and roundtable with networking; possible hybrid streaming
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Admission</b>	Free and open to all; pre-registration encouraged
<b>Organised by</b>	Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
<b>Partners</b>	Broedelijk Delen, ECDPM, Enabel

## About This Event

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How can EU policy, research funding, and development cooperation better support investing in agricultural biodiversity globally? And what does the evidence say about the returns? This open dialogue, organised by the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT with Broedelijk Delen and ECDPM, brings together EU policymakers, researchers, development practitioners, businesses, and civil society to share knowledge and explore how investing in nature through agricultural biodiversity can contribute to a more resilient, competitive, and nature-positive economy.

Carlo Fadda, Director of Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture at the Alliance, will present findings from the Alliance's global research programme across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and facilitate a structured dialogue on the opportunities and barriers ahead. A concise Alliance briefing note on agricultural biodiversity and investing in nature will be shared with all participants.

### Key Questions for Open Discussion

- What does the evidence show about the returns on investing in agricultural biodiversity for farmers, communities, and ecosystems?
- How can EU instruments, including Farm to Fork, the Nature Restoration Law, development cooperation, and research funding, better support nature investment in food systems?
- What role can different sectors, including research, finance, civil society, and business, play in scaling nature-positive approaches?
- What can experiences in the Global South teach us that is relevant for Europe?

### Objectives

- Present global evidence on the returns on agricultural biodiversity investment to a EU policy and institutional audience.
- Facilitate a structured, cross-sector dialogue on the role of EU instruments in supporting nature investment in food systems.

- Strengthen connections between EU institutions, development finance actors, researchers, and civil society on agrobiodiversity and nature-positive food systems.
- Contribute to the EU Green Week 2026 theme: investing in nature, rewarding for people and business.

## Definitive Agenda

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*Planning note: the three response presentations are scheduled at ten minutes each (16:30–17:00). This is intentionally tight and is designed to keep contributions concise and the dialogue open. Facilitators should brief speakers in advance on the format and time discipline expected.*

<b>15:30</b>	Arrival, coffee, and informal networking.
<b>16:00</b>	Welcome: Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, Broedelijk Delen, and ECDPM.
<b>16:15</b>	Keynote presentation: ‘Investing in agricultural biodiversity - global evidence, European relevance.’ Carlo Fadda, Director of Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT (15 minutes).
<b>16:30</b>	Response 1: EU development cooperation and nature investment in the Global South. DG IntPa (10 minutes).
<b>16:40</b>	Response 2: Private and blended finance for nature investment. Enabel and/or Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries (BIO) (10 minutes).
<b>16:50</b>	Response 3: Civil society and community perspective on investing in nature. Broedelijk Delen (10 minutes).
<b>17:00</b>	Open dialogue: ‘What can different sectors do differently to invest in nature across Europe?’ Facilitated by Carlo Fadda.
<b>17:45</b>	Summary of key themes: Carlo Fadda. Distribution of Alliance briefing note on agricultural biodiversity and investing in nature.
<b>18:00</b>	Close. Continued informal networking.

## Speakers and Partners

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### Confirmed Speakers

- Carlo Fadda, Director of Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT - keynote presenter and dialogue chair.
- DG IntPa representative - Global Gateway and EU development cooperation for nature-positive food systems.
- Enabel and/or Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries (BIO) representative - private and blended finance for nature investment.
- Broedelijk Delen representative - civil society and community perspective on investing in nature in the Global South.

### Partner Organisations

- Broedelijk Delen - community food sovereignty and investing in nature in the Global South; co-organiser and respondent.
- ECDPM (European Centre for Development Policy Management) – EU development policy, food systems, and climate-agriculture nexus; co-organiser.
- KU Leuven - agrobiodiversity, soil science, and food systems departments.

- Trias NGO - inclusive entrepreneurship and sustainable food systems in Africa and Asia.
- Enabel (Belgian Agency for International Cooperation) – practitioner perspective on food systems and natural resources management in Belgian development cooperation programmes.

## Planning Note

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This event contributes to the EU Green Week 2026 theme of investing in nature, rewarding for people and business, and aligns with the following Green Week themes: Sustainable finance, Biodiversity, Sustainable agriculture, Green economy, Nature-based solutions, Ecosystem services, and Sustainable economic growth strategy.

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