

Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity: National and Regional Initiatives Report

The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity: National and Regional Initiatives Report will serve as a guide for existing and future initiatives to refer to. It will include information from all initiatives on all the points seen below. The purpose of this report is to have the most essential and pertinent information about GPBB initiatives in one place, for easy access and visibility, as well as the up-to-date information as the annual report in each initiative's webpage. Because the makeup of each national and regional initiative is different, we hope this report highlights the key characteristics that comprise the GPBB initiatives.

1. General Information

Profile

<u>Description</u>: Please include a brief summary of the initiative while mentioning the date of creation, who it represents, and its main purpose.

Please answer here:

The Spanish Business and Biodiversity Initiative (IEEB) was launched by the Biodiversity Foundation (belonging to the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge) in 2013. The initiative provides a solid cooperation framework for private sector and the government to join efforts towards improving and maintaining Spain's natural capital. Its main objectives are to help integrate biodiversity into business policy and management, to promote and highlight the contribution of companies to the conservation of the natural environment and to channel private funding to biodiversity conservation projects.

After 10 years of work, significant progress by the private sector and the adoption of the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in 2023 the IEEB set up a new phase to adapt to the new regulatory context, increase the ambition of the commitment made by its members, fight against greenwashing and facilitate the participation of SMEs.

Vision

<u>Description</u>: Please summarize the initiatives' vision in one sentence.

Please answer here:

To become a leading public-private partnership platform to halt and reverse the loss of nature.



Mission

<u>Description</u>: Please summarize the initiatives' mission in one sentence.

Please answer here:

Promoting the integration of nature into business models in order to encourage the private sector to participate in the restoration and conservation of the natural heritage.

Objectives

<u>Description</u>: In point form, please include the main objectives of the initiative.

Please answer here:

- Guide the private sector on how to integrate nature into decision making.
- Showcase the contribution of Spanish companies towards the restoration and conservation or nature.
- Channel private funds to preserve natural heritage.

Funding, Budget and Resources

<u>Description</u>: Briefly describe the funding aspect of the initiative, including membership fees, external funding, donations, funding through events, etc.

Please answer here:

The initiative is entirely financed by public funds, both national and European. The average annual budget is around €200,000. the initiative has a team of 1.5 in-house employees and an external technical assistance team of 4 part-time staff.

Services and Activities

<u>Description</u>: In point form, please include the main services and activities that the initiative provides. These can include projects, events, workshops, information sharing, resource mobilization, capacity building, program development and implementation, case studies, policy recommendations, indicators and methodologies, etc.

Please answer here:

The activity of the IEEB is framed in an open Community of Practice, with a space for dialogue between the public and private sectors, an advanced knowledge centre and collaboration forums where participants have the possibility to:

- explore opportunities for public-private collaboration,
- have access to up-to-date information on the regulatory context,
- learn about initiatives and tools of interest,
- and exchange best practices.



In addition, the IEEB offers the opportunity to highlight the contribution of the Spanish business community to biodiversity at an international level as part of Global Business and Biodiversity platforms.

Membership and Governance

<u>Description</u>: Please describe the membership and governance structures of the initiative, including the executive body, types of membership, levels of engagement and any associated organizations.

Please answer here:

The IEEB is led and managed by Biodiversity Foundation, a public foundation of the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge.

The initiative has strategic partners, that act as an advisory board proposing priorities and coordinating joint actions. Members companies can also suggest actions and topics to be addressed.

The IEEB offers different formulas to become a member so that any organization, depending on its interest, progress and commitment to nature, can find a way to be part:

- Action: aimed to companies that value the risk regarding their impacts and dependencies on nature, develop and implement a roadmap to reduce them, and disclose the efforts made and achievements accomplished.
- Assessment: aimed to companies that identify and disclose their impacts and dependencies on nature.
- Knowledge: aimed to any other organization.

Members in Action or Assessment must sign <u>the Biodiversity and Natural Capital</u> <u>Commitment</u>. No commitment is required to organizations in Knowledge formula.

2. Annual Updates

Businesses your initiative represents

<u>Description</u>: Please indicate the businesses that your initiative represents. Please provide **a full list** of their names and the total amount of businesses that are represented.

Please answer here:



As of 15/02/2025, the IEEB has **127 members** (regularly updated <u>here</u>) **and 7 strategic partners**.

