



Training School WG1 “Policy”

CA23121 GENOA

***Announcement of Training School
“Legal and policy dimensions of the Convention on Biological
Diversity: A focus on genetic diversity indicators”***

Taking place **23 - 25 June 2026**, in **Brussels, Belgium**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 May 2026, 23:59 CEST

CANDIDATES NOTIFICATION DATE: latest 22 May 2026

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the [COST Action GENOA](#), we are pleased to announce the Training School “**Legal and policy dimensions of the Convention on Biological Diversity: A focus on genetic diversity indicators**”. This will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from 23 to 25 June, 2026.

This training school provides an introduction to the legal and policy dimensions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The programme focuses on biodiversity law, policy and governance, with particular attention to genetic diversity indicators and their role in achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework commitments.

The programme begins with a panel discussion on genetic diversity indicators, followed by two days of lectures and interactive sessions. Participants will gain both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience in implementation of international biodiversity law, reporting mechanisms and international negotiation processes under the CBD.

We welcome applications from interested researchers and practitioners, with particular encouragement for early-career applicants. The COST Action GENOA will be able to cover the costs for attendance of up to 25 participants. Please note that in accordance with COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy, we strongly support equality of opportunity and access for all, especially in relation to gender balance and geographical representation.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the WG1 leads Christina Hvilsom (christina.hvilsom@sund.ku.dk) or Cristiano Vernesi (cristiano.vernesi@cnr.it).

To apply, please fill out the [application form here](#).

Deadline for applications: 15 May 2026

Selected candidates will be notified by 22 May 2026.

Kind regards,

The Organizing Committee

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