



The White paper needs your feedback!

As from today, you can find the [most recent version of the White paper](#) on our website, to be broadly discussed.

This White Paper provides in a detailed but still concise manner a concrete concept for the Network of Knowledge, including its context, its functions, overall objectives as well as the practicalities of the NoK through the lessons learned from three demonstration cases carried out in the last year. The paper also elaborates on governance issues, rules and procedures. Finally, some concrete design options for the implementation of the NoK are presented at the end of the paper.

We invite you to take part in the **discussion about this White paper on our Forum**. We have divided the document in 5 parts and as many [Forum themes](#) to make it possible for you to discuss specific aspects of the paper:

1. Aim and background
2. The two functions of BiodiversityKnowledge
3. Added value of BiodiversityKnowledge
4. Governance, rules and procedures
5. Design options

If you do not have the time to read the complete white paper, the [Executive Summary](#) is probably just what you are looking for.



When?

from 24 Sept, 1PM
to 26 Sept, 3PM



BiodiversityKnowledge Second Conference registration deadline extended

Because many of you were still on holiday these last weeks, we have extended the deadline for registration for our second conference in Berlin, September 24-26th until **September 6th**.

During this conference we will discuss and finalize the recommended design of a future Network of Knowledge (NoK) on biodiversity and ecosystem services. With the conference, we aim to provide an important building block for the future development of the interface between science and society in Europe.

The focus of the conference will be on presenting options for the NoK, which the BiodiversityKnowledge team has been developing over the past two years through working jointly with the biodiversity knowledge community. Stakeholders involved ranged from practitioners, researchers to policy makers.

If you haven't done so already, [register for the conference here](#)

Where?

[Jerusalemkirche](#)
Berlin

Detailed Conference Program Available

A more [detailed program for the conference](#) can now be consulted on the website. In the following days the program will be completely finalized. We have also compiled all the [practical information](#) you need for your travel to and stay in Berlin...

Best wishes and welcome to the last stages of the NoK design,

Carsten Neßhöver and Marie Vandewalle, on behalf of the BiodiversityKnowledge Team

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