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Nature for insurance,
insurance for nature



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF GREEN FINANCE AND INSURANCE

The **Finance Innovation Festival – Insurance and Investment Opportunities for Nature-Based Transformations** brings together policymakers, insurers, investors, researchers, cities, and civil society to explore how **finance and risk-transfer mechanisms** can accelerate the large-scale deployment of **Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**.

Over three days, the Festival provides a structured space to connect policy ambition with market innovation, focusing on **two critical pillars**:



Insurance as a tool for risk transfer and resilience



Investment strategies to mobilise capital for nature-positive outcomes

FROM INSIGHT TO ACTION: DIVERSE SESSION FORMATS

The Festival combines high-level policy dialogue with hands-on, solution-oriented sessions. **Strategic plenaries and moderated panels** will convene relevant stakeholders to examine emerging regulatory frameworks, market standards, and public-private funding instruments.

These discussions are complemented by **interactive sessions, world café tables, and peer-to-peer exchanges** that allow participants to engage directly with real-world examples, tools, and methodologies, with a dedicated space for collaborative problem-solving and cross-sector learning.

Topics addressed during the conference will include:

- EU & private **financing frameworks** for nature-positive action
- Innovative insurance, risk-transfer, and parametric **resilience models**
- **Data, valuation & cost-benefit tools** to support NbS business cases
- **Investment readiness, markets & capital mobilisation** for NbS
- **Policy, urban action & citizen engagement** to boost impact



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The first day will set the **strategic context**, bringing policymakers, investors, and insurers together to explore how EU and private-sector initiatives can unlock large-scale finance for nature-based solutions, through high-level discussions on policy, investment, and risk transfer.



Registration 12:00
Welcome Lunch 13:30

EU initiatives 14:00
for financing nature 15:30

Speakers will discuss how key EU initiatives mobilise funding to advance biodiversity and climate goals.

Panelists: **Marialuisa Tamborra** (European Commission) coordinator of eco-schemes and CAP reform, **Maria Fuentes Merino** (European Commission) expert on nature credits and natural capital accounting, **Albena Taneva** (European Commission), expert on EU Competitiveness Fund and nature-based enterprises.

Moderator: **Paola Lepori** (ICLEI Europe)



Aperitif and 17:30
Social Dinner 20:00

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TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

13:30 Insurance and Investment
14:00 Opportunities
for Nature-Based Transformations

A keynote highlighting the key global challenges in financing and risk transfer for enabling nature-based solutions.

Speaker: **Douglas Mason** (Infrastructure Specialist).

Hosts: **Daniela Rizzi** (ICLEI Europe); **Jaroslav Mysiak** (CMCC)

15:30 Coffee Break
16:00



16:00 Private initiatives
17:30 for financing nature

Private-sector panelists will explore various emerging investment strategies that can close the NbS financing gap.

Panelists: **Isabel Reuss** (Italian Sustainable Investment Forum), **Will Butler** (GaiaSicura), **David N. Bresch** (ETH Zurich), **Koen Stuyck** (WWF Switzerland), **Verena Kraus** (UNEP-FI), **Ursula Bordas** (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority).

Moderator: **Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer** (IIASA)



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The second day will focus on **practical solutions**, showcasing innovative insurance and investment mechanisms to scale nature-based solutions.

Through interactive workshops, breakout sessions, and peer exchange, participants explore tools, data, and partnerships that strengthen resilience.



Coffee Break

**11:00
11:30**

**Capital for Nature: 11:30
Investment Solutions 13:00**

Innovative pathways to finance and scale Nature-based Solutions, drawing from the experience of NATURANCE Innovation Labs. Followed by collaborative exchanges with sister projects and initiatives, including Invest4Nature, BIOCAPITAL, BioFIN and NetworkNature.



Coffee Break

**16:00
16:30**

**Quantifying the costs and benefits of NbS to inform decision-making 16:30
18:00**

A plenary session will explore the latest research in NATURANCE-related projects regarding ecosystem valuation methods of NbS, and applications of these methods in a cost-benefit decision framework.

Speakers: **Veerle Bril** (Institute for Environmental Studies-IVM), **Guillermo Garcia Gonzales** (IVM), **Neil Gunn** (Willis Research Network).

Moderator: **Max Tesselaar** (IVM)

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

**09:30 From Risk to Resilience:
11:00 Insurance Solutions**

Insights on cutting-edge insurance approaches from NATURANCE Innovation Labs and hands-on breakout discussions with sister projects and initiatives, including PIISA, SOTERIA and TNFD Global.

**13:00 Lunch
14:30**



**14:30 Communities Connect: Advancing
16:00 NbS through Insurance and Investment**

This interactive World Cafè session will bring together the **NATURANCE Knowledge Networks** to foster peer exchange and shared reflection, generating insights on financing and insuring Nature-based Solutions.

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The third day will focus on **collective insights and lasting impact**, bringing together policy, finance, and citizen action to advance Nature-based Solutions.

The programme will highlight **legacy policy recommendations** from leading EU projects and inform EU and national decision-making. Through high-level panels, interactive poster sessions, and peer exchange, participants will be inspired to drive future action.



Coffee Break 10:30
11:00

Seed of Change: 11:00
Citizens & Cities 12:30

The session aims to inspire people to become active contributors to the NbS transition in cities (Seeds of change) and to reflect on: How can I be an active participant in the NbS transition process?

In this session, we will acknowledge the 2025 Naturethon winners, the citizen-engagement initiative of the Naturance project. The awardees will briefly present their projects.

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

09:00 *Collective Insights, Lasting*
10:30 *Impact: Financing and Insurance for NbS*

This session will highlight legacy policy recommendations from **NATURANCE**, **SOTERIA**, **PIISA**, **INVEST4NATURE**, and **CLIMATEFIT** on the two pillars of the festival: risk transfer through insurance and investment in nature-based solutions.

Panelists: **Kati Berninger**, experienced international environmental professional (Tyrsky Consulting), **Magdalena Bos-Lewandowska** (European Commission) expert on climate adaptation, **Vanessa Bruynooghe** (European Commission) expert on climate finance, **Sirpa Pietikäinen** (Member of European Parliament from Finland), **Elina Vaara** (European Investment Bank).

13:00
14:30 *Closing*

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