



Newsletter

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

As the project enters its final stages, there are still many opportunities to engage with the NATURANCE community and continue driving nature-based innovation in the finance and insurance sectors.

With the [Finance Innovation Festival 2026](#) (3-5 February 2026, Brussels and online), the project's final flagship event, fast approaching, we are pleased to share details about the thought-provoking panels, plenaries and interactive sessions that will showcase the knowledge and conversations developed throughout the NATURANCE project.

Building on the expertise generated by project partners on insurance for wildfire risk management, the upcoming [NATURANCE INSIDERS webinar](#) (28 January 2026, Online) will explore the potential of Nature-based Solutions for wildfire risk reduction.

Finally, discover the project's call for case studies, latest scientific publications, news, and the results of the [2025 Naturethon edition](#), NATURANCE's very own citizen engagement initiative, which recently concluded with winning case studies from Italy and South Africa.

Enjoy your reading!

[The Finance Innovation Festival 2026 agenda](#)

[Discover the agenda highlights](#)

FINANCE INNOVATION FESTIVAL AGENDA

ALL TIMES ARE CET

3 FEBRUARY 2026

12:00 Welcome
13:30 Lunch

13:30 *Insurance and Investment*
15:30 *Opportunities for Nature-Based Transformations*

15:30 Break
16:00 Break

16:00 *Financing Nature-Positive Solutions*
17:30 Aperitif and Social Dinner

INSURANCE AND
INVESTMENT
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NATURE-BASED
TRANSFORMATIONS

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

11:00 Break
11:30 Break

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

13:00 Lunch
14:30 Lunch

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

16:00 Break
16:30 Break

16:30 *Methods: Quantifying NbS-benefits for decision-making*
18:00 Break



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09:00 *Collective Insights, lasting impact:*
10:30 *Financing and insurance for NbS*

10:30 Break
11:00 Break

11:00 *Seeds of change:*
12:30 *Citizens and Cities*

12:30 *Closing session*
13:00



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The second edition of the [Finance Innovation Festival](#), organized in the context of the [Naturance project](#) and taking place from **3 to 5 February 2026** at the Brussels Info Place Meeting Centre in Brussels, Belgium, 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**, and **investment strategies to mobilise capital for nature-positive outcomes**.



FESTIVAL BOOKLET

The first day will set the strategic context, bringing together policymakers, investors, and insurers to examine how the EU and private-sector initiatives can **unlock large-scale finance for NbS**.

The second day will dive into **practical solutions from the project and its network**, highlighting tools, data, and partnerships that enhance resilience.

The third day will foster collaboration across policy, finance, and citizen action, featuring **legacy policy recommendations** discussed by a high-level panel.

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) for regular updates on the Festival!

Online registrations are open: Join us remotely!

Online registrations for the Festival are now open! After the in-person registrations successfully closed at capacity, the Festival now welcomes online participants to join three days of high-level keynotes, expert panels, and result-oriented plenary sessions focused on unlocking insurance and investment opportunities for NbS.

The online programme features:

- the **opening plenary on financing and risk transfer** for NbS
- **insights into EU initiatives** for financing nature
- **perspectives from private sector and civil society leaders**

- a research-driven session on **quantifying NbS costs and benefits**
- a closing **high-level policy dialogue** presenting recommendations from NATURANCE and sister projects.



The banner for the Finance Innovation Festival features a green and white color scheme with a stylized plant graphic. It includes the festival logo, dates (3-5 February 2026), and a call to action to join online. The main text on the left reads: "A digital space for Nbs Innovation: Online registrations are open!". Below this are four event details with dates, times, and descriptions. The right side features a QR code for registration and a hand holding a small plant.

FINANCE INNOVATION FESTIVAL
3-5 FEBRUARY 2026

A digital space for Nbs Innovation: Online registrations are open!

3 February 2026
Insurance and investment opportunities for nature-based transformation
h. 13:30-14:00 CET

3 February 2026
Private initiatives for financing nature
h. 14:00-15:30 CET

5 February 2026
Collective insights, lasting impact: Financing and insurance for NbS
h. 09:00-10:30 CET

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3 February 2026
EU initiatives for financing nature
h. 16:00-17:30 CET

4 February 2026
Quantifying the costs and benefits of NbS to inform decision-making
h. 16:30-18:00 CET

REGISTRATION

[ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

Thank you to all who registered for in-person participation!

Festival logistics



The Finance Innovation Festival 2026 will be hosted by the [**Brussels Info Place \(BIP\)**](#).

