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Finance Innovation Festival

Insurance and Investment Opportunities for Nature-based Solutions

Join us for a community-driven festival and learn about the financial, insurance, and investment opportunities that promote nature-based solutions

23-24 May 2024

IIASA, Schloss Laxenburg - Austria



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Scope

The Festival is intended as a venue to bring together various communities around climate risk assessment, policy analysis, financial innovation, and advocacy for nature-based solutions aimed at

- Showcasing the advancements made in innovative financial instruments and the development of business cases centred around nature-based solutions.
- Encouraging critical engagement and facilitating in-depth discussions and analyses of the existing evidence to identify potential avenues for future financial laboratories.
- Informing policy dialogues and contributing to increased awareness of the essential needs and existing strategies to foster a nature-positive economy.
- Providing a platform for related initiatives and projects in the realm of nature-based solutions to share their successes and ongoing research, fostering a collaborative learning environment.



Format

The Festival will feature an engaging format comprising various activities aimed at fostering collective knowledge sharing and collaboration.

- Leading experts will deliver inspirational keynotes, setting the stage with valuable insights into current initiatives and inspiring community discussions during the Festival.
- The Panel and Pitch Presentation Session will feature expert panels discussing various aspects of innovation finance for nature-based solutions, including current trends, challenges, and opportunities in financing such projects.
- The World Café interactive Sessions provide a participatory format for attendees to engage in in-depth discussions and collaborative brainstorming.
- Tables with different themes related to innovation finance for nature-based solutions will facilitate exchanges of ideas, insights, and experiences, guided by facilitators to ensure a dynamic and productive exchange of knowledge and perspectives, fostering networking and collaborations among participants.
- The Outdoor Discussions Session, set in the Laxenburg Castle garden, fosters informal discussions, networking, and idea-sharing. Attendees will explore and complement ideas for the next round of community innovation labs for nature-based investment and insurance solutions.
- Facilitators may lead guided discussions or activities, encouraging participants to connect with each other while exchanging insights, experiences, and innovative approaches to financing nature-based projects.



TOPICS

The festival will address various topics including but not limited to

- 🌱 Innovative Nature-based Insurance Instruments
Finance and Investment in Nature-Based Solutions
- 🌱 Regulatory and Policy Frameworks - reporting on nature-related financial risks and Public-Private Partnerships
- 🌱 Nature-based solutions in evidence-based policy making
- 🌱 Economic Valuation and Assessment of Ecosystem Services
- 🌱 Community Engagement, Equity, and Market Mechanisms for Nature-Based Solutions
- 🌱 Risk Management and Disaster Resilience Building Nature-Based Solutions
- 🌱 Practical Applications and Case Studies of innovative Nature-Based Investment and Insurance Solutions



Audience

The Festival will feature an engaging format comprising various activities aimed at fostering collective knowledge sharing and collaboration.

The intended audience of the festival comprises professionals, experts, policymakers, and advocates from diverse sectors, including finance, insurance, environmental science, policy analysis, and sustainability. Entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, and community leaders interested in exploring nature-based solutions and advancing innovative approaches to addressing climate change and environmental challenges are also welcomed. The festival aims to foster collaboration, knowledge exchange, and collective action among individuals and organisations committed to driving positive change towards a more sustainable future.



FESTIVAL AT GLANCE

Thursday, 23rd

09:30
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10:00

Registration and
Welcome Coffee

10:00
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11:00

Finance for Nature-based
Solutions: Setting the Stage for
Actionable Dialogue

11:00
-
12:30

Pioneering Nature-based
Insurance and Investment
Solutions

12:30
-
13:30

Lunch break

13:30
-
15:00

Communities Connect:
Fostering Learning and
Knowledge Exchange I

15:00
-
15:30

Coffee break

15:30
-
17:00

Walk the Talk:
Brainstorming Ideas for
Community Innovation Labs

17:00
-
17:30

Closing Toasts:
Wrapping Up with Next
Day's Outlook

Friday, 24th

09:00
-
10:30

Power of Communities:
Addressing Challenges with
Actionable Solutions

10:30
-
11:00

Coffee break

11:00
-
12:30

Communities Connect:
Fostering Learning and
Knowledge Exchange II

12:30
-
13:30

Lunch break

13:30
-
15:00

United for a Shared Goal:
Rescaling and Upscaling
for Enhanced Impact

15:00
-
15:15

Departure

15:15
-
17:00

Side events (optional)

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FINANCE FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS: SETTING THE STAGE FOR ACTIONABLE DIALOGUE

