



Regional Dialogue on Nature-Based Insurance Solutions

Munich, October 7th, 2024,

13.00 – 18.00

NH Collection München Bavaria, Arnulfstraße 2 (across from the Munich train station)

Context. Nature for Insurance and Insurance for Nature (NATURANCE) is an initiative under the EU Horizon Europe program, designed to explore the integration of nature-based solutions (NbS) with disaster risk financing and investments. The project's primary objective is to develop and assess innovative models that combine the value of ecosystem services with financial instruments, such as insurance-linked securities and resilience bonds. This approach, coined as "nature-based investment and insurance solutions" (NBIS), aims to enhance climate resilience while delivering sustainable economic returns. NATURANCE is committed to engaging diverse knowledge networks that span multidisciplinary fields of research, innovation, and practice. These networks include cities, risk assessment experts, nature-based solutions advocates, and financial professionals focused on green reforms. By facilitating open innovation labs, collaborative workshops, and regional dialogues, NATURANCE fosters cross-sectoral partnerships to co-create and implement solutions that leverage the power of nature for disaster risk reduction and financial security.

Scope and output of the workshop. This expert workshop is organized in collaboration with the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII), a platform uniting leading insurers, academics, and non-governmental organizations to address climate change risks. MCII's mission is to develop innovative insurance solutions that mitigate climate risks and enhance resilience, particularly for vulnerable communities. The workshop will convene 15-20 experts from the fields of insurance, innovation, and nature-based solutions (NbS) to explore business cases for nature-based investment and insurance solutions (NBIS). The **primary focus** will be on strengthening business cases through risk and performance assessments, governance, and equitable outcomes. Participants will also discuss synergies and potential collaborations to advance NbS within the insurance and investment sectors.

Key Themes

- **Innovative Nature-based Insurance Strategies.** Exploring the integration of NbS into the insurance industry, highlighting new approaches that reduce climate-related risks while promoting ecosystem restoration and protection. Sharing successful examples of NbS and innovative insurance mechanisms already in practice, focusing on lessons learned and opportunities for replication.
- **Governance and Social Justice.** Addressing governance frameworks that ensure equitable outcomes for all stakeholders, particularly vulnerable communities, and how insurance solutions can promote fairness in climate adaptation and risk reduction efforts.
- **Risk and Performance Assessments.** Exploring how risk assessments and environmental, social, and economic performance indicators and metrics can be used to support the viability of NbS and insurance solutions.
- **Collaboration Opportunities.** Identifying potential collaborations between insurers, governments, NGOs, and other stakeholders to scale up nature-based solutions for climate adaptation and risk management.

Expected Outcome. A position or perspective paper will be developed from the workshop discussions, providing actionable insights and recommendations. This paper will be tailored for international consultations, contributing to global discussions on the role of NbS in addressing climate risks through insurance and investment strategies.



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(Draft) AGENDA

Expert workshop – Equity of nature-related insurance solutions	
13.00 – 14.00	Light lunch - arrival and informal networking
14.00 – 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction to the workshop by organizers (10 min) • Brief introduction of Naturance and MCII related to Nature and Insurance (10 min, 5 min each) • Roundtable introduction of the experts (10 min)
14.30 – 15.15	<u>Keynotes and input for kick-off:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Deep-dive: IIASA & LSE to outline their approach to assessing the equity side of nature-related insurance solutions (15 min) • MCII's work at UNU-EHS on the topic and thinking in the space (15 min) • Time for direct Q&A (15 min)
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break and networking
15:30 – 16:15	<u>Exchange Part 1:</u> Moderated discussion with participants about their experiences, challenges, and (own) approaches to ensuring fairness and equity of relevant insurance solutions.
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break and networking
16:30 – 17:30	<u>Exchange Part 2:</u> Moderated discussion with participants about their experiences, challenges, and (own) approaches to ensuring fairness and equity of relevant insurance solutions.
17:30 – 18:00	Moderated collection of feedback for a joint discussion paper
19.00	Social dinner at Restaurant Shandiz, Dachauer Str. 50 (8 minutes' walk from the hotel)