

Invitation

European Climate Risk Assessment for businesses: Preparing for a resilient and competitive business in 2025



Date: 19 February 2025



Time: 10:00–16:15 CET



Urban Insight Lab ([Rue d'Arenberg 11, Brussels](#))

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AGENDA

Time	Session	Speakers
10:00	Welcome	Antoine Oger – Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
10:05	Welcome by the host	Erwin Malcorps – CEO, SWECO Belgium
10:10	<u>Keynote speech</u> – EUCRA relevance for private sector businesses	Leena Ylä-Mononen – Executive Director, European Environment Agency
10:25	National implementation effort in Belgium following the EUCRA	Luc Bas – Director, Climate Risk Assessment Center of Belgium (CERAC) & Chair of IEEP Strategic Advisory Council
10:35	Q&A	

<p>10:45</p>	<p><u>Session I:</u> Closing the Gaps: Strengthening Policies, Financing, and Business Integration for Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) Deployment</p>	<p>Presentation of EUCRA key findings focusing on ecosystems</p> <p>Julie Berckmans – Climate change and adaptation expert, European Environment Agency</p> <p>Panel debate</p> <p>Moderated by Evelyn Underwood – Head of Programme, Biodiversity and Natural Resources, IEEP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elina Vaara – Environment, Climate and Social Policy team, European Investment Bank (EIB) • Daniela Rizzi – Senior Expert on Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) • Milo Fiasconaro – Executive Director, Aqua Publica Europea • Dirk Halet – Strategic Coordinator, VLAKWA • Katrien Moubax – Water & Environmental Planner, Aquafin
<p>11:45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>12:00</p>	<p><u>Open discussion among participants following Session I</u> (Chatham house)</p>	<p>Facilitated by Evelyn Underwood – Head of Programme, Biodiversity and Natural Resources, IEEP</p> <p>CRA presentation by Sweco – Jart Ligterink, Climate Adaptation Advisor, SWECO</p>
<p>12:45</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>	

<p>14:00</p>	<p><u>Session II:</u> Coordinating and aligning public and private finance for the transition to sustainable and resilient agriculture</p>	<p>Presentation of EUCRA key findings focusing on agriculture Blaz Kurnik – Head of Climate Risks and Resilience Unit, European Environment Agency</p> <p><u>Panel debate</u> Moderated by Melanie Muro – Head of Programme, CAP and Food, IEEP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julien Vastenaekels – University of Reims Champagne-Ardennes & Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) • Stefania Avanzini – Director, OP2B • Sarah Garré – Professor, ILVO Vlaanderen • Emmanuelle Mikosz – Programme and Deputy Director, Forum for the Future of Agriculture
<p>15:00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>15:15</p>	<p><u>Open discussion among participants following Session II</u> (Chatham house)</p>	<p>Facilitated by Melanie Muro – Head of Programme, CAP and Food, IEEP</p> <p><u>CRA presentation by ILVO Vlaanderen</u> – Sarah Garré, Professor, ILVO Vlaanderen</p>
<p>16:00</p>	<p><u>Conclusive remarks</u> – Main takeaways and the road towards next EUCRA</p>	<p>Blaz Kurnik – Head of Climate Risks and Resilience Unit, European Environment Agency</p>
<p>16:15</p>	<p><u>Closing of the workshop</u></p>	