



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the SELINA Newsletter #13!

Summer is here, and so is another edition of the SELINA Newsletter, packed with the latest project news and updates.

Happy reading!

We would love your support in spreading the word about SELINA and expanding our community. Feel free to share this Newsletter with your networks.

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A few words from the Coordinator

Dear SELINA friends and collaborators,

Welcome to the thirteenth edition of the SELINA Newsletter!

The past months have been marked by important milestones, collaborative events and new scientific outputs as SELINA continues to strengthen the

integration of biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services into decision-making across Europe.

A special highlight this summer was SELINA's fourth anniversary, celebrating four years of collaboration, innovation and progress towards more informed and nature-positive decision-making. This milestone reflects the collective efforts of the Consortium and the growing impact of the project across research, policy and practice.

Collaboration has remained at the heart of SELINA's activities. Partners gathered in Galway, Ireland, for the 7th SELINA Workshop, focusing on evidence-based decision-making in the private sector and exploring how ecosystem services and natural capital approaches can support sustainable business practices. Beyond the Workshop, SELINA continued to engage with the wider scientific community through its participation in international conferences, including the National Earth Observation Conference 2026 in Portugal and the 6th ESP Europe Conference in Prague.

The project has also expanded its knowledge base with two new policy briefs on ecosystem pressures and ecosystem condition, alongside new scientific publications covering topics such as ecosystem accounting and the value of hunting ecosystem services. At the same time, Communities of Practice continued to exchange experiences and strengthen collaboration through a series of national meetings.

Together, these achievements demonstrate SELINA's continued progress in delivering scientific knowledge, practical tools and collaborative solutions that support evidence-based environmental decision-making across Europe.



Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Benjamin Burkhard, SELINA Coordinator

SELINA Highlights

SELINA celebrated its 4th Birthday



This July, SELINA marks its fourth year of advancing the integration of biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services into decision-making across Europe.

Over the past year, the project continued to strengthen collaboration, outreach and knowledge exchange across its growing network.

As SELINA enters its final year, the consortium looks forward to new collaborations, upcoming activities and continued progress towards more informed and nature-positive decision-making.

SELINA's 7th Workshop in Galway



From 30 June and 2 July 2026, the SELINA partners gathered in Galway, Ireland, for the project's [7th Workshop](#), hosted by the [Cohab Initiative](#) and the [Capitals Coalition](#).

The event was held in hybrid conditions, bringing together around 60 project partners, stakeholders and invited experts in person, and around 10 online, for three days of collaboration, knowledge exchange and discussions on strengthening evidence-based decision-making in the private sector.

The theme of the Workshop, "Evidence-based decision-making in the private sector," focused on advancing the application of ecosystem services and natural capital approaches in business and industry.

Building on the outcomes of the previous SELINA Workshops, participants shared progress across the project's activities, exchanged experiences from the Demonstration Projects, and explored practical pathways for translating scientific knowledge into decision-making processes that support sustainable business practices.

Two new SELINA policy briefs



The image displays two SELINA policy briefs against a dark blue background with a grid of small green squares. The left brief, titled "Prioritising EU Environmental Action: The Human Pressure Index as a Spatial Decision-Support Tool", features a map of Europe and lists highlights such as the HPI's integration of land use, pollution, and pressure indicators. The right brief, titled "Measuring What Matters: A Minimum Set of Ecosystem Condition Indicators for EU Environmental Policy", includes a diagram of ecosystem condition indicators and lists highlights like the HPI's role in assessing ecosystem health. Both briefs are part of the SELINA project, which aims to strengthen evidence-based decision-making in the private sector.

Policy Briefs

Prioritising EU Environmental Action: The Human Pressure Index as a Spatial Decision-Support Tool

Measuring What Matters: A Minimum Set of Ecosystem Condition Indicators for EU Environmental Policy

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Two new policy briefs were developed, providing a framework for monitoring ecosystem pressures and recovery across the European Union.

The first brief, "[Prioritising EU Environmental Action: The Human Pressure Index as a Spatial Decision-Support Tool](#)", presents the Human Pressure Index (HPI), a tool designed to identify where ecosystems are most at risk from human pressures and where environmental action may be most effective.

