

**EuroMAB 2024  
UNESCO Biosphere Reserves  
for Sustainable Futures**

**3–7 June  
Lutherstadt Wittenberg  
UNESCO Biosphere Reserve  
Elbe River Landscape**

**Programme**

**Climate for Change**

# Programme

## Monday 03 June 2024

All day

Arrival of participants and registration

04.00 p.m.


Optional:

Guided city tour

06.00 p.m.

Get-together at Asisi-Panorama Luther  
1517 Wittenberg

## Tuesday 04 June 2024 Opening Day

 Stadthaus Wittenberg

**Moderation: Barbara Engels**

Head of Department I 2 Policy Issues  
and International Nature Conservation,  
Federal Agency of Nature Conservation  
(BfN) and Member of the German  
National Committee

09:15 a.m.

Opening remarks

- Torsten Zugehör, Lord Mayor of Lutherstadt Wittenberg
- Stefanie Hedtkamp, Chairperson of the MAB National Committee of Germany
- António Abreu, Director of the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences at UNESCO
- Guido Puhmann, UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Elbe River Landscape

09.45 a.m.

Keynote: Biodiversity loss and climate  
change – local solutions for global  
crises

Josef Settele, Dept. of Conservation  
Biology & Social-Ecological Systems  
at Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental  
Research – UFZ

Followed by Q&A

10.30 a.m.

Coffee break

11.00 a.m.

Panel discussion: UNESCO Biosphere  
Reserves and Climate Change  
Perspectives from the EuroMAB  
network by Marie Curtet (France), Anke  
Hollerbach (Germany), Rosana Cerkvėnik  
(Slovenia), Natalia Beltrán DÍaz (Spain),  
Jeremy Dertien (USA)

12.00 p.m.

Lunch break

01.30 p.m.

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves for  
Sustainable Futures

5 impulses on how biosphere reserves  
can act for sustainable futures by  
Jean-Louis Tedone (Canada), Siniša  
Golub (Croatia), Erika Silventoinen  
(Finland), Stefanie Eichiner (Germany),  
Yan Axel Arteaga (Peru)

02.00 p.m.

Moderated discussion

02.30 p.m.

Road to Hangzhou 2025

Input by António Abreu, Director of  
the Division of Ecological and Earth  
Sciences at UNESCO, followed by  
an interactive input session –  
expectations from the EuroMAB  
Community to the World Congress  
on Biosphere Reserves 2025

03.30 p.m.


Coffee break and exchange

04.30 p.m.

Optional:

Guided city tour or walking excursion  
to the river Elbe

## Opening Reception in the evening

 Stadthaus Wittenberg

**Moderation: Marlen Meißner**

Head of Department Heritage, Nature,  
Society at the German Commission  
for UNESCO

07.00 p.m.

Start of reception

07.10 p.m.

Opening remarks

- Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister  
for the Environment, Nature  
Conservation, Nuclear Safety and  
Consumer Protection of Germany
- Maria Böhmer, President of the  
German Commission for UNESCO
- Armin Willingmann, Deputy  
Minister-President of the Federal  
State of Saxony-Anhalt

08.00 p.m.

Networking, dinner and drinks

10.00 p.m.

End of reception

## Wednesday 05 June 2024 Field trips

09.00 a.m.

Start of field trips

By bus from Lutherstadt Wittenberg.  
Three different field trips are on offer  
giving insights into the characteristics  
and work of the biosphere reserve:

- **Excursion 1:** Flood protection near  
Vockerode & conversion of former  
military properties in the „Oranien-  
baumer Heide“ area
- **Excursion 2:** Nature conservation  
in combination with monument  
protection & flood protection near  
Vockerode
- **Excursion 3:** Discovering the UNESCO  
World Heritage in the region

06.00 p.m.

Arrival back in Lutherstadt Wittenberg

There will be no set programme for  
this evening. It is at your free disposal.

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# Thursday 06 June 2024 Workshops

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**09.00 a.m.**

Workshops – morning session

- **Workshop 1:** Climate Change Education in Biosphere Schools and Kindergartens
- **Workshop 2:** Good practices and projects of Biosphere Reserves for the conservation of continental aquatic ecosystems
- **Workshop 3:** Potentials of biosphere reserves as model regions for circular economy
- **Workshop 4:** Nature Based Solutions – Biosphere Reserves as drivers for change
- **Workshop 5:** Role of Biosphere Reserves in managing natural hazards – Best practices, obstacles and possible next steps
- **Workshop 6:** Exploring and discussing the Integrative Protected Area Management (IPAM) Toolbox – What is the recent state of management in your Biosphere Reserve?
- **Workshop 7:** Addressing climate change in mountain regions: science, local action and collaboration. Sharing experiences from the World Network of Mountain Biosphere Reserves
- **Workshop 8:** Biosphere reserves and the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)
- **Workshop 9:** Future visioning in Biosphere Reserves: inter-generational pathways for change

- **Workshop 10:** Connectivity Conservation in Biosphere Reserves
  - **Workshop 22:** Restoring Rivers and Floodplain Forests in UNESCO Transboundary Biosphere Reserves [FULL-DAY Workshop]
  - **Workshop 23:** Promoting impactful research in Biosphere Reserves in the context of a changing climate - Good practices to develop research strategies [FULL-DAY Workshop]
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**12.30 p.m.**

Lunch

Lunch will be provided at your first workshop location.

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**01.30 p.m.**

Workshops – afternoon session

- **Workshop 11:** Serious Games for Change in Biosphere Reserves
- **Workshop 12:** Climate of change for fluvial and floodplain ecosystems in riverine biosphere reserves
- **Workshop 13:** Nature Based Solutions: how to use the International Union for Conservation of Nature Global Standard to bring communities together
- **Workshop 14:** Scientific research in the service of sustainable tourism in Biosphere Reserves
- **Workshop 15:** Technology, Innovation, and Digitalization in UNESCO Biosphere Reserves
- **Workshop 16:** How could (parts of) UNESCO Biosphere Reserves be considered as 'Other Effective Area Based Conservation Measures' (OECMs)?
- **Workshop 17:** Building the Capacity to Co-Create Ethical Space for Transformative Change in Conservation
- **Workshop 18:** Enhancing cooperation between UNESCO sites to achieve biodiversity and climate goals



- **Workshop 19:** Sustainable Power for Protected Areas: Exploring Renewables & Risks in Biospheres
- **Workshop 20:** Engaging youth leadership in Biosphere Reserves to Advance Agenda 2030
- **Workshop 21:** Biosphere Reserves as learning sites for integrating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in climate change adaptation and mitigation: co-creating an EDI-BR framework for action
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**06.30 p.m.**  
 ‚Ethnic Evening‘ at  
 Stadthaus Wittenberg

## Friday 07 June 2024 Plenary Session

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**09.00 a.m.**

**Plenary session**  
 Looking back on the conference week  
 ‚Message from EuroMAB‘

**10.30 a.m.**

**Coffee break**


**11.00 a.m.**


**Plenary session**  
 Outlook and wrap-up


**12.00 p.m.**


End of EuroMAB 2024 & departure

## Conference locations

 **Asisi-Panorama Luther 1517**  
 Lutherstraße 42  
 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

 **Leucorea**  
 Collegienstraße 62  
 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

 **martas Hotel Lutherstadt Wittenberg**  
 Neustraße 7-10  
 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

 **Stadthaus Wittenberg**  
 Mauerstraße 18  
 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

## Map and more

You can find all venues including a map and further information here:



## Updates

To keep up to date regarding the conference programme, please refer to the conference website regularly:  
[www.euromab2024.de](http://www.euromab2024.de)



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