10:00-11:00

Opening session



moderator
Daniela Rizzi
ICLEI Europe

After a welcome address, this session features inspirational talks on new opportunities in applying nature-based solutions and their funding sources. Internationally renowned researchers and experts will deliver keynotes to initiate an engaging discussion on advancing ecosystem restoration for resilience. The talks will also explore funding these efforts, including through insurance or similar financial instruments. This session will be recorded and made available for broadcast to accommodate those unable to attend in person.



moderator
Jaroslav Mysiak
Euro-Mediterranean
Centre on Climate
Change

Keynotes



New European Bauhaus and investment opportunities for Nature-based Solutions

John Schellhuber

International Institute for Applied Systems
Analysis



Innovative investment strategies for Nature-based Solutions

Stephen Hart

European Investment Bank



Nature-based Solutions across EU policies

Fleur van Oostroom-Brummel

European Commission

PIONEERING NATURE-BASED INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS

11:00-12:30

Panel and pitch presentations



Over recent months, experts from insurance, finance, risk assessment, nature-based solutions, and representatives from cities and regions have investigated innovative investment and insurance solutions in innovation labs. They analyzed the feasibility and enabling conditions of novel financial instruments for specific purposes and locations. The findings from these labs will be briefly presented. This session will be recorded and made available for broadcast to accommodate those unable to attend in person.

Pitch presentations



Methods to quantify flood risk reduction and co-benefits of Nature-based Solutions in the Netherlands

Max Tesselaar

Institute for Environmental Studies



Harnessing insurance to promote Nature-based Solutions for wildfire risk management

JoAnne Linnerooth-Bayer

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis



Investing in natural flood management in urban areas in the UK

Swenja Surminski

London School of Economics and Political Science, Marsh McLennan

COMMUNITIES CONNECT: FOSTERING LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE I

13:30-15:00

World Café

The Word Café will feature discussions on various ongoing initiatives, including research projects, flagship policies, financial innovations, and local or regional reforms. This format seeks to promote interaction and knowledge sharing among experts in financial innovation, ecosystem restoration, risk assessment, and local and regional climate change adaptation. Attendees will rotate tables every 30'-40', enabling a dynamic exchange of ideas.

Tables

1



Quantifying flood risk reduction and co-benefits of Nature-based Solutions

Guillermo García
Institute for Environmental Studies

2



Urban investment strategies: Natural flood management

Swenja Surminski
London School of Economics and Political Science, Marsh McLennan

3



Incentivizing Nature-based Solutions for wildfire risk reduction

Timothy Foreman
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

4



Forest disasters - Risk reduction through Nature-based Solutions

Ye Su
Charles University

COMMUNITIES CONNECT: FOSTERING LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE I

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Stefano Ceolotto
Euro-Mediterranean
Centre on Climate
Change



Ariane Kaploun
AXA Climate



Georges Farina
Institute for
Environmental
Studies

*Innovations
and opportunities for
adaptation-enhancing
climate risk insurance*

6



Boosting Resilience through Nature-based Investments

Nidhi Nagabhatla
United Nations University-CRIS

7



*Project origination of
Nature-based Solutions:
Key elements*

Amanda Radstake
Global Infrastructure
Basel Foundation

8



*Governance, Business
Models, and Investment
Strategies for Nature-
based Solutions*

Álvaro Fonseca
Ramboll

WALK THE TALK: BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY INNOVATION LABS

15:30-17:00 Outdoor discussions

Join us for an outdoor session where participants will walk in groups through the castle garden and discuss ideas for the next series of Innovation Labs within the NATURANCE project. Six interactive stands will feature innovative concepts and facilitate in-depth discussions.

Stands

1



Accelerate investments into nature-based projects

Laura Deltenre
Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership

2



Risks and co-benefits of increasing the connectivity of protected areas

Andrea Staccione
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

3



Urban heatwaves: establishing risk financing strategies for nature-based risk reduction measures and emergency response

Jamie Pollard, Heather Martin
Willis Towers Watson

4



Nature-positive cities innovation lab

Laura Pirazán Palomar
ICLEI Europe

Wrapping up with next day's outlook

17:00-17:30



moderator
Daniela Rizzi
ICLEI Europe



moderator
Jaroslav Mysiak
Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change

POWER OF COMMUNITIES: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES WITH ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS

9:00-10:30

Keynote and panel



moderator
Daniela Rizzi
ICLEI Europe

Don't miss the second day, starting with a series of inspirational keynotes that spotlight innovative initiatives in nature-based investment and insurance solutions. Afterward, a panel of insurance industry experts will reflect on the previous day's outcomes, including ideas for future laboratories and the opportunities presented by ecosystem restoration.

