



OBSGESSION Newsletter

June, 2026

Another six months have passed for OBSGESSION, and we are happy to make a newsletter comeback! There is a lot to share, from events to new papers and project collections.

Are you ready to catch up? Because we've been quite busy!

OBSGESSION turned 2!



This January, OBSGESSION celebrated its 2nd Birthday! We have marked two amazing years of supporting biodiversity through Earth Observation methods, in situ observations and ecological modelling. OBSGESSION continues to show the great possibility of responding to current science and policy needs, focusing on the impact of natural and human-derived pressures.

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Our 2nd Annual Consortium Meeting

OBSGESSION's consortium gathered for the project's 2nd Annual Meeting, which took place between the 11th and 13th of June, in Zernez, Switzerland. The partners shared two days of discussions, collaboration, group work, and knowledge exchange.

The gathering was organised by the project partner - [the University of Zurich](#), and contained many oral presentations and group activities, aiming to showcase the updates and results so far, as well as discuss the road ahead.

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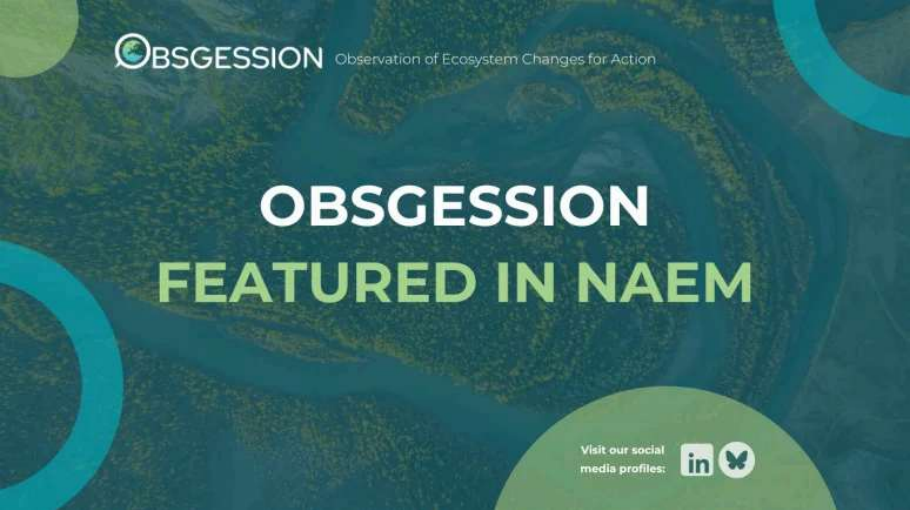
OBSGESSION has joined the WBF with a strong representation

The OBSGESSION project was strongly presented at this year's [World Biodiversity Forum \(WBF\)](#), under the theme *Leading Transformation Together*. The forum took place between the 14th and 19th of June, in Davos, Switzerland, and brought together science, society, art and business, encouraging the creation of strong and vast leadership and networks for transformation. OBSGESSION was featured in the event with oral presentations, a poster and printed materials.

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Other Events showcasing OBSGESSION

The objectives and mission of OBSGESSION were presented at international events, where partnering institutions took an active part.



OBSGESSION at the Netherlands Annual Ecology Meeting (NAEM)

Early February this year, OBSGESSION was featured at [NAEM](#), held in Lunteren, The Netherlands. The project was highlighted in an oral presentation, showcasing the project's breakthrough results in integrating eDNA and remote sensing for scalable soil microbiome biodiversity assessments.

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OBSGESSION’s team attended the first-ever BioMonWeek

This May, in Montpellier, France, [BioMonWeek](#) was hosted for the very first time. OBSGESSION was featured strongly during the event, with oral presentations and a co-shared booth. Our coordinator, Petteri Vihervaara, and many project partners, including Lori Giagnacovo, Tiina Laamanen, Wilfried Thullier and Sara Si-Moussi, gave talks during the event, presenting project updates and results.

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OBSGESSION - Organised Workshops



Stakeholders meetings

As a recent update to OBSGESSION's engagement with relevant stakeholders, project partners are now organising online stakeholder, end-user, and partner sessions. These sessions allow discussions between interested parties, and pilot leads on preliminary results and methodologies applied within OBSGESSION's pilots, focusing on habitat mapping, freshwater ecosystems, forest protection, restoration, etc.

[Explore OBSGESSION's pilots](#)



OBSGESSION Seminars

OBSGESSION regularly holds internal seminars, where major updates such as publications, deliverables, and overall work progress are presented by the different work packages. In the last few months, the project held **two seminars**, recordings of which are available on the project's YouTube page and website.

Watch the recordings:

["Environmental DNA" Seminar](#)

["EBV-enabling products" Seminar](#)

OBSGESSION pilots fact sheets

OBSGESSION has newly designed fact sheets, which showcase each of the project's pilot updates, advancements and objectives. The fact sheets will present, in an accessible and understandable form, each pilot's background, current progress, stakeholders, and expected results.

Stay tuned, they will be available to read very soon on our [website!](#)

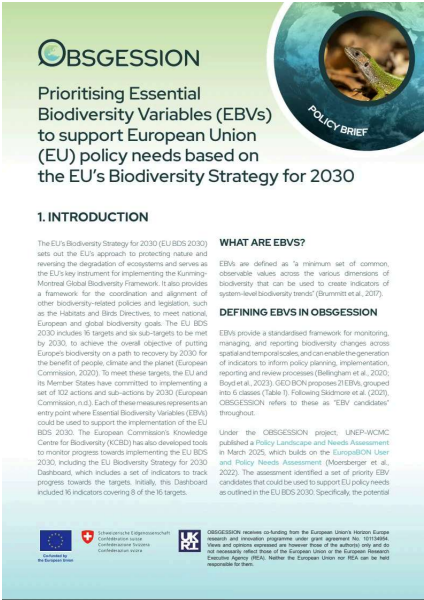
OBSGESSION has launched a topical collection in the RIO journal



OBSGESSION has started an open-access collection in the [Research Ideas and Outcomes](#) journal. The collection aims to create more visibility and better access for the project's publications, public deliverables and overall outcomes.

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Research findings



OBSGESSION has published a new Policy Brief

OBSGESSION has recently published a policy brief, based on [Deliverable 1.1 Policy Landscape and Needs Assessment](#). The brief was developed by the project partner, [UNEP-WCMC](#) and outlines a set of EBV candidates which could be used to support the EU policy needs based on the EU's Biodiversity Strategy 2030 ([EU BDS 2030](#)).

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A new publication featuring
OBSGRESSION was
published in the Ecology
and Evolution journal

A new project publication on
phenotypic plasticity, titled “Great
Thermal Plasticity Toward
Heterogeneous Range-Edge
Environments of Three Hypeircum
Species”, was published in [Ecology
and Evolution](#). The article is a
collaborative effort, and two of the
authors are OBSGESSION
partners, Maria Hällfors and
Susanna Koivusaari ([SYKE](#)).

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OBSGRESSION’s Special
Issue for understanding
drivers of biodiversity
change

OBSGRESSION is releasing a special
issue in the [Ambio](#) journal which
showcases research findings that
support the understanding of
biodiversity change drivers
through integrating Earth
Observation (EO), in-situ
observations and ecological
modelling.

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Social media updates

*It's a wrap: The OBSGESSION partners campaign is now
finished*



OBSGRESSION finished yet another successful social media campaign this
January. During this campaign, we presented to you all of our 11 partnering
institutions and their roles within the project. We showed you everything,
from their history to their involvement in OBSGESSION.

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The OBSGESSION team wishes you a sunny and joyful summer.

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