



Newsletter

Welcome back to the [NATURANCE Newsletter](#)!

Two weeks from its conclusion, this newsletter edition takes you **behind the scenes** of the Finance Innovation Festival 2026 *"Insurance and Investment Opportunities for Nature-Based Transformations."*

Read the event news, explore key takeaways and [relive key moments](#) with the Festival recordings, slides and pictures, and do not forget to share your opinion!

The Festival left us with a **remarkable sense of community**, from assessing the financing gaps and reality to inspiring action. Thank you once again to all those who participated and expressed interest!

Finally, as a recognition of **NATURANCE generated expertise**, the CMCC Foundation - the project's coordinating partner - [has been invited by UNEP FI to contribute to the Working Group on Nature \(WGN\)](#) as a technical partner. Once again highlighting the project's impact on the finance innovation discourse.

Enjoy your reading!

NATURANCE Festival: Finance and nature unite in Brussels



The concluding act of the [NATURANCE Finance Innovation Festival 2026](#), hosted in Brussels and online during the first week of February 2026, was an exemplary platform to showcase the scope of the project and the community that has grown over the years around nature-based transformation.

The event consisted of three days of mixed-format sessions that covered the entire **innovation lifecycle, from policy to place-based solutions**. Discussions were accompanied by a shared call to action, recognising that bridging the Nature-based Solutions (NbS) financing gap requires the collaboration of a solid network of diverse stakeholders. As Douglas Mason, infrastructure resilience specialist and keynote speaker, highlighted: *"We need to harness incentives to scale rapidly, remove barriers, and facilitate collaborations, and this festival brings that."*

READ THE FULL NEWS

All the materials available from the event, including slides, recordings and policy briefs, are collected on the [Festival webpage](#).

Share your opinion: Evaluation survey

If you attended the [NATURANCE Festival 2026](#) or were part of the organisation, your thoughts and insights are incredibly valuable to us. We want to hear about your experience so we can assess the quality and impact of the event and continue to improve.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and your feedback will directly help shape future events, ensuring they become an impactful platform for a nature-based transition.

FILL THE SURVEY

Thank you to all who already participated!

 As a special thank you for participating and taking the time to give us your feedback we have prepared a **selection of the Festival pictures available on the last page of the evaluation survey.**



Come with us behind the scenes!

The event brought together a highly diverse range of perspectives. From academia and policy to the private sector, associations, and citizens, the true protagonist of the event was its vibrant community—united by a shared intent to bridge the NbS financing gap.

We have captured some of these unique insights in the [Voices of NATURANCE series](#), featuring behind-the-scenes interviews with festival participants.

In the first interview, **Wenting Chen, Norwegian Institute for Water Research**, explores how innovation platforms and strategic partnerships can support and accelerate NbS investment.



More interviews will follow! In the meantime, you can [watch back](#) contributions from previous Festival editions.

NATURANCE and sister projects policy outlook



The Festival was also an opportunity to reflect on how the results of NATURANCE and its sister projects can inform **EU policy and regulatory frameworks**.

Ahead of the Festival, NATURANCE published a [policy brief](#) sharing insights from four Innovation Labs on risk management and NbS, highlighting approaches to flooding, wildfires, urban heat, and climate resilience across Europe and the UK.

Sister projects [PIISA](#), [SOTERIA](#), [INVEST4NATURE](#), and [CLIMATEFIT](#) also presented their policy outlook during the session "*Collective insights, lasting impact: Financing and insurance for NbS*" on the third day of the event.

*The session slides, recordings, and **currently available sister projects policy briefs are linked on the [Festival webpage](#), where all resources can be accessed.***

Naturethon Award Ceremony and final workshop



*In person, it's a whole different experience! After a fruitful virtual journey over the past few months, representatives of the three selected proposals from the second Naturethon edition came together in Brussels for the **award ceremony and final workshop**.*

The gathering, held on February 5 as part of the [Finance Innovation Festival](#) organized by the NATURANCE project, celebrated the outstanding efforts of the teams. Yanchao Wang (COOL MILAN), Francesca Mazza (Green City Champions), and Fabio Tullio (RisorGivers)

were presented with certificates recognizing the remarkable work carried out by their groups in shaping green futures.

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New features: Rethinking the future beyond the Festival

The NATURANCE Festival 2026 may be over, but the conversation continues! From the Festival's call for content, three standout articles reveal how NbS are reshaping risk management, finance, and sustainability:

- ***Can the food industry transition to a more sustainable model with the help of nature positive finance?***

by Inês Reis Santos, Andrea Colafranceschi, and Emilie Weynants – [ILSI Europe aisbl](#)

- ***Insurance as a Financial Enabler for Nature Regeneration: The GaiaSicura Approach***
by William Buttler, [GaiaSicura](#)

- ***Rethinking Nature Risk in Insurance: from Measurement to Forecast Performance***
by [James d'Ath](#)

Explore these features and learn how the Festival's discussions are driving real-world solutions for a nature-positive future.

NATURANCE acknowledged within UNEP FI's Insurance for Nature Positive Initiative



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Strengthening future resilience with innovative insurance solutions



Final Seminar

Strengthening future **resilience** through
innovative insurance solutions

 **04 MARCH 2026** |  **10.00 - 18.00 CET**

 **De Lichtfabriek - The Netherlands**
(until 31.01.26 known as Basecamp Haarlem)



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