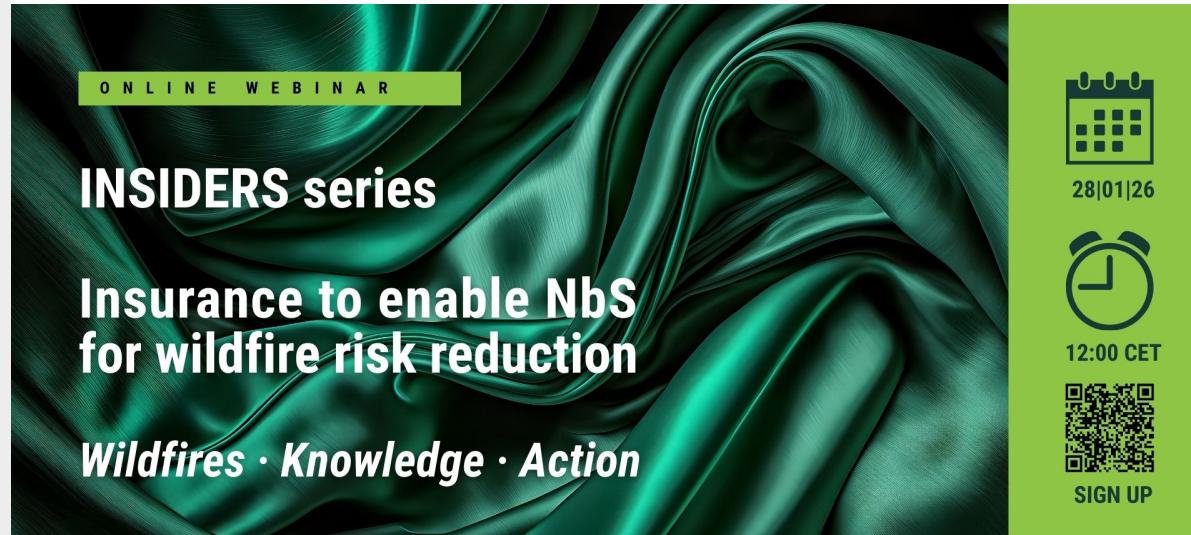
[**Meeting Centre**](#), Rue Royale 2-4, B-1000 Brussels. Thanks to its central location in the heart of Brussels, the BIP Meeting Centre is easily accessible by bicycle and public transport. It's a 5-minute walk from Brussels Central Station and is served by several bus, tram and metro lines.

For more information on how to reach the venue, please see the Festival logistical information pack.

[**LOGISTICAL INFORMATION PACK**](#)

*The Festival doors will open at 12:00 CET on Tuesday, February 3, 2026,
for registration and a welcome lunch.*

NATURANCE INSIDERS: Insurance to enable NbS for wildfire risk reduction



Wildfires are becoming increasingly frequent and severe due to changes in climate, weather patterns, vegetation, and land use. **These events pose growing threats to human safety, ecosystems, and economies across large regions.** While suppression remains the dominant response strategy, there is a rising recognition that **NbS** are essential for preventing wildfires, restoring resilient landscapes, and reducing long-term risk.

The upcoming [NATURANCE](#) Lunch Break Seminar "**Insurance to enable NbS for wildfire risk reduction**" to be held on **January 28, 2026**, at **12:00 CET**, and organised by IIASA, explores how the insurance sector can enable the transition from reactive fire suppression to proactive, prevention-focused NbS.

Speakers:

Daniel Bannister, Weather & Climate Risks Research Lead, WTW

Saskia Keesstra, Designer Producer Land Use Transformation, Climate-KIC

Timothy Foreman, Research Scholar, IIASA; Assistant Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Moderated by *JoAnne Linnerooth-Bayer*, Emeritus Research Scholar, IIASA Equity and Justice Group

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Exploring the Nature Credits Roadmap in its early stages



Regulating offsetting and ensuring alignment with carbon farming and the [Nature Restoration Law](#) (NRL) are emerging as key issues for the newly established **EU Expert Group on Nature Credits**, of which Jaroslav Mysiak, CMCC Principal Scientist and NATURANCE coordinator, [has been appointed as a member](#).

Their main tasks include designing overarching methodologies for the market by mid-2026 and developing governance frameworks in 2027, as outlined in the [Commission's roadmap](#)

published last July.

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Call for case studies on Nature-based Insurance Solutions (NBIS)

*It is your last chance to contribute to a focused compendium showcasing how Nature-based Insurance Solutions (NBIS) are being applied in practice! **Deadline: 23 January 2026***

The compendium aims to provide **clear and accessible guidance**, supported by **concrete case studies**, highlighting the role of insurance instruments in supporting nature-based solutions and enabling investment in nature-positive activities.

We welcome submissions describing **insurance schemes at any stage of development**—including concepts, pilots, and active initiatives—that deliver benefits for nature or facilitate investment in nature-based solutions.

Selected case studies will be featured in the [NATURANCE digital library](#) and in a published smartPDF compendium, ensuring visibility within an EU-funded publication, with links to contributing organisations and source materials.

For questions related to the survey, please contact:j.z.johannes-gold@lse.ac.uk

SUBMIT YOUR IDEA

Naturethon Awards 2025 have been announced



The [Naturethon initiative](#) has recently concluded its [second call](#) for citizen-led projects on Nature-based Solutions, after a positive engagement process featuring experts' talks and advice. The Naturethon committee has completed the evaluation of submitted proposals and is pleased to announce the awarded projects for the 2025 edition titled "***Citizens Growing Nature-Based Futures***".

The winning proposals, which stood out for innovation, feasibility and environmental and social impacts, are: "Explore Sustainable Financing Strategies to Scale Up Nature-based Solutions for Cool Milan" (***COOL MILAN*** team), "Johannesburg's Biodiversity Restoration" (***Green City Champions*** team), and "C.A.R.E. – Community Action for River Ecosystems" (***RisorGivers*** team).

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Latest publications

- Aguilera-Rodríguez J.J., Scolobig A., Martin J., et al.. *Implementing nature-based solutions: Insights from private contractors and consultants*. In *Nature-Based Solutions*, 8, 100278. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nbsj.2025.100278>
- García Álvarez G., Botzen W.J.W, Tesselaar M., et al.. *The Economic Benefits of Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Risk: A Meta-Analysis*. In *Land Economics*, 101, 4. <https://doi.org/10.3368/le.102.2.110824-0105R1>
- Ooms V., Endendijk T., Aerts J., et al.. *Assessing effects of nature-based and other municipal adaptation measures on insured heavy rain damages*. In *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*, 25, 11. <https://doi.org/10.5194/nhess-25-4283-2025>



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