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01 Welcome to the first edition of BIOTRAILS' newsletter!

Dear Reader,

On behalf of the whole BIOTRAILS consortium, I am happy to welcome you to the first issue of our newsletter!

BIOTRAILS is a Horizon Europe project funded by the European Commission with the scope of inspiring and accelerating biodiversity-relevant transformative changes in our society.

Running from 1st December 2022 until 30th November 2025, BIOTRAILS has the ambition to develop and test tools and solutions for adding biodiversity values in four supply chains of traded products, namely cocoa produced in Peru; forest-based cultural products created by indigenous communities in the Brazilian Amazon; fisheries and aquaculture products supplied by the Mediterranean basin and consumed within the Mediterranean countries and gold mined in Ghana.

BIOTRAILS is unique because it aims at addressing biodiversity issues adopting a system thinking approach while fostering transformative changes through the equitable and effective engagement of different kinds of stakeholders. Finally, the climate and social justice agendas are at the core BIOTRAILS implementation.

We hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter!

For additional information on the project requests, please visit www.biotrailsproject.eu and follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

Yours sincerely,

Raffaele Giordano, Project Coordinator

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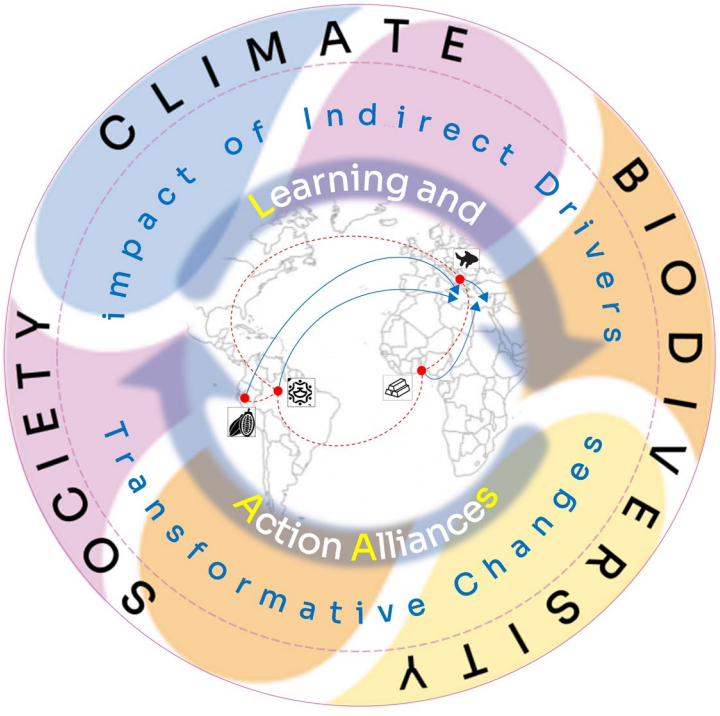
02 About BIOTRAILS

BIOTRAILS has two main scopes. On the one hand, it aims at co-creating innovative knowledge about complex interrelations in the Climate-biodiversity-society nexus and between indirect drivers of changes – e.g., consumers' behaviour. On the other hand, BIOTRAILS aims at co-designing interventions – in policy, urban consumptions and corporate policies - for activating alternative pathways toward a just and sustainable future

Efforts will be carried out to combine in BIOTRAILS scientific methods and tools with the Learning and Action Alliances activities to drive the Nexus dialogue through actively engaging and incentivizing communities of stakeholders along the production-consumption chains and biodiversity-climate-society agendas.

Accelerating the adoption of the BIOTRAILS models, methods and tools by the wider community to ensure impact maximization is key for BIOTRAILS.