- Action members: Acciona, Ametland, Coca Cola, Comsa, Damm, Daromas, Edp, Enagas, Endesa, Ferrovial, Fluvitex, Iberdrola, Heineken, Holcim, Naturgy, Red Eléctrica, Sacyr y Statkraft.
- Assessment members: Acuario Biopark Gijón, AstraZeneca, Balearia, Capital Energy, Danone, Decathlon, Ecoalf, El Ejidilllo, FCC Medio Ambiente, Greenalia, Grupo Cooperativo Cajamar, Grupo Tragsa, Heidelberg Materials, Ilunion, Infosa, Nestlé, OHLA, Solunion y Zalestra
- Knowledge members: AECOC, Agroamb, ANEABE, ANFACO-CECOPESCA, Anthesis, ANTICIMEX 3D SANIDAD AMBIENTAL, Asemfo, ASFAC, Asociación Amicos, Asociación Española del Comercio e Industria de la Madera (AEIM), ASOPROVAC, Ayuntamiento de Adeje, Azentúa Valor Ambiental (NWorld), Bax, Bergner Europe, BiossFera Terra, BIOTERRETA, Biotyka, Capgemini, CEER, Cemex, CGB CONSULTORES, Clarel, Club Asturiano de Calidad, Cómo crear historias, Conxemar, Coolx, Cruz Roja Española, D2Naturaleza, Earthworm Foundation, Ecoacsa Reserva de Biodiversidad, Eco Intelligent Growth, El Club de los Raros, El Nocturnario, ERM Iberia, Explotaciones Trucheras Ganaderas y Agrócolas, Fairtrade Ibérica, FEDEHESA, Fish and Food technology, Florestasur, Fundació Asfplant, Fundación BIOPARC, Fundación Cepsa, Fundación CESEFOR, Fundación Estrella de Levante, Fundación Juana de Vega, Fundación Oxfam Intermón, Galaica, García Riera, Green Wolf Nature, Grupo Lantania, Hochland Española, Humanitarios Sin Fronteras (HSF), IBECOSOL, IE Universidad, INERCO, Iniciativa Europea WestMED y Plan de Acción del Atlántico, Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Medio Ambiente (IIDMA), La Veleta Sostenible, Leroy Merlin, Landlife Company, Lobelia, Madretierra Medioambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, ManpowerGroup, MAPFRE, Mercadona, Minkadev, Navantia, NTT Data, OFICEMEN, Ofitec Ingeniería y Proyectos, PEFC España, PETERSON, Port Aventura, Preferred by Nature, Quality & Adviser, Raxia Formación, Renovable Sierra de las Nieves, Retexcycle, Revenga Smart Solutions, Runakai, Sinerxia, Solaria Energía y Medio Ambiente, Sostenibilidad a Medida, Tecnoambiente, Tekura, TerraDev, Transcendent, Valora Consultores, X-ELIO y ZERYA.
- <u>Strategic partners</u>: Club de Excelencia en Sostenibilidad, CEOE, Forética, Fundación Global Nature, Grupo Español de Crecimiento Verde, Spainsif y Woman Action Sustainability.

Highlights of Work in 2024

<u>Description:</u> Please highlight outstanding works in 2024.

Please answer here:



- **Public-private dialogue**: <u>IEEB annual meeting</u> to share the progress made by both government and business and to discuss about key challenges and actions to promote corporate strategies with a positive impact on nature.
- Knowledge transfer: Dissemination of the <u>ENCORE</u> tool update to help financial institutions and businesses understand their dependencies and impacts on nature (knowledge and resource generated within the framework of the <u>EU Horinzon SUSTAIN Project</u> in which the Biodiversity Foundation participates) and feeding the <u>Knowledge web repository</u> with more than 600 new resources regarding business and biodiversity initiatives, reports, events or tools.
- Promotion of deforestation-free products: the IEEB has worked along with the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demografic Challenge in identifing useful resources and training European Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) regulated sectors to comply with due diligence requirement. Also, the IEEB supported for the holding in Madrid of the multi-stakeholders meeting of the Amsterdam Declaration Partnership to facilitate and harmonise efforts between producer and consumer countries to achieve deforestation-free agricultural supply chains.
- Business engagement on international processes: the IEEB facilitated coordination between the Spanish businesses attending COP16 CBD in Cali.

Reports, Platforms, or Publications Launched in 2024

<u>Description:</u> Please indicate reports, platforms, or publications launched by the initiative in 2024, if any.

Please answer here:

Ecological restoration: examples of technical bases and practical solutions.

Planning of Work in 2025

Description: Please indicate the initiative's remarkable work in 2025.

Please answer here:

During 2025, the Initiative will

- facilitate business engagement in the design of sectoral guides on due diligence obligations under the European Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR).
- provide businesses and financial institutions with the knowledge and resources generated by the <u>EU Horinzon SUSTAIN Project</u> to better understand, assess, and



- monitor the dependencies and impacts on nature from activities across different sectors of the economy.
- promote the adoption of the land stewardship among the private sector as a governance tool to meet corporate commitments on nature with restoration and conservation projects (workshops, training sessions and pilot projects on innovative finance instruments as biodiversity credits, carbon credits or water footprint offset as part of <u>LIFE Custodia</u> Project).
- increase the Spanish financial sector's knowledge and awareness of the importance of nature (webinars in colaboration with Spainsif).
- identify opportunities and strategies to promote sustainable use and conservation of natural values in tourism products and destinations by working with hotels in assessing their impacts and dependences of nature and designing steps for nature positive actions.
- foster Spanish business participation at EBNS (European Business and Nature Summit) as well as at UN Climate Change Conference COP30.
- enable public-private dialogue on upcoming challenges and next steps (IEEB annual summit)
- feed the Knowledge web repository with useful resources on business and biodiversity.

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