

## Mapping stakeholder knowledge and needs for grassland conservation

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### Project description

Natural and semi-natural grasslands are an important ecosystem type in the world, they span large areas and can be of high biodiversity. However, the species composition of grasslands is changing. Among the most notable drivers for this change in species composition is nutrient enrichment by fertilization and nitrogen deposition. In the project [DiviN-P](#) funded by Biodiversa+, we try to understand the vulnerability of grassland species and communities to nutrient deposition. We furthermore aim to understand the interaction between nutrient enrichment, climate change and invasive species. In this way, we plan to make recommendations for the management and protection of grasslands in Europe. In the larger DiviN-P project, we combine different approaches, including modelling, experimental manipulation, analysis of field data and elicitation of stakeholders.

In your role, you will assist with conducting interviews with stakeholders in Dutch grassland management. You will also be responsible for transcription and (pre-liminary) analysis of these interviews. Through the elicitation of stakeholders in grassland management, we would like to promote mutual learning about the factors influencing grassland sensitivity to species composition change. Furthermore, we would like to identify research needs for effective grassland protection.

### Job requirements

Experience with qualitative research and/or interviews is preferred. Considering the interviews will be conducted in Dutch, knowledge of Dutch is required for this role.