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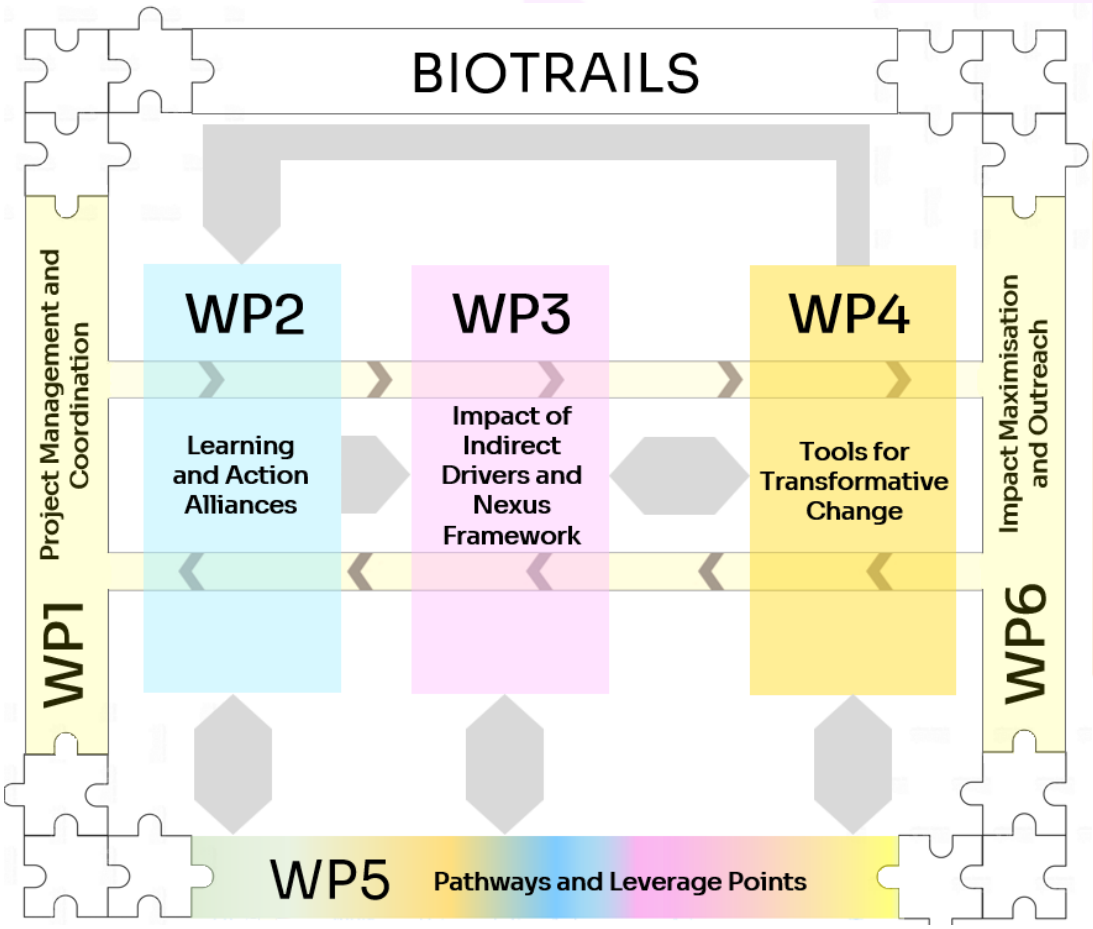
BIOTRAILS has been designed following an agile approach, charcaterized by multiple iterations of critical tasks, creating short cycles for rapid delivery, early validation, constant feedback generation and unanimous acceptance of the produced outputs. The core of BIOTRAIL is the WP2, dedicated to build, activate and keep alive the Learning and Action Alliances (LAA) in the case studies and to build the general framework for pathways and leverage points. The continous interaction among the LAA (WP2), the tools for understanding the impacts of indirect drivers (WP3), and the tools for trasformative change will allow to draw pathways for biodiversity-related transformative change in the case studies.



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03 Meet the Project Coordinator

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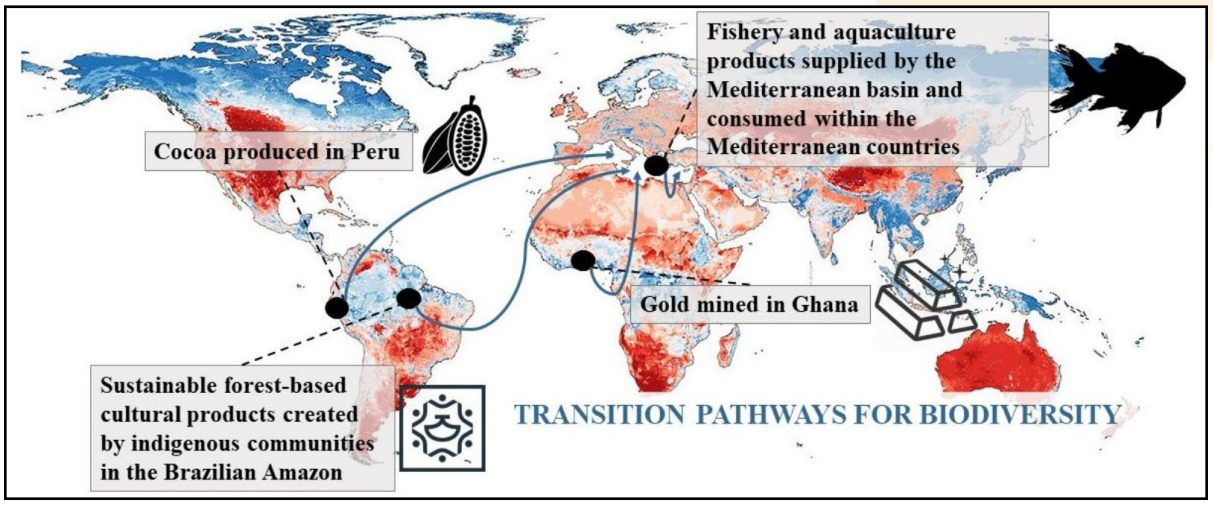
What is the BIOTRAILS' main added value?

In my view, the key added value of BIOTRAILS is the adoption of system-thinking approach, based on the combination among participatory activities, analytical approaches and modelling tools, for understanding the complex and non-linear interactions among process (both human and natural), production and biodiversity loss along four value chains. Moreover, society issues are at the core of BIOTRAILS's Nexus perspective.

Finally, BIOTRAILS is built around the idea that activating biodiversity-related transformative changes claims for reconnecting communities and actors, spatially dislocated far from each other, but interacting through the value chains, as shown in one of the key figure of BIOTRAILS.