Keynotes



moderator
Jaroslav Mysiak
Euro-Mediterranean
Centre on Climate
Change



*Insurance companies, public procurement
and Nature-based Solutions: the twisted link*
María Máñez Costa
Climate Service Center Germany



The Economics of Nature-based Solutions
Ingrid Kaltenecker
Joanneum Research



*Co-creating climate services for innovative
insurance solutions: Insights from the PIISA
project*
Laura Trentini
Amigo Srl



Nature-based Solutions across EU policies
Heikki Tuomenvirta
Finnish Meteorological Institute

POWER OF COMMUNITIES: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES WITH ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS

Panellists



Alessandro Bonazzi
Generali



Sami Myyrä
LocalTapiola



Daniel Fairweather
Howden



Lena Fuldauer
Allianz



Rebecca Lea
Association of British Insurers



Vylon Ooms
Dutch Association of Insurers

COMMUNITIES CONNECT: FOSTERING LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE II

11:00-12:30

World Café

Another round of World Café tables, organized in the same way as on the first day, will offer more opportunities for knowledge communities to exchange ideas, present the results of past and ongoing initiatives, and foster a bottom-up exchange of ideas, knowledge, and experiences. This session aims to forge new partnerships and inspire existing ones to pursue joint activities that advance nature-based investment and insurance solutions.

Tables

1



Financing mechanisms for Nature-based Solutions in the EU and their impacts on social equity

Najla Kamergi

Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System

2



Investment of insurers in Nature-based Solutions: exploring barriers and possibilities

Vylon Ooms

Dutch Association of Insurers



Daan van Ederen

Achmea

3



Natural-based Solutions and open data

Feifei Cao

International Groundwater Resource Assessment Centre

4



Natural flood management, blended finance, and insurance: how to set roles and partnership arrangements?

Jonathan Kassian

FloodRe

COMMUNITIES CONNECT: FOSTERING LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE II

Tables



Empowering Nature-based Solutions through Innovative Financing: Practical solutions

Edoardo Carlucci

International Institute for Sustainable Development



Nature-based Solutions for climate resilient, nature positive and socially just communities in diverse landscapes

László Pintér

Central European University



Minimising uncertainty related to the costs of implementing Nature-based Solutions

Amy Oen

Norwegian Geotechnical Institute



Providing a platform for related initiatives and projects in the realm of Nature-based Solutions

Nan Wu

Lund University



Zhongrui Ning
Lund University

UNITED FOR A SHARED GOAL: RESCALING AND UPSCALING FOR ENHANCED IMPACT

13:30-15:00

Panel Closing



moderator
Daniela Rizzi
ICLEI Europe

Join us for the closing panel to wrap up discussions and share insights from the event. Discover upcoming initiatives, including NATURANCE's citizen engagement campaigns, and a series of collaborative webinars, webstivals, and workshops. Get a sneak peek into the next NATURANCE Festival and provide feedback to improve future editions. Stay engaged, contribute ideas, and be part of the journey toward nature-based investment and insurance solutions.



moderator
Jaroslav Mysiak
Euro-Mediterranean
Centre on Climate
Change

Keynotes



Working together - meet our KN champions
Laura Pirazán Palomar
ICLEI Europe



Naturethon: public perceptions of Nature-based Solutions
Davide Michielin
Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change

Panellists



Laura Deltenre
Cambridge Institute for
Sustainability Leadership



Max Tesselaar
Institute for
Environmental Studies



Jerker Jarsjö
Stockholm University

MEET THE SPEAKERS



BONAZZI Alessandro

Head of Technical Excellence at Generali Global Corporate & Commercial, Alessandro focuses on advancing Technical Analysis, Portfolio Management, and enhancing sustainability commitments. He has held a number of roles with Generali. **(Day 2-Session 6)**



CAO Feifei

Groundwater Specialist at the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) in Delft, the Netherlands. Specializing in hydrogeology and environmental geochemistry, she is passionate to collaborate with fellow researchers and experts to make a positive impact on sustainable water management. **(D2-S7)**



CARLUCCI Edoardo

Policy Advisor specialized in sustainable finance within the Economic, Law and Policy program. His work covers policy development and research across a wide range of sustainable finance topics, with a particular focus on financing solutions for nature-based infrastructure (NBI) with the Nature-Based Infrastructure Global Resource Centre. **(D2-S7)**



