Biodiversity Knowledge Newsletter

Creating a Network of Knowledge for biodiversity and ecosystem services in Europe

BiodiversityKnowledge @ ALTER-Net Conference in Ghent, April 15-18

We kindly invite you to attend the **BiodiversityKnowledge side event** on the first day of the ALTER-Net Conference "Science Underpinning the EU 2020 Biodiversity Strategy". The primary focus of the conference will be the objectives and targets of the EU's 2020 Biodiversity Strategy, which should be realized by the end of this decade. Being a science-policy interface network, ALTER-Net wants to help the EU in realizing these targets by providing scientific knowledge, e.g. by pointing out possible weaknesses, opportunities and necessities, and by helping to find solutions and evidence-based actions.
The BiodiversityKnowledge session on Monday afternoon will first present our project's approach in short, concise talks and then give the opportunity for discussing major issues related to governance of the structure, involvement and acknowledgment, quality control and other main challenges.

BiodiversityKnowledge Second Conference in Berlin, September 24-26

BiodiversityKnowledge is organizing its **second international conference** on September 24th to 26th. For the venue we choose the green and atypical Jerusalemkirche, right in the middle of Berlin between Checkpoint Charlie and the Jewish museum.

The objective of this second conference is to discuss and finalize the recommended design of a future Network of Knowledge (NoK) on biodiversity and ecosystem services in Europe.

Registration for the conference will be open in beginning of April.
More information on the conference will soon be available on our website, check it out!

BiodiversityKnowledge Side Event @ IPBES Plenary January 2013

The first meeting of the Platform's plenary (**IPBES-1**) took place in Bonn Germany from 21 to 26 January 2013.
BiodiversityKnowledge - together with SPIRAL, EBONE and EUBON - organized a side event on Regional support approaches to IPBES – Europe as showcase. This side event aimed to outline the importance of regional interactions to support and facilitate input into the work programme activities of IPBES.

The full report of this side meeting can be found on our website.

BiodiversityKnowledge Learning Lessons

The overall objective of the project's **internal evaluation** is to analyse the issues involved in establishing the prototype network of knowledge, how difficulties were overcome or why they remain. It is doing so by evaluating the process and outputs from the prototype network of knowledge from the perspectives of all

actors involved i.e. the clients, knowledge providers and others involved in the pathway of knowledge.

The Phase 1 results are now available on the website. They deal with conclusions drawn from the process of developing the prototype Network of Knowledge (NoK). In a future second phase these results will be complemented by the conclusions drawn from three onging case studies.