



Federal Agency for  
Nature Conservation

# Regional Youth Workshop on IPBES for Europe and Central Asia

10 – 14 November 2025  
International Academy for Nature  
Conservation Isle of Vilm, Germany



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

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The regional workshop aims at building capacities of early career professionals and committed young people from European (including the CEE region) and Central Asian countries to support their engagement with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), and increased understanding and use of IPBES products. The role of IPBES is to strengthen science-policy interfaces for biodiversity and ecosystem services for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, long-term human well-being and sustainable development. The engagement of young people in the work of IPBES is crucial for the future involvement and uptake of assessments among young people, other individuals and organizations.

During the workshop the participants will learn about IPBES processes and products and explore options for youth engagement in IPBES activities. Special emphasis will be given to supporting increased understanding and use of the outcomes of the IPBES Nexus Assessment and the IPBES Transformative Change Assessment. The participants will also work with visioning concepts like the Nature Futures Framework.

## Target group

The youth workshop will bring together 25 participants from all of Europe and Central Asia who are actively engaged in work on biodiversity, ecosystem services and nature conservation (including interlinkages with water, food, health and climate change or processes and activities of transformative change) and representing a youth organisation/network.

We aim to achieve disciplinary, gender and geographic balance when selecting candidates.

## Application process

Interested candidates are requested to submit an application form, including a statement of motivation, as well as a letter of reference filled out by their nominating network/organisation or their national government **by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2025 via the [BfN-website](#).**

## Organization, venue and costs

The in-person workshop is organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) at its International Academy for Nature Conservation (INA) on the Isle of Vilm (Baltic Sea), with support from the IPBES technical support unit on capacity-building and contributions from some members of the IPBES fellowship programme and other resource persons.

Support for travel, full board and accommodation in the INA guest houses will be provided to all participants by the Government of Germany. The workshop will be held in English.

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