



# Newsletter

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

Prepare for an exciting Project Festival: the **Finance Innovation Festival** will be held in Laxenburg, Austria on 23-24 May, 2024. Online participation is possible and registrations are now open, more details available below. Also in this issue, the official launch of the **Naturethon**, a series of Europe-wide citizen meetings to identify local nature-based solutions.

Enjoy your reading!

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## [Finance innovation Festival](#)

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

[Online participation](#)



**23-24 May 2024**

## **Finance Innovation Festival**

Insurance and Investment Opportunities  
for Nature-based Solutions

**Registration for online sessions is open!**



The [Finance Innovation Festival](#) on Insurance and Investment Opportunities for Nature-based Solutions is designed as a venue to bring together various communities around climate risk assessment, policy analysis, financial innovation, and advocacy for nature-based solutions. [Join us online](#) for enlightening sessions as we embark on a journey towards a nature-positive economy!

### **Online sessions:**

**May 23**

#### **Finance for Nature-Based Solutions: Setting the Stage for Actionable Dialogue**

**10:00 - 11:00 CEST**

Speakers:

John Schellnhuber (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis)

Stephen Hart (European Investment Bank)

Fleur van Ooststroom-Brummel (European Commission)

#### **Pioneering Nature-Based Insurance and Investment Solutions**

**11:00 - 12:30 CEST**

Speakers:

Max Tesselaar (Institute for Environmental Studies)

JoAnne Linnerooth-Bayer (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis)

Swenja Surminski (Marsh & McLennan Companies, London School of Economics and Political Science)

**May 24**

**Power of Communities: Addressing Challenges with Actionable Solutions**

**09:00 - 10:30 CEST**

María Máñez Costa (Climate Service Center - Helmholtz Center Hereon)

Ingrid Kaltenegger (Joanneum Research)

Laura Trentini (Amigo srl)

Heikki Tuomenvirta (Finnish Meteorological Institute)

Register for the online sessions

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## Festival preview: experts talks



# NATURANCE TALKS

Expert views on Nature-based solutions and finance

Have a sneak peak at the festival content by watching our **expert keynotes** on topics including **ecosystem-based approaches**, **financial strategies** such as green finance, project origination, insurance protection, and the **EU policy landscape** concerning Nature-based Solutions investment.

Watch the videos

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## Festival Logistics



The NATURANCE team is looking forward to host all festival participants at IIASA's premises in **Laxenburg on May 23-24**. As the beautiful location is situated outside Vienna's city center, a **bus service** has been arranged. All information regarding this and other festival logistics, are available in the [logistics brochure](#).

Download the brochure

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**[Registration are open for the Naturethon 2024](#)**

## Become a NbS champion!

Be part of a far-reaching initiative that taps into the **collective understanding** of **Nature-based Solutions** and their financial mechanism.

## Join Naturethon



**Register your group,**  
receive the materials, and  
engage in dialogue.



NATURANCE has recently launched [Naturethon](#), a far-reaching initiative to **organize citizen group meetings** throughout Europe and beyond, focused on **identifying local nature-based solutions (NbS)** in the context of climate action and disaster risk mitigation.

**Registrations are open**, become a champion and register your group to discuss nature-based solutions right around your corner.

*Champions are invited to [join the Finance Innovation Festival](#) online sessions as part of the Naturethon supporting activities.*

Become a champion and register your group