CEOLOTTO Stefano

Postdoc at CMCC Foundation, previously a postdoctoral research fellow at the Economic and Social Research Institute (Dublin) and lecturer at Trinity College Dublin. Work package leader and executive board member of the Piloting Innovative Insurance Solutions for Adaptation (PIISA) project. **(D1-S3)**



DELTENRE Laura

Senior Project Manager within ClimateWise at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL). Laura leads the research on climate and nature-related financial risks and opportunities, disaster risk financing, and nature-based solutions. **(D2-S4,S8)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



FAIRWEATHER Daniel

Head of Food Systems and Biodiversity at Howden Group.
(Day 2-Session 6)



FARINA Georges

Postdoctoral researcher at the Environmental Economics of the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. His research focuses on climate change adaptation, urban planning, and Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). He specializes in the evaluation of urban NBS, specifically, the analysis of the demand for Ecosystem Services, using stated preference methods. **(D1-S3)**



FONSECA Álvaro

With over 15 years of global professional experience as a sustainability and resilience expert, Álvaro is an international team leader, PRINCE2 certified project manager and stakeholder engagement expert working on strategic climate change adaptation and planning and conceptual design of NbS. He is a passionate advocate for nature investments, emphasizing the need to monetize co-benefits of NbS to attract and upscale investments. **(D1-S3)**



FOREMAN Timothy

Research Scholar at International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Assistant Professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Foreman's research explores how finance can be directed toward achieving climate and biodiversity goals. **(D1-S3)**



FULDAUER Lena

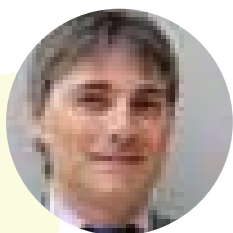
Global Sustainability and Resilience Solutions Lead at Allianz Commercial. **(D2-S6)**



GARCÍA ÁLVAREZ Guillermo

PhD candidate in the department of Environmental Economics of the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. His PhD work at VU Amsterdam focuses on Nature-based Solutions for insurance and is funded by the Naturance EU project. **(D1-S3)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



HART Stephen

Senior loan officer in the Infrastructure and Climate Finance Division of the European Investment Bank. **(Day 1-Session 1)**



JARSJÖ Jerker

Professor at Stockholm University. His research interests include impacts of land-use change and climate change on hydrological processes and water resources. He led research projects on environmental changes in drainage basins across Africa, Europe, and Central Asia. Recent research projects focus on Nature-based solutions, including the use of wetlands to mitigate impacts of floods and droughts. **(D2-S8)**



KALTENEgger Ingrid

Senior researcher at Joanneum Research, Institute LIFE, in Graz, Austria. Together with her colleague Andreas Tuerk, she is co-leading the I4N project. She has been working on Nature-based solutions for many years, nationally and internationally and she is also member of the Scientific Board of the Innovation Lab GrünstattGrau. **(D2-S6)**



KAMERGI Najla

Project manager at SEMIDE. Najla specialises in financing mechanisms and business modelling of sustainable innovative technologies developed within EU-funded projects. She holds a PhD in economics and has a wide teaching and research experience in environmental and agricultural economics. **(D2-S7)**



KAPLOUN Ariane

Head of Nature-Based Initiatives at AXA Climate. After graduating from The London School of Economics, Ariane worked for major financial services companies for 6 years, when she was struck by the pivotal role of finance in tackling climate change. In 2021, she decided to join AXA Climate to help private organizations and public sector adapt and transform to create positive interactions between nature, climate and their activities. **(D1-S3)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



KASSIAN Jonathan

Kassian leads Flood Re's work to measure and incentivize resilience. Working with industry and government, his focus is on developing an actionable evidence base for resilience and policies that reduce flood risk, and on nature-based solutions. Before Flood Re, he spent five years working on energy security issues and international partnerships with the UK Government, and a decade in public policy work in Canada focused on economic development and innovation that included leading a green economy NGO. **(Day 2-Session 7)**



LEA Rebecca

Responsible for leading policy analysis and influencing in support of the Association of British Insurers (ABI) priorities on climate change and prudential regulation. Rebecca began her career as an Economist at the Centre for Economics and Business Research, having studied economics at the University of Cambridge. **(D2-S6)**



LINNEROOTH-BAYER JoAnne

Focuses on global change with particular interest in the risk of extreme events, nature-based solutions for their mitigation, insurance for transferring risk, and participatory processes for inclusive stakeholder engagement. She is a founding member of the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative as well as the Austrian Climate Research Program. She has served as Lead Author and Review Editor on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events (SREX) and the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, respectively. **(D1-S2)**



