



Conference programme

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[Area42](#) – Rue des Palais 46, 1030 (Bruxelles)

09:00 – 10:00	Registration and refreshments
9:45 – 9:50	Welcome and opening remarks Welcome by Luc Bas , IEEP Strategic Advisory Council's Chair and Director Belgium's Climate Risk Assessment Centre (CERAC)
9:50 – 10:00	Opening remarks by Antoine Oger , Executive Director, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
10:00 – 10:10	Keynote speech Teresa Ribera , Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition
10:15 – 10:25	Keynote speech H.E. Georgios Ioannides , Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the EU
10:30 – 11:30	High-level policy panel Moderated by Philippa Nuttall , Editor of Sustainable Views at Financial Times

Speakers:

- **Teresa Ribera**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition
- **H.E. Georgios Ioannides**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the EU
- **Janez Potočnik**, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel and Partner at Systemiq
- **Delphine Moralis**, CEO of Philea-Philanthropy Europe Association
- **Ester Asin**, Director of WWF European Policy Office
- **Cédric Baecher**, Partner, Sustainability coleader, Wavestone

11:30 – 12:30 **Celebrating IEEP 50th Anniversary:**
*Moderated by **Marianne Kettunen**, IEEP Board member - Biodiversity Lead at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation*

12:30 – 13:30 **Networking lunch**

13:30 – 14:30 **Science4Policy session 1 - From Risk to Resilience in an Age of Systemic Risk and the Polycrisis**
*Moderated by **Louis Durrant**, IEEP Lead Resilience*

Speakers:

- **Lorenzo Benini**, Sustainability transitions expert & Team Coordinator - Methods and tools for Integrated Assessment, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Martin Spolc**, Head of Unit CLIMA E.1 Preparedness and Adaptation, DG CLIMA, European Commission
- **Luc Bas**, Director Belgium's Climate Risk Assessment Centre (CERAC)
- **Séverine Hermand**, Senior Project Leader, Sweco
- **Christoph Heinrich**, Executive Director of Ecologic Institute - Member of [ThinkSustainableEurope](https://www.thinksustainableeurope.eu/) network of think tanks

14:30 – 14:50 **Coffee break**

14:50 – 15:50 **Science4Policy session 2 - Hold the water: How healthy soils build Europe's water resilience**
*Moderated by **Melanie Muro**, IEEP Director for Nature and Food System*

Speakers:

- **Mirco Barbero**, Team Leader of Soil Team of the Unit Land Use & Management, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission
- **Hugo Harvey**, Policy officer at Aqua Publica Europea - The European Association of Public Water Operators
- **Amanda Björksell**, Chair, Working Party on Environment & Climate, COPA-COGECA
- **Patricia Calderon**, Climate and Nature Economist at FAIRR Initiative
- Member of [ThinkSustainableEurope](https://www.thinksustainableeurope.eu/) network of think tanks

15:50 – 16:50

Science4Policy session 3 - Trading within the Limits – A balanced EU Trade Policy that delivers both for Climate Justice and Strategic Autonomy

Moderated by **Pierre Leturcq**, IEEP Associate and Coordinator of the Green Trade Network

Speakers:

- **Sergio Balibrea**, Adviser on Sustainable Development, DG Trade, European Commission
- **Lynn Boylan**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Richard Baron**, European Climate Foundation
- **Ursula Woodburn**, Director – CISL Europe, CLG Europe
- **Virginia Enssle**, International and Institutional Relations Manager, Fair Trade Advocacy Office
- **Alice Tipping**, Director, Trade and Sustainable Development at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) - Member of [ThinkSustainableEurope](#) network of think tanks

16:50 – 17:00

Conclusive remarks

Concluding remarks by **Julia Bognar**, IEEP Director for Climate

17:00

End of the conference

17:00 -onwards

Networking drinks

Thanks to our Think2030 conference partners:



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About Think2030

Launched by IEEP and its partners in 2018, Think2030 is an evidence-based, non-partisan platform of leading policy experts from European think tanks, civil society, the private sector and local authorities.

By focusing on producing relevant, timely and concrete policy recommendations, Think2030's key objective is to identify science-policy solutions for a more sustainable Europe.



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