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The [Spanish Business and Biodiversity Initiative](#) is a public private partnership where Fundación Biodiversidad (public Foundation belonging to the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition) takes a coordination role. [22 big companies](#) take part of this initiative, advised by 4 strategic partners.

Our main way of working is through an annual meeting where we decide the focus of the platform activities. Then companies decide to engage in this work on a voluntary basis.

This year, we have relevantly focused in the elaboration of a **Practical Guide on Ecological Restoration**. This guide has been funded by six of our energy, mining and infrastructure companies (Endesa, Ferrovial, Iberdrola, LafargeHolcim, Naturgy and OHL) and it has involved a strong participatory process with over 100 people including different administrations, experts, NGO and universities. Also, due to our relation with the Spanish Ministry, we have coordinated our work with the team in charge of the elaboration of the future national strategy on Green Infrastructure, Connectivity and Ecological Restoration. As a result, we are referenced in this strategy as the methodology to be followed. This is a very relevant outcome that ensures not only the validation of the guide in the restoration field in Spain, but also the effective use of the methodology and guidelines proposed herein. As an online tool, contents can be updated every now and then and the guide acts as a resource guide including links to legislation, documents of interest and many practical cases. The guide will be officially presented at the Business Forum.

Another relevant document published at the beginning of the year was a small publication on land stewardship: ['Las empresas como aliadas de la Custodia del Territorio'](#) (Business as an ally of land stewardship).

During 2018 we have sent regular informative emails to our members and edited **two news briefs**: [April News](#), [September News](#). They provide information from the Platform, relevant business related activities from Biodiversity Foundation, strategic partners and international platforms and relevant documents and event in the B&B field.

In representation of our platform, we have actively participated in several events related to B&B and haven given **presentations** at: 'Working breakfast - Natural Capital as an active: challenges and opportunities for business' (Green Growth Group) and 'Presentation of the Financial Supplement of the Natural Capital Protocol' (Bankinter and Ecoacsa). We will also present the Practical guide on Ecological Restoration at the Business Forum, side event at COP 14 and at the National Congress of the Environment.

Regarding specific activities with our companies, we hosted the [first workshop of the Natural Capital Factory](#), focused on biodiversity and organized by Ecoacsa.

Two other relevant milestones this year for Fundación Biodiversidad is that we changed to a [new working location](#) (a former garage that underwent a complete and comprehensive ecological rehabilitation) and that we celebrated our **20th anniversary**. We invite you to see the congratulations given to us by a [very special person](#) 😊.

