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The Transformative Change Journey at COP16: Guiding Financial Transformation for Nature-Positive Outcomes

21 October - 1 November 2024, Cali, Colombia

TRANSPATH team members Maria Naranjo-Barantes, Nico Polman and Sylvia Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen were on the ground at COP16, the UN Biodiversity Conference, focusing on one of the Global Biodiversity Framework's most pressing tasks: redirecting financial flows away from investments and subsidies harmful to biodiversity and towards nature-positive initiatives.

The team contributed to sessions shaping discussions on repurposing finance, including "Financing for Biodiversity on the Road to COP16: Identifying Gaps and Financing Needs" at the Netherlands Pavilion. This work feeds directly into TRANSPATH's ongoing research on trade, finance and biodiversity-positive policy.

Empowering Climate Action: Open Science at COP29 in Baku

November 2024 · Baku, Azerbaijan

At COP29, TRANSPATH's partners at Pensoft Publishers joined the Bulgarian Pavilion's Nature Day program in the Blue Zone, presenting on the role of open science and science communication in climate and biodiversity policy. The talk positioned TRANSPATH alongside sister projects BioAgora, RESPIN and CO-OP4CBD as examples of how open, transparent research can be turned into knowledge-based policy frameworks.

Being present in the Blue Zone gave the team direct access to hundreds of delegates, enabling them to distribute project materials

and reinforce the message that collaboration and knowledge-sharing are essential to a sustainable future.



SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATIONS

TIPPING INTO POSITIVE CHANGE



Fostering Positive Change: Insights from the 2024 Lovejoy Science for Nature Symposium

5 December 2024 · WWF, Washington, D.C.

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Dr. J. David Tàbara (Sustainability) represented TRANSPATH at WWF's Lovejoy Symposium, themed "Sustainable Transformations: Tipping Into Positive Change." His talk focused on what it takes to reach "net-positive tipping points" — moments where action doesn't just reduce harm but actively regenerates the systems we depend on.

His central provocation: instead of asking "what is the problem?", ask "who is the solution, and how do we build the transformative capacities for systems regeneration?" Achieving that, he argued, requires second-order learning, doing things differently under a different paradigm altogether.

TRANSPATH Workshop on Transformative Change

April 2025 · *Brussels, Belgium*

TRANSPATH convened a workshop in Brussels to unpack the IPBES Transformative Change Assessment, a report built by 101 experts across 42 countries and to map its five systemic drivers of biodiversity loss onto the project's own focus areas: transforming economic systems, transforming governance systems, and shifting societal values.

The workshop examined how leverage points in trade regulation, finance and value chains, combined with more inclusive and adaptive governance, can support lasting change. A full report on the discussions is available on [the TRANSPATH website](#).

Publications

ESD Ideas: Positive Tipping Points Towards Global Regenerative Systems

Tàbara J.D. · Earth System Dynamics (Copernicus) (2024)

Conceptualises "net-positive" tipping points — actions and policies whose effect goes beyond reducing harm to actively regenerate the systems they touch.

DOI: [10.5194/ESD-15-853-2024](https://doi.org/10.5194/ESD-15-853-2024)

D3.1 — Global Assessment of Biodiversity-Climate Pathways

Neumann C., Alkemade R., van Vuuren D., Seppelt R. (UFZ) · TRANSPATH Deliverable D3.1 (2025)

A modelling assessment of how different biodiversity–climate pathways play out globally — the quantitative backbone for TRANSPATH's later policy recommendations.

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Relevant publications

A Just World on a Safe Planet: A Lancet Planetary Health–Earth Commission Report on Earth-System Boundaries, Translations, and Transformations

Tàbara J.D., de Vries W., Whiteman G., Xiao C. et al. · The Lancet Planetary Health (2024)

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Upcoming events

IUCN World Conservation Congress

October 2025

Abu Dhabi, UAE



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