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CALL FOR EXPERTS CfE.8/2020 EKLIPSE in the frame of the request CfR.4/2019 on Post 2020 Biodiversity Strategy – February 2020

"What is Transformative Change, how can biodiversity policy trigger Transformative Change and how can this be translated into actions, goals, targets and pathways for the Global Biodiversity Strategy to 2030?"

EKLIPSE is inviting experts to share their knowledge on the topic and join a science-policy workshop "Transformative Change for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework" on March 18th in Brussels

http://www.eclipse-mechanism.eu/open_calls

Deadline for Call: 3rd March 2020

Transformative change across different societal sectors is key to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD and other multilateral agreements, the SDGs, and the Paris Agreement.

An increasing amount of knowledge is becoming available on how to bring this transformative change into action, based on e.g. the IPBES Global Assessment, the Planetary Boundaries concept, and the "bending the curve of biodiversity loss" discussion. It features in the European Green Deal and Biodiversity Strategy-

Promoting transformative change, facilitating it and incorporating actions to achieve it into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is key, but there is not enough clarity on how to achieve this. Whilst various elements are being discussed, there is a gap in understanding how this could be concretely undertaken:

- ***Which priority actions would need to be taken now and at what scale to enable long-term societal transformative change essential for biodiversity?***
- ***How do we design actions and targets within the biodiversity strategic framework to deliver desired biodiversity outcomes and benefits?***
- ***How could levers on indirect drivers for biodiversity loss be addressed within the biodiversity strategic framework?***
- ***Based on the list of possible actions and pathways to achieve transformative change from the IPBES Global assessment 2019, which individual examples of actions could be uplifted and mainstreamed into the global biodiversity strategic framework?***



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The target audience of the workshop are EU Member States and involve country delegates from EU Member states, several EU neighboring countries and a limited number of countries from negotiating the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. We want them to return home after a participatory, hands-on workshop with concrete options on how they could use approaches and actions accelerating transformative change within their negotiation work.

The workshop will take place on March 18th in Brussels to discuss e.g. the following subtopics:

1. Integrated approaches and tools for enabling **transformative governance**
2. Integrated approaches and tools for supporting/managing sustainable **terrestrial landscapes** (including agriculture and forestry)
3. Integrated approaches and tools for supporting sustainable **marine and coastal management** (including fisheries)
4. Integrated approaches and tools for supporting sustainable **freshwater management**
5. Integrated approaches and tools for supporting sustainable **cities**
6. Integrated approaches and tools for addressing simultaneously **climate change and biodiversity**
7. Integrated approaches and tools for supporting sustainable **production and consumption**
8. Integrated approaches and tools for addressing biodiversity impacts **of other sectors** such as extractive industries, energy, transport and trade
9. **Any other** specific action with a high potential **to leverage transformative change**

Expected outcomes of the workshop

- To engage scientists and policy makers in an open dialogue to achieve better understanding of what Transformative Change is and how it might be achieved
- To recommend how to bring the post-2020 process forward on transformative change, taking up respective work of SBSTTA and the Open Ended Working Group of the CBD (OEWG)
- Provide input how to better integrate sustainable pathways and transitions necessary for Transformative Change in the global biodiversity agenda towards 2030
- Better understanding on how R&I can support the achievement of transformative change through Horizon Europe

To implement this request, EKLIPSE is inviting experts from relevant fields (science, NGOs, private sector, and other stakeholders) **either to provide practical examples in advance, or to provide input during the workshop** with policymakers. EKLIPSE is putting together inputs and searching for 1-2 experts on each of the subtopics above to take part in the group discussions at the workshop, to trigger and inspire the discussion with biodiversity policy makers.

- Are you involved in initiating or enhancing transformative change towards sustainability in a civil society organisation, NGO, business, regulatory authority, academic or research institute or as an individual?



- Are you an expert working on or knowledgeable about any successful or 'ambitious but unsuccessful' example of achieving transformative change?
- Are you an expert on transition management, socio-ecological or sociotechnical transformations and have concrete ideas how Transformative Change could be best triggered or enhanced by policy?
- Would you like to contribute directly to a policy-relevant process related to a major global policy challenge of the next decade?
- Are you interested in contributing examples from your work or experience (with all intellectual credits to you made explicit) even if you are not able to participate personally in the workshop?

The form to apply can be found here: <https://forms.gle/AxSbKppKb4bTHKbG7>

Important dates and information:

- Interested experts should apply before midnight (CET) on the **3rd of March, 2020**, following the rules and procedures detailed below.
- The Experts will be selected by **9th of March 2020** at the latest.
- There will be a virtual meeting explaining the concept and methodology as well as your role at the workshop on March 12th or 13th
- **The workshop will take place in Brussels on March 18th 2020 from 9:00-17:30** and there will be a social event the night before. Participation in the workshop is by invitation only.
- Travel costs (within Europe) to and from the workshop and if needed hotel costs for one night in Brussels will be covered subject to respective regulation.
- Please find more information on expectations of and support to EKLIPSE Expert Working Groups on EKLIPSE website at http://www.eclipse-mechanism.eu/apps/Eclipse_data/website/Guidance_note-Expert_working_groups.pdf.

EKLIPSE is developing a European Mechanism to answer requests from policy makers and other societal actors on biodiversity-related issues

More information on the processes and the EKLIPSE project funded by the EU in H2020 is available at www.eclipse-mechanism.eu

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:

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