



European Vegetation Archive Data Request Form



To obtain data from the European Vegetation Archive (EVA), including the ReSurveyEurope Database, please first enquire the EVA database administrator Ilona Knollová (ikuzel@sci.muni.cz) whether the data that meet your needs are available. If they are, please fill in the form below and submit it to Ilona or another member of the EVA Coordinating Board (or ReSurveyEurope Board if you ask for data from the ReSurveyEurope Database).

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- Project title:

The European Commission's Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity

- Are you asking for core EVA data (non-repeated vegetation surveys) or for ReSurveyEurope data (repeated vegetation surveys)?

core EVA data

- Brief description of the aims and methods of the study:

The purpose of Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/biodiversity_en) is to support the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy by providing a one-stop-shop for key information about biodiversity and the impact of related policies, tools for monitoring implementation progress under the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, and an interface for policy-makers, scientists and stakeholders to network, share research results and channel them more effectively to support EU biodiversity-related policies.

We are presently running a task „Analysis of biodiversity data in Europe (BioData)“ where we develop a catalogue of key biodiversity datasets and data sources for Europe, and make a critical analysis of them. We expect the results to be published as a Joint Research Centre report by the end of 2023. It will serve the European Commission and the research community to „find their way“ in a very prolific but also confusing landscape of biodiversity initiatives and spatial products. We are checking and comparing all kind of spatial datasets related to ecosystems (habitat or species) in Europe. In order to make an analysis of the information contained in EVA we need access to the entire EU dataset, including Regime 1 and if possible Regime 2 and 3 data. We will not disseminate or



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publish the dataset in any form, just a description of it and probably some image (map) of a small location.

- Will someone else be involved in data editing or analysis in addition to the applicant?

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- Estimated time of delivery of results (e.g., manuscript submission):

9 months

- Geographic area needed (e.g., countries or range of geographic coordinates):

All EU for Regime 1, 2 and 3.

- Do you need plots to be georeferenced? If so, what is the minimum accuracy of plot location (in metres or kilometres) needed for your project?

yes

- Vegetation types needed (syntaxa):

all

- Other data selection criteria:

- Envisaged publications:

Catalogue of key biodiversity datasets and data sources for Europe

- **Data deposition.** Some journals require data used for the analysis to be stored in a public repository to ensure the repeatability of the analysis. According to EVA Rules, you are not allowed to store the original vegetation-plot data obtained from EVA. However, if you plan to publish in such a journal, you may deposit a reduced EVA-derived dataset that (1) would make it possible to repeat the analysis published in the paper and (2) does not contain any information not used in the analysis. For example, such a dataset can contain only a subset of species (e.g., only angiosperms or only neophytes), or replace species names with codes, or replace species cover values with presences/absences, or remove all the header data, or replace the exact plot coordinates by coarse grid-cell coordinates etc. If you plan to deposit reduced information from vegetation plots, please describe here what might be deposited. If the project developed so that you needed to deposit more information than specified here, you would need to ask specific permission from the Custodians of the EVA databases used in your analysis before the dataset is deposited.

no

- **Plant trait data from the TRY consortium.** If you plan to combine your analysis of vegetation-plot data with plant trait data, you can also request a dataset of 18 gap-filled traits for a large number of plant taxa prepared by the TRY consortium. These traits include Leaf area, Specific leaf area, Leaf fresh mass, Leaf dry matter content, Leaf C, Leaf N, Leaf P, Leaf N per area, Leaf N:P ratio, Leaf delta15N, Seed mass, Seed length, Seed number per reproductive unit, Dispersal unit length, Plant height, Stem specific density, Stem conduit density, and Conduit element length. This dataset can be provided to you by the EVA manager together with the vegetation-plot data. If you use this dataset, you must inform about your project the TRY data contributors who might be potentially interested and invite them as potential co-



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authors, assuming they will make an intellectual contribution to your paper. The list of the TRY data contributors will be sent to you together with the gap-filled trait dataset.

No (remove one)

- Specification of the co-authorship arrangements in publications based on the requested data. Note that the EVA Rules recommend that co-authorship is offered to a representative of each database providing data that are particularly important for the project (e.g., a relatively large proportion of the final dataset used in the analyses or data from unique vegetation types or under-represented geographic areas). This database representative should be an expert in the topic of the project (not necessarily the custodian or deputy custodian), and this person should contribute to the project more than just by providing the existing data, e.g. by intellectual contribution to the concept of the paper, preparation of new data, or helping with data analysis, interpretation of the results or writing parts of the paper (see the IAVS Code of Professional Ethics: <http://iavs.org/Governance/Code-of-Professional-Ethics.aspx>). The project leader should enable active participation by regularly informing potential co-authors about the progress of the project from its early stage. The project leader should also make final co-authorship arrangements based on the real input of the individual contributors.

The envisioned report (catalogue) will just describe EVA data as one of the multiple data sources included in the catalogue. This catalogue will promote EVS and IAVS objectives. We do not consider that EVA data custodians should be involved as co-authors. We will cite all the references proposed.

- Eligibility of the applicant to receive EVA or ReSurveyEurope data. Specify to which EVA or ReSurveyEurope database the applicant has contributed; if the applicant is not the custodian or deputy custodian of an EVA or ReSurveyEurope database, give a name of a custodian or deputy custodian who supports this data request.

This request is supported by:

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- I agree with the terms of EVA Data Property and Governance Rules as approved on 26 May 2012 (<http://euroveg.org/download/eva-rules.pdf>).
- If I ask for ReSurveyEurope data, I agree with the terms of ReSurveyEurope Data Property and Governance Rules as approved on 6 April 2022 (<http://euroveg.org/download/resurveyeurope-rules.pdf>).
- In any result obtained based on EVA core data (non-repeated vegetation surveys), I will cite the EVA report article (Chytrý et al. 2016; <https://doi.org/10.1111/avsc.12191>). In any result obtained based on the ReSurveyEurope data (repeated vegetation surveys), I will cite the ReSurveyEurope report article as soon as it is published. In addition, I will cite individual source databases used in my project (if possible, in the list of References; if not possible, at least as a list of databases in the electronic supplementary material).
- If I ask for the plant trait data from TRY, I agree to invite to my project the TRY data contributors following the list received from the EVA database manager.

Ispra, Italy, 06/04/2023



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