MÁÑEZ COSTA María

Leads the work on system dynamics modelling at the Climate Service Center Germany. She applies system thinking and analysis to support science-based services development. María is an expert in participatory modelling and has been working in the last 20 years on the development of participatory processes and models. Her research focuses on innovative transdisciplinary approaches to support the transitions to resilient societies. **(D2-S6)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



MARTIN Heather

Senior Associate in WTW's Disaster Risk Finance team. Heather specialises in the development catastrophe modelling frameworks to help understand natural hazard risk in a given location, to inform the design of parametric insurance products. She holds two university degrees in Geography (BSc) and Applied Meteorology (MSc). **(Day 1-Session 4)**



MICHIELIN Davide

Science Outreach Manager at the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change. He holds a MSc in Environmental Biology and a postgraduate master in Science Communication. Since 2015, as a journalist, he collaborates with «la Repubblica» and «Le Scienze» and, occasionally, with other Italian magazines. Lecturer at San Raffaele University in Milan. **(D2-S8)**



MYSIAK Jaroslav

Principal scientist at the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change and director of the research division Risk Assessment and Adaptation Strategies. He is a member of technical expert groups at UNDRR, UNFCCC, and EIOPA, and member of the Scientific Committee of the European Environment Agency (EEA).



MYYRÄ Sami

Ph.D in Agricultural Economics. 20 years research in Agricultural Economics. In 2017 he joined LocalTapiola, which is the leading agricultural insurer in Finland. **(D2-S6)**



NAGABHATLA Nidhi

Senior Research Fellow and Cluster Coordinator: Climate Change and Natural Resources program at UNU CRIS. She is a sustainability science specialist and a systems analyst. Nagabhatla has led, coordinated, and implemented transdisciplinary projects in various geographical regions working with international organisations viz., IWMI, World Fish Centre, IUCN, Asia Pacific Climate Centre, and United Nations University (INWEH) leading research and capacity development initiatives. **(D1-S3)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



NING Zhongrui

Focusing on global climate change impacting large scale water resources availability, attempting to water ecology and economy, affiliated with Lund University. **(Day 2-Session 6)**



OEN Amy

Senior research scientist at the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute. She works in the field of environmental technology and climate adaptation to include nature-based solutions for hydrometeorological risk reduction. She has coordinated the Horizon2020 PHUSICOS project. **(D2-S6)**



OOMS Vylon

Policy advisor on climate change at the Dutch Association of Insurers and an external PhD Candidate at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. **(D2-S6, D2-S7)**



PINTÉR László

Professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Centra IEuropean University (CEU) in Austria, Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) in Canada, and founder of Physi Solutions, an SME focused on nature-based infrastructure and solutions. László is interested in systems-based understanding of un/sustainability challenges in a wide range of geographic and thematic contexts and advancing solutions as a researcher, educator, and entrepreneur. **(D2-S6)**



PIRAZÁN PALOMAR Laura

Junior Urban Resilience and Adaptation expert at ICLEI Europe. She has three-year experience in environmental consulting in Colombia and 2 years in academia as external tutor at TH Köln, developing project ideas related to nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction. Currently, she is actively involved in EU-funded projects focusing on climate change adaptation, NbS, urban resilience, cultural heritage, and climate finance for NbS. **(D1-S4, D2-S8)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



POLLARD Jamie

Associate Director in WTW's Disaster Risk Finance team. Jamie's role involves designing, calibrating, and validating disaster risk models to support insurance product design and broader disaster risk management recommendations. **(Day 1-Session 4)**



RADSTAKE Amanda

Project Manager Climate Change and Finance at Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation (GIB). MSc in International and European Governance. Expertise in Nature-based Solutions, Sustainable Finance, and Sustainability Risk Management. **(D1-S3)**



RIZZI Daniela

Senior Expert on Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions with over 12 years of experience. Project Manager of NetworkNature, UNEP GEO-7 Expert Peer Reviewer, co-author of 'The vital role of nature-based solutions in a nature-positive economy', and advocate for the New European Bauhaus. Holds a Doctoral degree in Landscape Planning. Co-Founder of UrbanByNature, a global NbS capacity-building programme.



