

Advancing Finance Innovations for Nature-based Solutions

11-12 February 2025

AGENDA D1 | Tuesday | February 11

13:00-14:30	OFFICIAL WELCOME AND SETTING THE STAGE
Keynote:	Jessica Smith // UNEP Finance Initiative
Panellists:	Tasmim Anwar // Ramboll Helen Toxopeus // Utrecht University Anders Solheim // Norwegian Geotechnical Institute Katherine Simpson // University of Glasgow Timothy Foreman // International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
Moderators:	JoAnne Linnerooth-Bayer // International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis Priscila Franco Steier // ICLEI Europe
14:30-15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:00-16:30	PERFORMANCE OF NATURE-BASED INVESTMENT AND INSURANCE SOLUTIONS
Keynotes:	Douglas Mason // Expert in environmental management Marco Fritz // Directorate-General for Research & Innovation Veerle Bril // Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Laurine de Wolf // Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Moderators:	Marta Vicarelli // University of Massachusetts Amherst Max Tesselaar // Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

AGENDA D2 | Wednesday | February 12

9:00-11:00	POWER OF COMMUNITIES: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES WITH ACTIONABLE SOLUTIONS
Keynote:	Cheryl Desha // Natural Hazards Research Australia
Panellists:	Stefano Ceolotto // Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change Corinne Martin // Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership Heather Martin // Willis Towers Watson Jamie Pollard // Willis Towers Watson
Moderators:	Swenja Surminski // London School of Economics Priscila Franco Steier // ICLEI Europe
14:30-15:00	COFFEE BREAK

AGENDA D2 | Wednesday | February 12

11:30-13:00	BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY INNOVATION LABS
Moderators:	Corinne Martin // Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership Priscila Franco Steier // ICLEI Europe Andrea Staccione // Karlsruhe Institute of Technology Jerker Jarsjö // Stockholm University
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-15:00	NATURE AND FINANCE IN DIALOGUE: BUILDING RESILIENT FUTURES & WORLD CAFÉ
Tables:	Paul Hudson // University of York Guillermo García and Laurine de Wolf // Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam FeiFei Cao // International Groundwater Resource Assessment Centre Edoardo Gaggi // CDC Biodiversité Karina Barquet // Stockholm Environment Institute Magdalena Muir // Arctic Institute of North America Marta Vicarelli // University of Massachusetts Amherst Evelyn Underwood // Institute for European Environmental Policy Anjelika Romeo-Hall // Environmental Resources Management Silvia Grandi // University of Bologna
Moderator:	Laura Pirazán Palomar // ICLEI Europe
14:30-15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:30-17:00	BOTTOM-UP: ENGAGING CITIZENS IN NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS
Panellists:	Martin Kubáň // Naturethon Champion (Slovakia) Mar Fabregat Esteve // Naturethon Champion (Spain) Terhile Dominic Uchi // Naturethon Champion (Nigeria)
Moderators:	Andrea Staccione // Karlsruhe Institute of Technology Davide Michielin // Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change
Facilitators:	Soraya Melinato // Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change Agnese Glauda // Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change
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D3 | MARKETPLACE | Thursday | February 13

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SOLUTIONS EXCHANGE I

9:30-11:00 CET

Breakout sessions

Conceptual work on co-financing of NbS and justice aspects.

Charlotte Demonsant
Utrecht University

Harnessing Space Technologies for Nature-based Financial Solutions.

Hassan Abouseada
Egyptian Space Agency

Supporting Risk Management Activities in Nature.

Eduardo González and Gijs van den Dool
GreenBox

The revolution of Artificial Intelligence and its investment interventions in the field of sustainable development.

Thaer Aroud
International Organization for the Unification of Arab Peoples

COFFEE BREAK
11:00-11:30 CET

SOLUTIONS EXCHANGE II

11:30-12:40 CET

Exploring ideas for citizens in Nature-based Solutions

From business models to business plans for upscaling NBS coastal restoration in the Venice Lagoon.

Umberto Pernice
Expert in Environmental economics

The Green Finance for Islington Pocket Park Framework.

Ludo Pittie
WSP

Bringing Norwegian blue forests back to life.

Wenting Chen
Norsk institutt for vannforskning

Guidelines for the design and evaluation of ecological services and environmental compensations.

Nicola Contarini
Cesena Municipality (Italy)

SOLUTIONS EXCHANGE II

11:30-12:40 CET

Breakout sessions

Evaluating the impact of NBS: the role of shared and open data.

FeiFei Cao
International Groundwater Resource Assessment Centre

Assessing and mapping European national climate-risk insurance systems.

Matteo Colucci
CMCC

Regions4 Case Study Database, subnational solutions to global problems.

Renata Gómez and Gabriela Cabrera
Regions4

WRAP-UP
12:40-13:00 CET



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NATURANCE is an Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Actions project (2022-2026) which examines the technical, financial and operational feasibility and performance of solutions built on a combination of disaster risk financing and nature-based solutions investments. The project connects major knowledge networks, and organises innovation finance and policy labs.