

World biodiversity and the European responsibility - Taxonomy helps to halt biodiversity loss

**Invitation to the EPBRS Meeting in the Czech Republic
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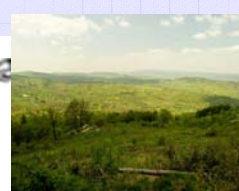


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- The meeting should give guidance on how to coordinate, at the European level, various efforts to overcome taxonomic impediments, and educate taxonomists and ecologists also in the third countries (biodiversity hotspots)
- The meeting will be organized by the Institute of Botany and Czech Bioplatform with the support of EPBRS, BioStrat and the Ministry of the Environment





Topics to be discussed

- 1. Biodiversity collections and data sources** in Europe and methods to overcome the impact of taxonomic impediment (incl. LIFEWATCH)
- 2. Information barriers in the era of information** – biodiversity data sharing, standardisation and compatibility, capacity building (incl. EDIT)
- 3. Linking biodiversity and conservation** – common goals and challenges (incl. SCB) – deliverables from scientific community to policy makers



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Related actions in 2009 in the Czech Republic

- Representatives of the Czech Bioplatform and EPBRS are involved in the organisational committee of the 2nd European Congress of Conservation Biology (3-5/09/2009, Prague, www.eccb2009.org), *Conservation biology and beyond: from science to practice*
- The aim of the congress is to make it clear that conservation is a multidisciplinary science contributing to halting the loss of biodiversity
- June 2009 – Nature Directors Meeting

