

REinforcing Science-Policy Interfaces for integrated biodiversity and climate knowledge and policies

Project summary

RESPIN will identify gaps in the knowledge provision and develop ideas for how to address them and improve the engagement of diverse knowledge holders with particular support for underrepresented regions in Central Africa, Central Asia, and Latin America. It will further support the knowledge uptake of IPBES and IPCC outputs in the EU Science Service mechanism, as well as national and subnational decision-making.

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Duration

4 years, 3 funding phases,
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Background of the project

The UN Paris Agreement adopted in 2015 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) established during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, set global goals for climate change adaptation and mitigation, and for biodiversity protection and restoration. RESPIN aligns with these frameworks by addressing knowledge gaps, fostering coherent policies, enhancing EU-level decision-making, and raising awareness, contributing to the shared objectives of these international agreements.

Consortium

The RESPIN consortium is comprised of 11 partners from **10 countries** across **Europe, Latin America, and Africa**. It brings together key experts from diverse realms of knowledge – from biodiversity and ecology, to climate modelers and economists, social scientists and communication experts.

Partners

- **Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research** (UFZ), Germany
- **Service Public Fédéral de Programmation Politique Scientifique** (Belspo), Belgium
- **Fondation Pour la Recherche Sur la Biodiversité** (FRB), France
- **Centre for Ecological Research** (HUN-REN CER), Hungary
- **Finnish Environment Institute** (Syke), Finland
- **Centro de Investigación en Ecología y Aplicaciones Forestales** (CREAF), Spain
- **CoKnow Consulting**, Germany
- **Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos Alexander von Humboldt** (Humboldt), Colombia
- **Pensoft Publishers** (PENSOFT), Bulgaria
- **Université de Lubumbashi** (UNILU), Democratic Republic of Congo
- **UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre** (UNEP-WCMC), Cambridge (Associated partner)

RESPIN connection to IPBES and IPCC

RESPIN is closely tied to IPBES and the IPCC by aiming to enhance the science-policy interface (SPI) for biodiversity and climate protection. The project aims to evaluate existing experiences, empower knowledge holders, and facilitate the uptake of IPBES and IPCC knowledge by decision-makers globally, contributing to more effective SPI processes at various levels. The project seeks to develop new SPI formats and collaborate with strategic partners to ensure integrated SPI processes aligned with IPBES objectives.

The 5 functions of the project

Function 1

Identify and address knowledge gaps, providing capacity building for diverse stakeholders in IPBES and IPCC engagement.

Function 2

Bridge gaps between environmental and non-environmental sectors, fostering knowledge transfer and coherent policies at the national level.

Function 3

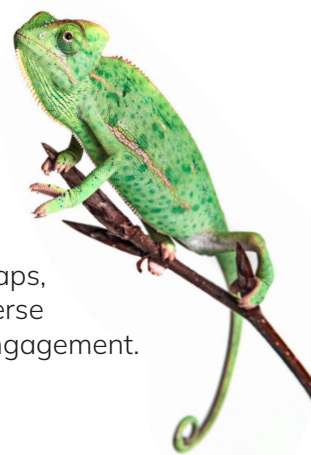
Enhance EU-level decision-making by integrating IPBES and IPCC findings, promoting policy coherence and private engagement.

Function 4

Raise awareness and disseminate IPBES and IPCC products through online platforms, training courses, and strategic partnerships.

Function 5

Coordinate and consolidate project activities, ensuring synergy and flexibility, and provide complementary reports to strategic partners.



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