



## **Results of the joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call for proposals on biodiversity scenarios (co-funded by the European Commission):**

**21 international projects recommended for funding for over 28 Million euro!**

In October 2017, the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA launched the BiodivScen joint call on “Scenarios of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” with the support of the European Commission.

Supported by 26 national/regional funding organisations from 23 countries, this international call covered the two following themes:

- Development and application of scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services across spatial scales of relevance to multiple types of decisions;
- Consideration of multiple dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services in biodiversity scenarios.

In total, 143 pre-proposals were received. Following an eligibility check, 135 full proposals were finally received and evaluated by an independent Panel of Experts who ranked the projects. According to this ranking, **21 top research projects** have been **shortlisted and proposed for funding** (among which 4 are presently on a waiting list), representing a **total funding amount of > 28 Mio €** (including funding from European Commission).

The 21 shortlisted projects are academically excellent projects, mobilizing a wide range of disciplines, engaging many relevant stakeholders, and addressing various pressing scientific and societal issues.

The final list of funded projects will be definitely known upon national decisions by BiodivScen partners, in October at the latest (i.e., at this stage, the list presented below is a list of projects proposed for funding rather than funded for sure).

The shortlisted projects, with countries involved -coordinators being indicated in bold- are the following:

### **Main list:**

**ACCES** - De-icing of Arctic Coasts: Critical or new opportunities for marine biodiversity and Ecosystem Services? (**NO**, CA, DK, PL, US).

**AlienScenarios** - Developing and applying scenarios of biological invasions for the 21st century. (**AT**, CA, DE, ES, FR).

**ARCTIC-BIODIVER** - Scenarios of freshwater biodiversity and ecosystem services in a changing Arctic; (**SE**, CA, DK, NO, US).

**BIOESSHEALTH** - Scenarios for biodiversity and ecosystem services acknowledging health; (**SE**, AT, DE, FI, NO).

**BONDS** - Balancing biodiversity conservation with Development in Amazon wetlands; (**FR**, BR, DE, NO, UK, US).

**ENVISION** - An inclusive approach to assessing integrative scenarios and visions for protected area management; (**SE**, DE, ES, NL, US).

**FARMS 4 Biodiversity** - Farmer-led Agroecological Research in Malawi using Scenarios for Biodiversity; (**US**, CA, DE, NO).

**FATE** - Future Arctic Ecosystems (FATE): drivers of diversity and future scenarios from ethno-ecology, contemporary ecology and ancient DNA; (**DE**, CA, FI, FR, NO, SE, US).

**FutureWeb** - Climate and land use change threat to the vertebrate European food web structure and functioning; (**FR**, CH, DE, FI, IT, NL, US).

**InvasiBES** - Understanding and managing the Impacts of INVASive alien species on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; (**ES**, CH, DE, FR, US).

**Land2Sea** – Land to Sea: Integrated modelling of consequences of terrestrial activities and climate change for freshwater and coastal marine biodiversity and ecosystem services; (**IR**, CA, DE, SE, US).

**LimnoScenES** - Developing improved social-ecological scenarios for biodiversity and ecosystem service changes in north temperate freshwater ecosystems over the next half century; (**SE**, CA, DE).

**REEF-FUTURES** - The futures of reef services in the Anthropocene; (**FR**, AU, CA, CH, DE, NL, NO, SE, UK, US).

**SALBES** - Scenarios for Agricultural Landscapes' Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; (**DE**, AT, CH, EE).

**SECBIVIT** - Scenarios for providing multiple ecosystem services and biodiversity in viticultural landscapes; (**AT**, DE, ES, FR, NL, RO, US).

**SOMBEE** - Scenarios of Marine Biodiversity and Evolution under Exploitation and climate change; (**FR**, CA, CN, DE, ES, TR).

**WILDHEALTH** - How does environmental biodiversity affect wildlife health?; (**FI**, SE, US).

**Complementary waiting list:**

**BioDiv-support** - Scenario-based decision support for policy planning and adaptation to future changes in biodiversity and ecosystem services; (**SE**, DE, ES, FI, FR).

**Future BirdScenarios** - Conservation policy in a changing world: integrating citizen science data from national monitoring schemes to model impacts of global change scenarios; (**NO**, FI, SE, US).

**GloBAM** - Towards monitoring, understanding and forecasting global biomass flows of aerial migrants; (**CH**, BE, FI, NL, US).

**OBServ** - Open Library of Pollinator Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Scenarios; (**ES**, AR, NL, US).