



NETBIOME-CSA

STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN RESEARCH COOPERATION FOR SMART
AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL BIODIVERSITY
IN OUTERMOST REGIONS AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES



CONFERENCE - DEBATE

BOOSTING BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH COOPERATION

A NetBiome Roadmap for European (sub)Tropical Overseas

Wednesday 6 April 2016

15:00 – 18:00

Room ASP 5E2

European Parliament

Co-Chaired by:

MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos

Chair of the “*Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*” Working Group

MEP Maurice Ponga

Chair of the “*Islands and Overseas Entities*” Working Group

The NetBiome partnership is taking this opportunity to showcase how Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories can advance biodiversity research cooperation in support of its sustainable development.

The Conference programme will include presentations and interactions with coordinators of NetBiome-funded research projects, highlighting their achievements and lessons learned in terms of developing future research calls. Key results and achievements of the NetBiome-CSA project will be presented, with a particular focus on the strategic policy recommendations and research priorities emerging from the work carried out with more than 150 stakeholders.

This International Conference will be a unique opportunity to discuss with experts and policy makers the future of research on (sub)tropical biodiversity in support of sustainable development in Outermost Regions and in Overseas Countries and Territories.

14:15-14:45

Registration

15:00-15:15

Opening addresses:

Chair of the Conference: **MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos**

MEP Maurice Ponga – Video Message

MEP Younous Omarjee

NetBiome-CSA coordination: **Nelson Simões, president of FRCT**

15:15-15:25

Contribution from the European Commission

DG Environment: **Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director “Natural Capital”**

DG Research & Innovation: **Birgit de Boissezon, Head of Unit 'Sustainable Management of Natural Resources'**

15:25-15:55

Panel 1: **Assets and achievements of overseas research cooperation**

Moderated by Colin Hindmarch, Independent Consultant

- **Building research partnerships: the birth of NetBiome** - Josiane Irissin-Mangata
- **Major scientific opportunities for research in EU Overseas** - António Abreu
- **Message from researchers of the NetBiome ERA-Net joint call**

15:55-16:30

Questions & Answers and discussion with the audience

16:30-16:40

Projection of NetBiome-CSA video

16:40-17:20

Panel 2: **Towards a roadmap for the NetBiome partnership**

Moderated by Carole Martinez, IUCN

- **Biodiversity valuation in EU Overseas** - Keighley McFarland
- **A Toolbox for cooperation in biodiversity management** – Rob Hendrix
- **Stakeholder-driven definition of research priorities and policy recommendations** - Pablo Chavance
- **Planning the future of the NetBiome partnership** - José Azevedo

17:20-17:50

Question & Answers and discussion with the audience

17:50-18:00

Closing remarks by the Chair MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos

This event is organised in collaboration with the European Commission FP7-Environment Project NetBiome-CSA