SHELLNHUBER Hans Joachim (John)

IIASA Director General, he is a globally recognized authority on sustainability and climate science and one of the founders and pioneers of interdisciplinary climate- and climate impact research. His experience in advisory positions to influential global entities uniquely positions him to influence policy and practice at the intersection of science and society. **(D1-S1)**



STACCIONE Andrea

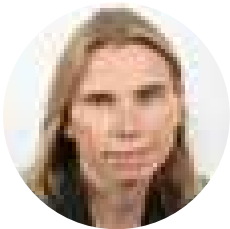
Postdoctoral researcher at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and at the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change. Her research focuses on NbS, green infrastructure and ecosystem services as strategies for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. **(D1-S4)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



SU Ye

Postdoc researcher specializing in hydrology at Charles University, collaborating on a joint research project with Stockholm University. Ye's research focuses on evaluating hydrological dynamics amid land cover and land use changes, as well as the impact of climate change, with a particular emphasis on forested regions where experienced disturbance / disaster. **(Day 1-Session 3)**



SURMINSKI Swenja

Her work spans across research, practice and policy. She holds a role as Professor in Practice at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics. Swenja is also Managing Director Climate and Sustainability at Marsh McLennan, the world's leading professional services firm in the area of risk, people and strategy. **(D1-S2, D1-S3)**



TESSELAAR Max

Research scholar at the Institute for Environmental Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Tesselaar is an environmental economist specialized in assessing strategies for insurance markets to cope with climate change. **(D1-S2, D2-S8)**



TRENTINI Laura

With a background in Environmental Engineering and Atmospheric Sciences at the Universities of Trento and Innsbruck, since 2021 she is a Data Scientist at Amigo, working in the context of different international projects on the development of Climate Services. **(D2-S6)**



TUOMENVIRTA Heiki

Senior Scientist (PhD) at the Finnish Meteorological Institute. Expertise in atmospheric sciences, climate change impacts and adaptation, climate risks and solutions such as non-urban NbS. **(D2-S6)**

MEET THE SPEAKERS



VAN EDEREN Daan

Part of the climate-related financial risk management team at Achmea, a Dutch financial conglomerate, and pursues a PhD at the Institute for Environmental Studies (de Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) in climate risks. **(Day 2-Session 7)**



VAN OOSTSTROOM-BRUMMEL Fleur

Policy officer of biodiversity and nature-based solutions at the European Commission. **(D1-S1)**



VICARELLI Marta

Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is also an associate researcher at CMCC. Her research interests include: the risks and the socio-economic impacts of climate variability and climate change; the economics of Nature-based Solutions; and renewable energy policy.



WU Nan

Focusing on hydrological model streamflow simulations and the impact of cascade hydropower stations on confluence, affiliated with Lund University. **(D2-S7)**

MEET THE PROJECTS

- BiodivClim Knowledge Hub - [website](#)
- CARDIMED - [website](#)
- CLIMABOROUGH - [website](#)
- Cohesion for Transitions - [website](#)
- CONEXUS - [website](#)
- Firelogue - [website](#)
- Focus-Africa - [website](#)
- GoNaturePositive! - [website](#)
- ICARUS - [website](#)
- IDAlert - [website](#)
- Insurance Development Forum - [website](#)
- Invest4Nature - [website](#)
- Mission Implementation Platform - [website](#)
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FESTIVAL LOGISTICS: TRANSPORTATION

The Festival will take place at IIASA in Laxenburg, Austria, which is located about 30 km south of Vienna. A **conference bus** will take participants to and from the conference each day, leaving from Vienna's main train station (Hauptbahnhof).

Each day of the festival, the bus will pick attendees up at the **Main Station** and take them to Laxenburg. To assist you in finding the bus, **on May 23 you will be met in the lobby** (look for the sign – Naturance Festival - **at each of the recommended hotels** (Motel One Hauptbahnhof, MOOONS, Ibis Hauptbahnhof, and Johann Strauss) from **7:50-8:00 am**. The bus will be at the bus stand located under the bridge on the west side of the station, near the restaurants L'Osteria and McDonalds.

Festival bus schedule

May 23

08:15

Departure from Vienna
Main Station

08:45

Arrival at IIASA

18:30

Departure from IIASA
to conference dinner
(at Richardhof)

