

EU Business and Biodiversity Platform

‘Science-based targets for biodiversity: state of play and finance & business perspectives’

European Commission, Brussels

Webinar 1

24 March 3.00 - 4.30 pm CET

Context

At the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD-COP15) in October 2020, a global post-2020 agenda for biodiversity will be agreed by 193 states. Defining **global goals on biodiversity** is expected to be a key outcome of this COP15. This will have consequences for all societal actors, not least the business and finance community. Finance and business are therefore increasingly interested in setting science-based targets (SBTs) that contribute to the emerging post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

This webinar on ‘*Science-based targets for biodiversity: state of play and finance & business perspectives*’ is organised by the [EU Business and Biodiversity Platform](#) in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and SBT Network. It is open to leading organisations working on the development of SBT for biodiversity, businesses and members of the [EU Finance@Biodiversity Community of Practice](#) (EU F@B Community). This webinar builds on a ‘[growing commitment to biodiversity by the finance sector](#)’ expressed by the EU F@B Community during the [European Business and Nature Summit](#).

Objectives and scope of the webinar

This webinar is the first of a three-part series of webinars on ‘Science-based targets for biodiversity’.

Webinar 1

The objectives of this first webinar are to:

- Take stock of the state of play and explore best practices from leading businesses and financial institutions on establishing SBT for biodiversity.
- Take stock of SBT initiatives and targets underway with scientific experts

Webinar 2 and 3

Depending on the outcome of webinar 1, and the interest of its participants, the second and third webinar will most likely focus on Allocation i.e. how to identify how much particular actors are contributing to global goals on biodiversity (webinar 2, [2 April 15:00 – 16:45 CET](#), hosted by UNEP-WCMC) and Compatibility with measurement approaches i.e. how to measure progress towards biodiversity targets with corporate biodiversity measurement approaches (webinar 3, [16 April 15:00 – 16:45 CET](#), hosted by EU B@B Platform).

Registration & access to Webinar 1, 2 and 3

- Please register on <https://next-ma.eu/landing/eubiodiversity>
- This event is for invitees only. If someone forwarded you this invitation, please contact the organisers before registering online (a.bor@nextgreen.nl).



Agenda

Timing	Content & speakers
15:00 – 15:30	Part 1: State of play of Science Based Targets for biodiversity
15:00 – 15:10	Welcome & opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lars Müller, EU Business@Biodiversity Policy Officer and coordinator of the EU B@B Platform, European Commission ■ Anne-Marie Bor, moderator and Lead Workstream Pioneers, EU Business@Biodiversity Platform, Lead Finance Community ■ Poll/question 1: 'Who's in the room?'
15:10 – 15:15	WHY: Practitioner perspective on need for SBT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Finance need for science-based targets</i>: Julien Foll, Responsible Investment Analyst, AXA Investment Management <p>Question 2: 'Why SBT for corporates and finance?'</p> <p>Consolidation on the need for SBT by practitioners</p>
15:15 – 15:25 5 min	WHAT: SBT by corporates. What is in use and what is in development? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Overview of initiatives</i>, Johan Lammerant, Lead Workstream Methods, EU Business@Biodiversity Platform
5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Q&A
15:25 – 16:20	Part 2 - HOW: Planetary science - objective, drivers of loss and operating space
15:25 – 15:45 10 min 5 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Business experience with defining boundaries and operating space</i> - Greet Vanderheyden, Sustainable Development Manager, Alpro ■ Q&A
15:45 – 16:15 10 min 10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Setting science based targets for biodiversity based on Planetary science and global goals</i> - Katie Leach, UNEP-WCMC ■ <i>Science Based Targets for Biodiversity</i> - Christopher Weber, Technical Director Science-Based Targets Network
10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Q&A
16:15 – 16:25	<p>Poll and brief discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Poll/question 3: 'Do we need SBT at portfolio level, sector level, company level or site level?' ■ Poll/question 4: 'Should biodiversity SBT for business and FI be directed at <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 'impact reduction' only or 2) also direct 'restoration' and 'positive impact'?
16:25 – 16:30	Part 3: The way forward on biodiversity SBT & Closing remarks