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CBD COP17 in Armenia starts today! Members of the COST Action GENOA (Genetic Nature Observation and Action) are participating in CBD COP17 as part of the Coalition for Conservation Genetics (CCG) delegation, representing G-BiKE as the official Observer. The GENOA representatives attending COP17 are **Alicia Mastretta-Yanes, David O'Brien, André Rosado, Sabrina Traeger, and Belma Kalamujić Stroil.**



Together with colleagues from the Coalition, they are engaging with policymakers, researchers, and conservation practitioners to promote the conservation and monitoring of genetic diversity and support the implementation of **Target 4** of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Throughout COP17, the team will be available at the Coalition for Conservation Genetics exhibition **booth in the Blue Zone**, showcasing practical tools, indicators, and resources that support countries in monitoring and reporting on genetic diversity. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the booth in the **Exhibitions section, Floor L-1**, learn more about ongoing initiatives, and discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Check out or share [the video how to find our booth](#) with your colleagues attending the COP17.

Download the [full list of events](#) our team will participate in.

Also, **read and share** our **two new policy briefs** available in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic:

- [Genetic Diversity Indicators for Goal A and Target 4: What Policy Makers Need to Know](#)
- [From planning to reporting: Genetic diversity in NBSAPs & 7th National Reports](#)

For more information, visit the Coalition's [COP17 webpage](#).

Online MC4 Meeting - save the date

The 4th GENOA Management Committee Meeting (**MC4**) will take place online on **27 November 2026, from 1 to 4 PM CET**.

The meeting will bring together **the GENOA Management Committee** to review progress across the Action (progress report) and discuss priorities and activities for the coming period GP3, as well as sharing COP17 delegation feedback. The programme will include updates on Action membership, participation and management, as well as relevant information from the COST Association.

A key part of the meeting will be dedicated to reviewing progress across the five Working Groups (WG1–WG5), including their deliverables, goals and ongoing tasks. The MC will also review progress towards the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) objectives, current Grant Period goals and deliverables, and the budget status. The meeting will conclude with planning for upcoming GENOA activities and grant opportunities, followed by a summary of MC decisions.

The final agenda will be shared with participants 1–2 weeks before the meeting.

Save the Date: 27 November 2026

Time: 13:00–16:00 CET

Format: [Online via Zoom](#)

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

New GENOA publications

A new perspective article, “***Should we put ‘genetics’ into the title of our paper in wildlife biology?***”, has been published in *the European Journal of Wildlife Research*. The paper examines whether explicitly mentioning genetics in article titles may help bridge the persistent “conservation genetics gap” between genetic research and its practical application in wildlife ecology, conservation, and management.

The authors discuss how scientific communication influences the discoverability and uptake of genetic research, and argue that clearer signaling of genetic content may increase the visibility of studies relevant to wildlife managers, conservation practitioners, and interdisciplinary researchers. The article highlights the growing importance of genetic and genomic tools for wildlife conservation while reflecting on how these tools are presented within the scientific literature.

Read the paper [here](#).

Questions?

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Are you organizing an event? Did you receive an award? Are you looking for collaborators on a publication? If you have any news or information you'd like to share with the GENOA community, write to us and we will share it.

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