21:30

Departure from the
conference dinner

22:00

Arrival at Vienna
Main Station

May 24

08:00

Departure from Vienna
Main Station

08:30

Arrival at IIASA

15:15

Departure from IIASA
to Vienna Main Station
or International Airport

15:45

Arrival at Vienna Main
Station or Airport

FESTIVAL LOGISTICS: TRANSPORTATION

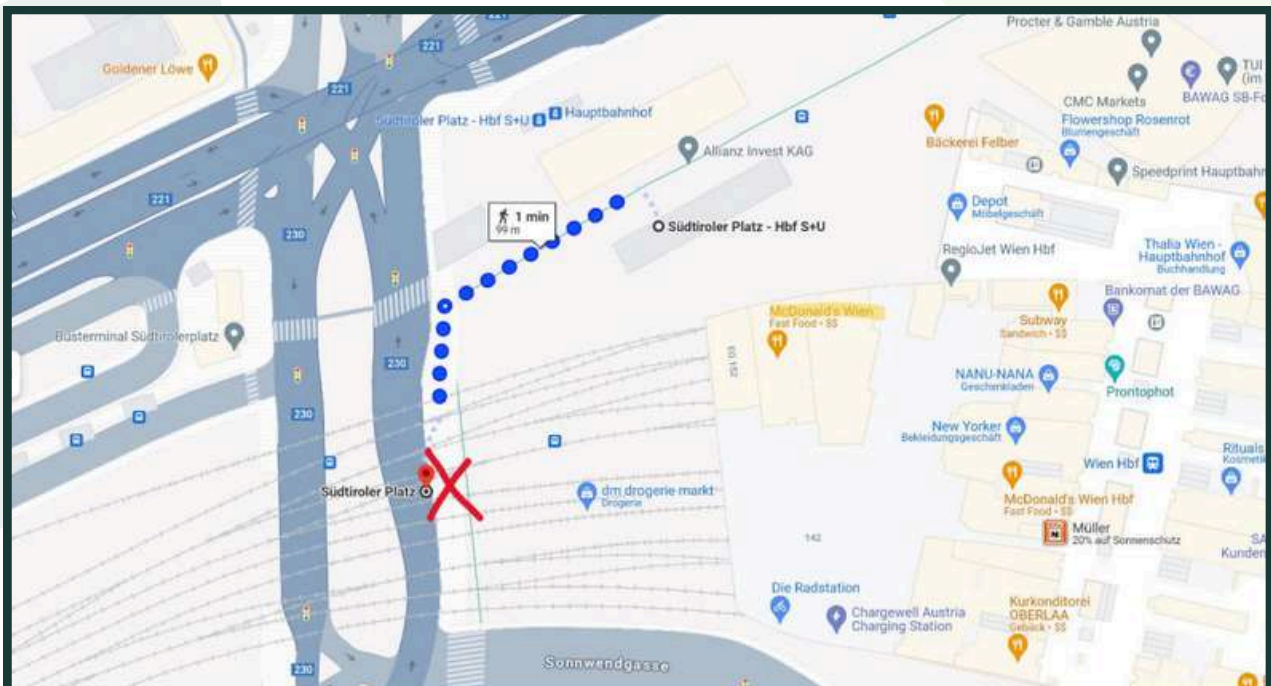
Public transportation

If unable to take the conference bus, you can take the public buses **200 and 210** that leave from **Vienna's Main Station bus stand N2** every half hour in the morning. Take the bus to the stop **Laxenburg- Franz Joseph Platz** (see map below). You can check the current **schedules [here](#) and [here](#)**.

If you need **additional transportation to the airport** because you are leaving prior to the end of the festival, you can arrange a **taxi** by calling 00436644366311 (ABC Limousines, also offers minivans).

