

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



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## AGENDA

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

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

<p><b>14:00</b></p>	<p><u>Session II:</u> Coordinating and aligning public and private finance for the transition to sustainable and resilient agriculture</p>	<p><b>Presentation of EUCRA key findings focusing on agriculture</b> <b>Blaz Kurnik</b> – Head of Climate Risks and Resilience Unit, European Environment Agency</p> <p><b>Panel debate</b> <b>Moderated by Melanie Muro</b> – Head of Programme, CAP and Food, IEEP</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Julien Vastenaekels</b> – <a href="#">Environmental Defense Fund</a> (EDF)</li> <li>• <b>Stefania Avanzini</b> – Director, <a href="#">OP2B</a></li> <li>• <b>Sarah Garré</b> – Professor, <a href="#">ILVO Vlaanderen</a></li> <li>• <b>Herwig Ranner</b> – Coordinator/Team Leader on Agriculture &amp; Climate Links at Environmental Sustainability Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission (<i>tbc</i>)</li> <li>• COPA-COGECA representative (<i>representative tbc</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>15:00</b></p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p><b>15:15</b></p>	<p><u>Open discussion among participants following Session II</u> (<i>Chatham house</i>)</p>	<p>Facilitated by <b>Melanie Muro</b> – Head of Programme, CAP and Food, IEEP</p> <p><b><u>CRA presentation by ILVO Vlaanderen</u></b> – <b>Sarah Garré</b>, Professor, ILVO Vlaanderen</p>
<p><b>16:00</b></p>	<p><u>Conclusive remarks</u> – Main takeaways and the road towards next EUCRA</p>	<p><b>Blaz Kurnik</b> – Head of Climate Risks and Resilience Unit, European Environment Agency</p>
<p><b>16:15</b></p>	<p><u>Closing of the workshop</u></p>	



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