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04 Kick-off meeting

From 25th to 27th January 2023 all consortium partners gathered in Bari (Italy) for the Kick-Off meeting.

Participatory and co-working activities were conducted during the meeting to define the plan for starting the implementation of the project's tools and methods in the different case studies. The core of the meeting was the dialogue between the Case Study leaders and the Work Package leaders.

Specific attention was given to the Dissemination and Communication activities, whose .

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05 Transformative change for Biodiversity project cluster

On March 17, Unit B.3 “Biodiversity, Circular Economy and Environment" of the European Research Executive Agency (REA), in close collaboration with the Directorate General for Research and innovation, Unit B.3, organised the first in-person cluster event on Transformative Changes for Biodiversity at REA premises in Brussels.

Participants were the representatives of 11 Horizon Europe-funded projects that are at the core of the cluster, key representatives from 6 flagship projects and initiatives, as well as policy officers from the Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) and from the Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV).

The main scope of the meeting was to set the ground for the effective cooperations among the biodiversity-related projects, to maximise the impacts on EU policies and feed the European biodiversity knowledge framework.

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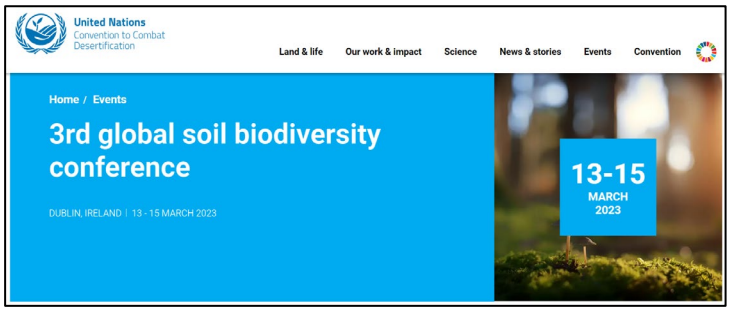

3rd Global Soil Biodiversity Conference
Dulin, Ireland
13-15 March 2023

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Transformations Conference '23
European Hub Conference
Prague, Czech Republic
12-14 July 2023

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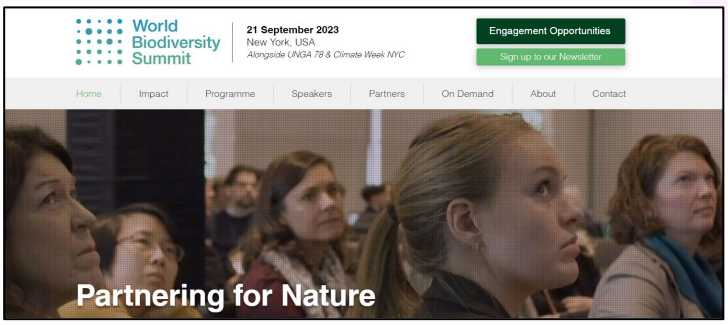

World Biodiversity Summit
New York, USA
21 September 2023

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The Biodiversity Conference 2023
Perth, Australia
10- 12 October 2023

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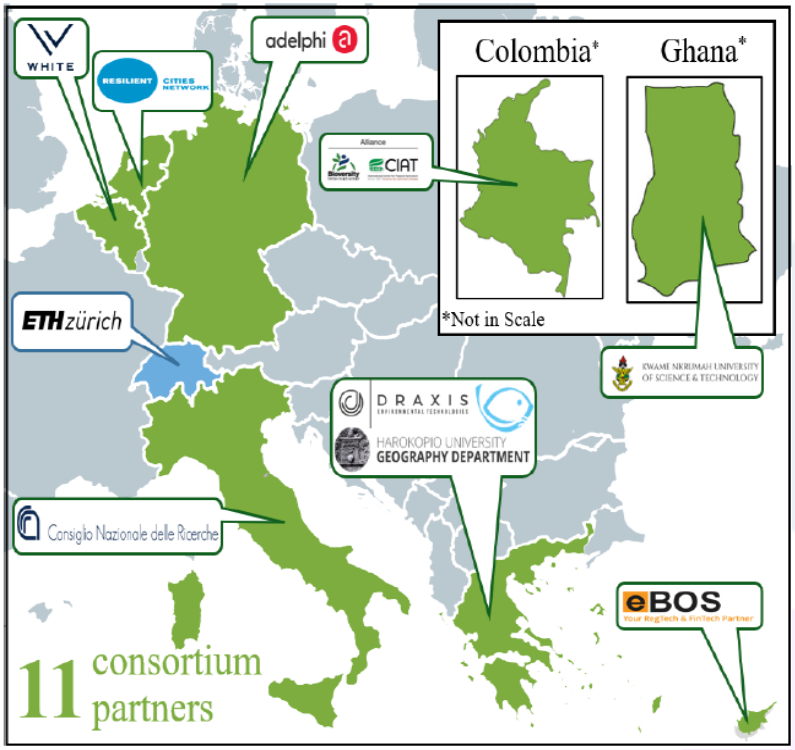

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A team of value for a very ambitious project!

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