Maps and locations

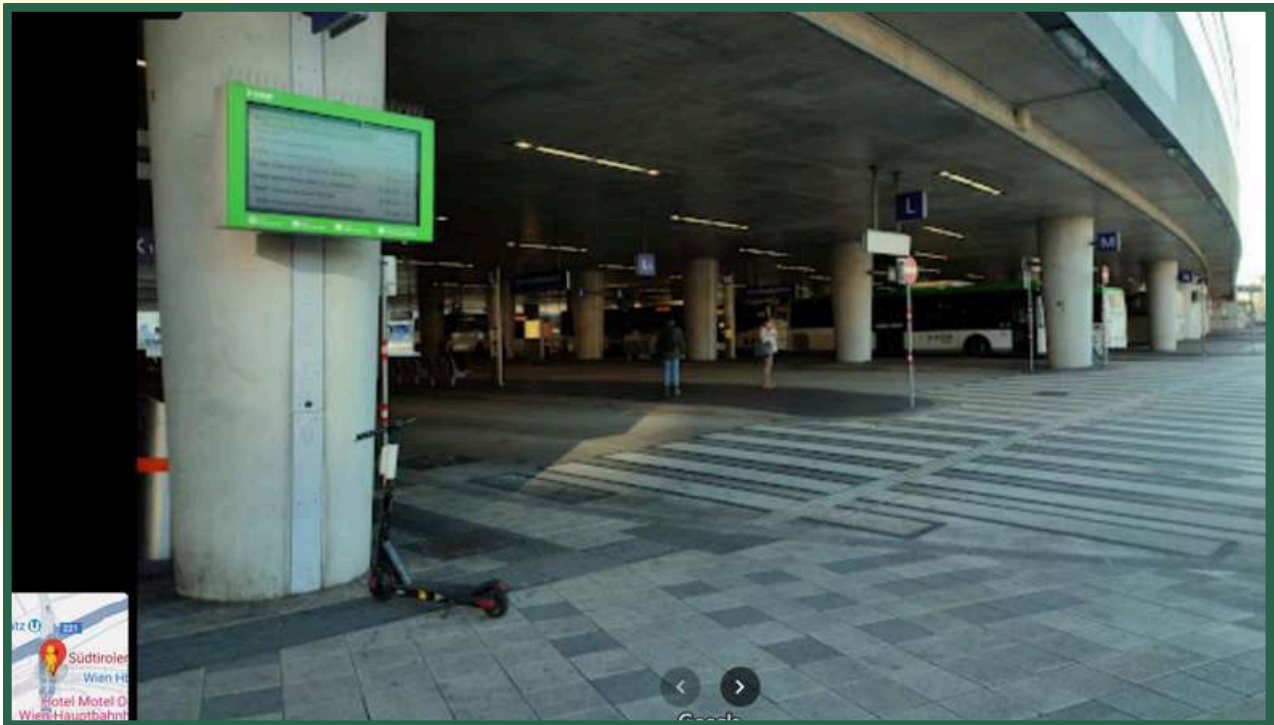
Departure location of chartered IIASA and public buses



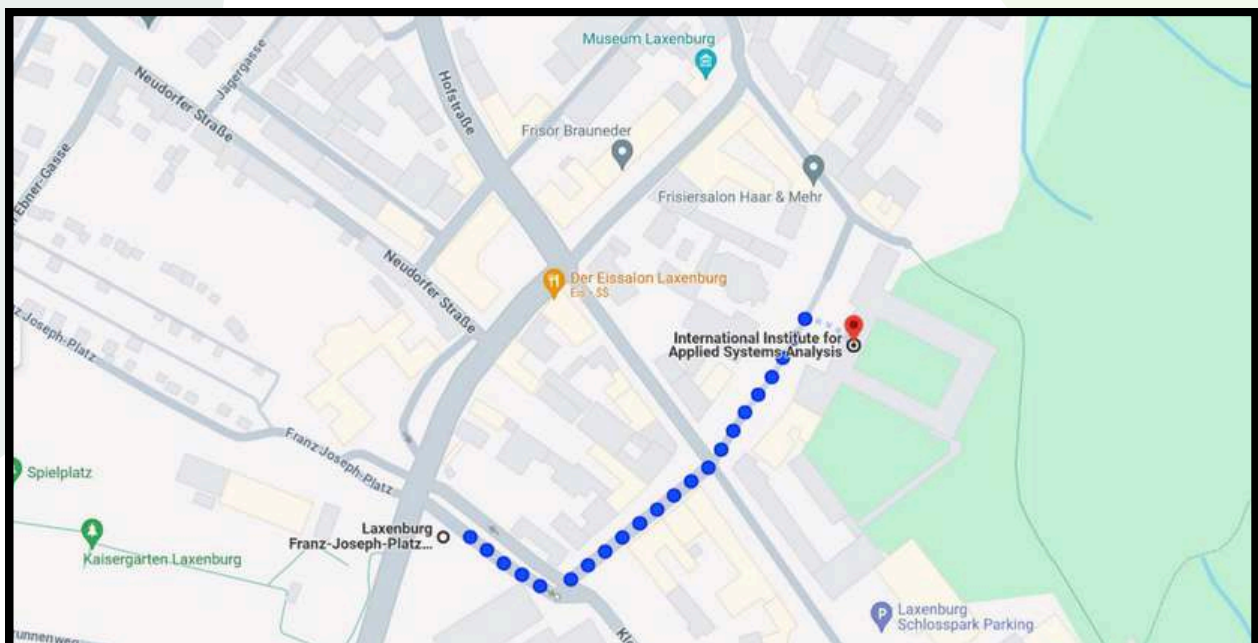
*The Festival bus will be near the other buses at the main station.
This map shows directions to the bus location from the subway line*

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Bus station for the chartered IIASA and public buses



Directions walking from the public bus stop to IIASA



Not needed if taking chartered IIASA bus



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