



# Newsletter

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

In this issue, insightful updates from the world of disaster risk financing and Nature-based solutions investments. The NATURANCE project serves as a platform for meaningful conversations among experts, investment professionals, and citizens, with initiatives ranging from the upcoming **Finance Innovation Festival** to the **Na'thon Dialogues**.

Be inspired by new **videos and interviews** featuring NATURANCE experts and dive into the potential of nature-based solutions as a boundary concept. Finally, explore the pressing issue of Europe's preparedness for climate risks.

Enjoy your reading!

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## [Finance Innovation Festival](#)

**Insurance and Investment Opportunities for Nature-based solutions**



23-24 May 2024

## Finance Innovation Festival

Insurance and Investment Opportunities  
for Nature-based Solutions

IIASA, Schloss Laxenburg - Austria



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

The **Finance Innovation Festival** on Insurance and Investment Opportunities for Nature-based Solutions – set to take place on **23-24 May, 2024**, in **Laxenburg, Austria** – is designed as a venue to bring together various communities around climate risk assessment, policy analysis, financial innovation, and advocacy for nature-based solutions.

**[Pre-registration for in-person attendance to the festival is open.](#)**

Find out more and pre-register

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**[Na'thon Dialogues](#)**

## Na'thon Dialogues

### Navigating New Paths for Nature-based Solution Finance

NATURANCE is launching a far-reaching initiative to **organize citizen group meetings** throughout Europe and beyond, focused on **identifying innovative financial strategies for nature-based solutions (NbS) in the context of climate action and disaster risk mitigation**.

The citizen groups meetings are designed to tap into the collective understanding of NbS deployment and to stimulate discussions around their financial mechanisms and instruments. We invite you to be part of this essential dialogue that will redefine our approach to understanding, endorsing, and executing NbS.

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## Interviews & videos



Find out more about the project directly from its protagonists through **new engaging video interviews and webinars**, where they share their insights, experiences, and perspectives. Immerse yourself in their stories, images, and voices to gain a deeper understanding of the project's impact and significance.

[Watch the videos](#)

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## Preliminary results

**Nbs as a boundary concept for different disciplines and actors**





**Nature-based solutions (NbS)** can act as a valuable complement to conventional “grey” infrastructure for stormwater management (e.g. dams and dikes) **in reducing flood risks**, as these “green” solutions are perceived to be more flexible and multifunctional. A new paper, [published in \*Current Opinion in Environmental Science & Health\*](#) by Carla Ferreira and colleagues, presents a multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary NbS framework in the context of flood risk management, but it can also be effective for reducing other climate risks and land degradation problems.

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## News

[\*\*Europe is not prepared for rapidly growing climate risks, EEA finds\*\*](#)



Europe is the fastest-warming continent in the world. Extreme heat, drought, wildfires, and flooding, as experienced in recent years, will worsen even under optimistic global warming scenarios and affect living conditions throughout the continent. The European Environment Agency (EEA) has published the first ever [European Climate Risk Assessment](#) (EUCRA) to help identify policy priorities for climate change adaptation and for climate-sensitive sectors.

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## Upcoming events



# The BluePlanet2024 conference

23 - 25 April 2024, Stockholm, Sweden

The [BluePlanet2024 international conference](#), which is a complementary Naturance activity, will take place **23 – 25 April 2024** at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden, and on-line.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together top researchers and societal actors to explore the latest findings on processes, methods, and technologies for innovative solutions in a water-wise world. Among the impressive confirmed speakers two Stockholm Water Prize Laureates: **Andrea Rinaldo** (2023) and **Mark van Loosdrecht** (2018).

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## Latest publications

**Multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary approaches to nature-based flood risk management.** Davids P.R., Hartmann T., Ferreira C., Kalantari Z., Pereira P. (2024). Current Opinion in Environmental Science & Health, in press. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.coesh.2024.100537>.

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