

CALL FOR EXPERTS No.1/2019 EKLIPSE – January 2019

How could the scientific community support the negotiators from the EU and its Member States to comment on the IPBES Global assessment Summary for Policy-Makers (SPM)?

Deadline for Call: 6th February, 2019 – Extended deadline to 10th February

In May 2019, the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services ([IPBES](#)) will hold its 7th Plenary Session. During this meeting, representatives of 130 Governments will be presented, for discussion and possible approval, with a definitive new global synthesis of the state of nature, ecosystems and nature's contributions to people – the first such report since the landmark Millennium Ecosystem Assessment was published in 2005, and the first ever that is intergovernmental (more info [here](#)). EKLIPSE is inviting experts to join an expert working group to support the negotiators from the EU and its Member States to provide relevant comment on the IPBES Global assessment Summary for Policy-Makers (SPM). The Summary for Policy Makers is one of the main outputs of such intergovernmental science policy processes, as it is the one document with the most policy relevance. It is critical in that it contains the main policy elements referenced to in the assessment report.

In order to ensure the SPM is providing this reliable and comprehensive overview of the findings of the Global Assessment report, EU negotiators seek the support of a team of experts that would bring together a wide scope of expertise and abilities. This input will be invaluable to feed the negotiations within the EU and at the plenary session, and to subsequently result in an outcome that will have a great impact for policy making in the decade ahead.

- Are you an expert working on issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem services with experience of trans-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary approaches? Are you a social scientist looking at socio-ecological systems and their evolution? Are you an economist working on environmental issues? Are you an expert in science policy interface or evidence-based policy? Are you an expert in one or several topics of the IPBES Global Assessment, e.g. land management, human well-being, food security, etc.
- Are you interested in a sustainable future, and pathways to get there?
- Would you like to contribute directly to a policy-relevant process related to a major current environmental challenge?
- Would you like to expand your network and learn about methods of knowledge synthesis?
- Are you interested in collaborating in a trans-disciplinary and multi-cultural setting?
- Are you interested in how intergovernmental negotiations work? Here is an opportunity not only to be part of the preparation process but also to ensure that critical information is not overlooked in THE document that most policy makers will read!

Then please apply at www.eclipse-mechanism.eu

Important dates and information:

- Interested experts should apply before midnight on the **10th February, 2019**, following the rules and procedures detailed below.
- The Experts of the working group will be selected by **15th February, 2019** and should start its work immediately thereafter.
- We will aim to have a first expert group meeting in **week starting 17th of February, 2019**.
- Deadline for reporting is **20th March 2019**: The synthesis report of potential comments to improve IPBES Global Assessment SPM will be shared with negotiators from the EU and its MS in time for the EU preparation of the IPBES-7 plenary, to take place from 29 April - 4 May 2019 in Paris
- Participation in this expert working group will require approximately 20% of your time – please find more information on expectations of and support to EKLIPSE Expert Working Groups on EKLIPSE website at http://www.eclipse-mechanism.eu/apps/Eclipse_data/website/Guidance_note-Expert_working_groups.pdf.

EKLIPSE is developing a European Mechanism to answer requests from policy makers and other societal actors on issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem services.
EKLIPSE organizes and facilitates knowledge synthesis processes, horizon scanning and societal dialogue on topics that relate to or impact on biodiversity and ecosystem services by making the best knowledge available.
It invites experts to contribute their knowledge.

More information on the processes and the EKLIPSE project funded by the EU in H2020 is available at www.eclipse-mechanism.eu