Building on this perspective, the second brief, "[Measuring What Matters: A Minimum Set of Ecosystem Condition Indicators for EU Environmental Policy](#)",

focuses on ecosystem condition and recovery. It presents a harmonised approach to monitoring ecosystem condition across the European Union.

Together, the two policy briefs support evidence-based decision-making and the implementation of key EU policies, and are available through the [SELINA Zenodo community](#), ensuring open access to SELINA-supported scientific outputs.

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SELINA's News



SELINA at the National Earth Observation Conference 2026

SELINA was present at [Terra em Foco 2026](#), the [National Earth Observation Conference](#), held on 17–18 March 2026 in Coimbra, Portugal. Partners presented "Enhancing the spatial and temporal resolution of ecosystem accounts using satellite data," showcasing how satellite data can improve ecosystem mapping, condition indicators and ecosystem assessments.

[Read more here](#)



SELINA at the 6th ESP Europe Conference 2026 in Prague

The [6th ESP Europe Conference](#) was held between 18–22 May 2026 in Prague. SELINA had a strong presence throughout the event, contributing to multiple sessions, discussions, and networking activities focused on biodiversity, ecosystem services, restoration and sustainability transitions. The event encouraged knowledge exchange on ecosystem services and biodiversity.

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Communities of Practice



4th CoP meeting for Italy

The meeting set the direction for the Community of Practice's 2026–2027 activities, focusing on collaboration and the effective use of scientific evidence to support informed decision-making.

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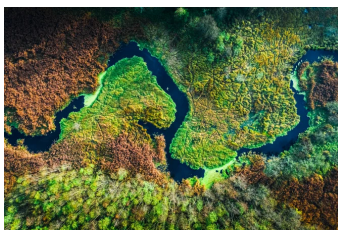
5th CoP meeting for Italy

The meeting highlighted how accessible ecosystem evidence and stronger governance can improve collaboration between public and private actors, supporting effective environmental decision-making.

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Recent SELINA publications

A growing number of SELINA-supported and related scientific publications have been released in recent months, reflecting ongoing research across the project and its partners.



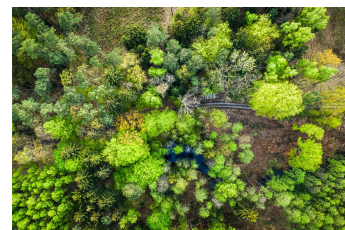
New publication on ecosystem decision-making

A new publication, "[The Human Pressure Index \(HPI\): integrating](#)



New publication on ecosystem services

A new publication titled "[Valuing hunting as an ecosystem service: a](#)



New SELINA publication introduces FIEA

A new publication, titled "[Framework for Integrated Ecosystem](#)

[cumulative anthropogenic pressures into SEEA-EA ecosystem condition accounts](#)", was published in the [Ecological Indicators](#) journal with contributions from SELINA partners. The publication highlights a framework that helps connect ecosystem accounting with real-world pressures.

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[national-level assessment using cost-based and benefit transfer methods in the Czech Republic](#)" was published in the [Ecosystem Services](#) journal. It evaluates both the value of wild game meat and the cultural value of recreational hunting using different economic and spatial assessment methods.

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[Assessment \(FIEA\): A structured approach to support evidence-based decision-making](#)", has been published in [One Ecosyste](#). It presents FIEA's structure and development process, highlighting how the Framework can help bridge the gap between ecosystem science and practical decision-making.

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Upcoming International Events

[July 2026](#)

ESA 2026

(26 - 31 July, Salt Lake City, USA)

More information coming soon

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[September 2026](#)

Soils for Europe: Healthy Soils for a Sustainable Future

(7 - 11 September, Coimbra, Portugal)

More information coming soon

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TDWG 2026

(21 - 25 September, Oslo, Norway)

More information coming soon

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5th International Congress on Biological Invasions (ICBI 2025)

(30 September – 2 October 2026, Perth, Western Australia)

More information coming soon

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SELINA Workshop #8

(28 September – 2 October 2026, Riga, Latvia)

More information coming soon

November 2026

Call for Session Proposals – Scientific Conference

(3 – 6 November, Paris, France)

More information coming soon

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