



Measures taken by Germany to build capacity for youth participation in IPBES

Germany supports the participation of early career individuals in IPBES and related processes in a variety of ways. The German IPBES Coordination Office supports the participation of early career individuals in their role as Fellows in ongoing IPBES assessments. In addition, the engagement with international groups of early career individuals in IPBES Youth workshops helps to increase their knowledge of IPBES processes and procedures. These workshops are conducted and supported by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation.

Strengthening the skills of early career individuals in IPBES processes and procedures

An **IPBES Youth Workshop** with regionally balanced participation from all UN regions took place from 19 - 23 October 2022 at the International Academy for Nature Conservation (INA), Isle of Vilm / Germany (<https://www.ipbes.net/ipbes-youth-workshop-2022>). It proved to be a very useful format for capacity building on IPBES processes, procedures, outcomes, ways of participation in IPBES, and active testing of tools developed under IPBES, such as the Nature Futures Framework. Currently attractive outcomes including publications and a graphic novel are being prepared. The workshop was co-funded together with Norway and co-organised together with the TSU on Capacity Building and Germany is ready to support future IPBES Youth Workshops.



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In 2023, a first **regional youth workshop in support of IPBES** is tentatively scheduled for 20 - 24 November. The regional workshop aims at involving early-career individuals, ideally representing an institution/ organisation or network from European countries including Eastern Europe, countries in the Caucasus and potentially from Central Asia with similar programme than the global IPBES Youth workshops.





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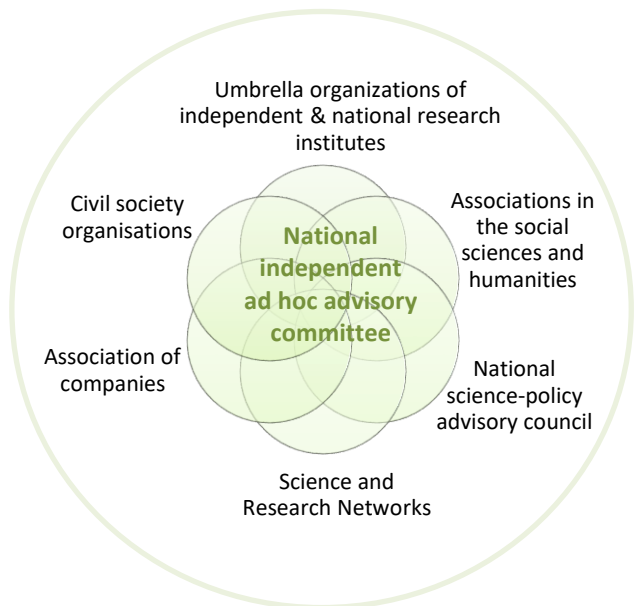
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Supporting *early career individuals* in their role as IPBES Fellows

Fellows* nominated by Germany and selected in the subsequent international IPBES process are supported administratively and procedurally by the German IPBES Coordination Office over a multi-year assessment period. In addition, participation in mandatory meetings during the assessment process (e.g., author meetings and IPBES training workshops for Fellows) will be financially supported on an as-needed basis, if no other funding opportunities are available.

The following points describe the process for the nomination of Fellows by the German government:

- On behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the German IPBES Coordination Office invites *early career individuals* to express their interest in participating in an assessment once the IPBES Call to Governments for nominations has been published.
- *Early career individuals* are asked to consider the selection criteria of the IPBES Fellowship Program before sending their expression of interest to the German IPBES Coordination Office by the indicated deadline, which is a few weeks before the international application deadline.
- The independent **national IPBES Ad Hoc Advisory Committee** reviews and evaluates the submitted expressions of interest to ensure that the thematic expertise required for a particular IPBES assessment is available.
- The recommendations of the national Advisory Committee are central to the German government's decision on which early career individuals to nominate as fellows for a specific assessment.



The final selection of Fellows will be made by the Management Committee of the respective IPBES assessment.

Learn more about the German IPBES Coordination Office:



* see the following link for details on the national nomination process for fellows:

