

# Biodiversity and Health in the Face of Climate Change – Challenges, Opportunities and Evidence Gaps

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Joint European Conference held by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the European Network of Heads of Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA) in co-operation with the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) / German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv)

This joint European conference in Bonn will bring together experts from science, policy and practice to highlight and discuss the **importance of biodiversity's contribution to human health in the face of climate change**. In this context health is considered in its **physical, psychological and social dimension, including socio-environmental equity**. The aim of the conference is to increase knowledge, share experiences and foster nature-based solutions to meet the challenges of climate change and health issues.

The conference will feature presentations by leading experts in the fields of biodiversity, health and climate change including **Humberto Delgado Rosa** (European Commission, DG Environment, Director for Natural Capital), **Birgit de Boissezon** (European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Head of Unit "Sustainable Management of Natural Resources"), **Elizabet Paunovic** (Head of Office, European Centre for Environment and Health, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe), **Ronan Uhel** (Head of Natural System and Sustainability, European Environmental Agency, EEA), **Cristina Romanelli** (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, CBD), **Thomas Elmqvist** (Stockholm Resilience Centre), **Richard Mitchell** (Institute for Health and Wellbeing/CRESH, Glasgow University), **Kevin Gaston** (University of Exeter, UK), **Terry Hartig** (Uppsala University, Sweden), **Catherine Ward Thompson** (Edinburgh College of Art, UK), **Roderick Lawrence** (Director of the Global Environmental Policy Program, University Geneva), **Chantal van Ham** (IUCN)

Plenary presentations will be complemented by eight interactive workshop sessions ranging from "Evidence for biodiversity's contribution to health", to "Health and protected areas" and "Psychological effects of nature and biodiversity" as well as "Linking initiatives in biodiversity, health and policy", "Allergenic plants and vector borne diseases" and "Nature-based solutions for health and social equity". In addition, "Landscape planning for multifunctional urban spaces" will be addressed. A special session is dedicated to "Lessons learned from green interventions for enhancing human health in urban areas", where emphasis is given to good practice examples and the sharing of experience among community level actors. Results of conference discussions will feed into ENCA recommendations for creating synergies between ongoing policy processes, scientific programmes and practical implementation of nature conservation measures in European urban and rural areas to support health measures in the face of a changing climate.

Programme details and registration: [www.ecbcc2017.com](http://www.ecbcc2017.com)

Deadline for abstract submission: **28 February 2017**

Early bird registration deadline: **3 April 2017**

Final registration deadline: **29 May 2017**



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