

## FRIAS Conference

### From Genes to Conservation: Building the European Genetic Monitoring network

Program (January 2026)

Organizers:

Julia Geue & Jill Sekely

#### Wednesday, February 11, 2026

15:00 - 15:45	Welcome (FRIAS Lounge)
16:00 - 16:10	Opening Remarks
	Welcome Address FRIAS Director Barbara di Ventura
16:10 - 17:40	Keynote Jessica Da Silva (FRIAS Lecture Hall) (South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa) (Talk 1 hour + Questions 30 min)
from 18:00 - 21:30	Welcome Reception (FRIAS Lounge)

#### Thursday, February 12, 2026

9:00 - 9:15	Welcome first conference day
9:15 - 10:30	Icebreaker and Introduction round
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break (FRIAS Lounge)
11:00 - 12:30	Discussion round I Input of participants centering around common challenges (policy based), critical questions (research based) in regards to their project/country/case study
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break (FRIAS Lounge)
13:30 - 15:00	Discussion round II Synthesis of challenges presented by organizers and discussion of those challenges. Lessons learnt?
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break (FRIAS Lounge)
15:30 - 17:00	Discussion round III Discuss potential solutions to challenges and a way forward. Discuss output format and content. Who is the target group?
17:00 - 17:30	Establishing writing groups
17:30	End
19:00 - 22:00	Conference Dinner (Blauer Fuchs, Metzgerau 4, 79098 Freiburg im Breisgau)

#### Friday, February 13, 2026

9:00 - 9:15	Welcome second conference day
9:15 - 10:30	Writing Session I
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break (FRIAS Lounge)
10:45 - 12:00	Writing Session II
12:00 - 13:00	Networking Lunch (FRIAS Lounge)
13:00 - 13:30	Wrap up and goodbye