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## JPI Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe

### Climate services: state of affairs, relevance for users and the way forward

MONDAY, 27 May 1:00 pm - 5:45 pm at the CCB<sup>1</sup>

Over the last few years Europe has substantially invested in research for the development of climate services with the objective to make complex climate data usable for decision makers. JPI Climate, H2020 and Copernicus are European key players in this area. A whole network of European researchers is currently working on the development of credible, relevant and legitimate climate services.

Climate services are positioned to become a source of key strategic information for many sectors. One sector in particular, the financial sector, are increasingly interested in the use of climate information to support investment decisions. Moreover, lack of finance is recognized as one of the main barriers to the adaptation to climate change. Climate services may have a role in unlocking finance for adaptation purposes.

Within the JPI Climate side-event, we aim to showcase various Europe-made climate services and will set-up a discussion on different aspects concerning their development:

1. Methods and engagement processes for user-tailored development
2. Actionable climate services – Next steps for JPI Climate
3. Looking for synergies with other initiatives and international (science) networks: valorisation, matchmaking and outreach
4. Exploring the intrinsically interlinked roles of climate services both as support to climate smart investment decisions and as mobilizer of financial resources for adaptation and mitigation, in a sustainable future perspective.

This side-event will start before the official opening of the ECCA2019 conference and is free of charge. It will kick-off further networking and exchange activities within the climate services community throughout the ECCA2019 conference e.g. at the JPI Climate/ERA4CS/Climateurope booth. The side-event and booth will be co-organised by JPI Climate and the H2020 CSA SINCERE project in collaboration with ERA4CS and Climateurope.

#### Target audience and objectives

The target audience includes researchers, academics, private sector and research funders that invest in climate service research. They will get to know the difficulties and success factors of developing climate services. Further, an overview of different service development approaches will be provided. The goal is to develop a good understanding of further climate services developments and research investments needs.

Secondly, the side-event is also meant for practitioners, businesses, financial operators and policymakers to increase their knowledge about the climate services landscape in Europe.

<sup>1</sup> Fundação Centro Cultural de Belém (CCB), Praça do Império, 1449-003 Lisboa, Portugal

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## JPI Climate Side-Event programme

**13:00 – 13:30**    **Opening by Frank McGovern (Chair of JPI Climate Governing Board)**

Key Note by **Daniela Jacob** – Climate Services Centre Germany

*“The climate services landscape in Europe and beyond”*

Key Note by **Dagmar Bley** – Co-Chair of JPI Climate Flagship Programme ERA4CS

*“Climate Services in JPI Climate: climate information relevant for users”*

Outlook by **Diogo de Gusmão-Sørensen** - Head of Climate Services, European Commission

13:30 – 13:40    *Brief interview with the three key note speakers*

**13:40 – 15:00**    **Pitches of climate services projects** with short feedback by representatives from ERA4CS and Horizon 2020 projects followed by active and facilitated exchange with the audience

Pitch presentations of climate services projects

- [ClimINVEST](#) by Sophie Dejonckheere (CICERO, Norway)
- [CLIM2POWER](#) by Sofia Simões or Filipa Amorim (CENSE, Portugal)
- [CitiSense](#) by Lotta Andersson (SMHI, Sweden)
- [CoCliME](#) by Séamus Heffernan (Marine Institute, Ireland)

Short feedback by representatives from ERA4CS / H2020 projects:

- Athanasios Votsis (FMI, Finland) (involved in [DustClim](#))
- Marta Terrado (BSC, Spain) (involved in [APPLICATE](#) & [S2S4E](#))
- María Máñez Costa (GERICS, Germany) (involved in [INNOVA](#))
- Representative involved in [EVOKED](#)

**15:00 – 15:45**    **World Cafe** - tables hosted by presenters addressing topics such as

- Lessons learned and methods to increase relevance and quality of climate services from the users' perspectives
- What is the future for JPI climate? What is next? Knowledge gaps and requirements - priorities for JPI Climate
- What are interesting international networks/organisations that JPI Climate should connect with to valorise the JPI Climate Services?
- In the light of the growing relevance of climate services in supporting financial and investment decisions, which role do you envisage for the JPI Climate?

15:45 - 16:05    *Sharing highlights of the World Cafe discussions: Roger Street and Rob Swart*

16:05 – 16:20    *Coffee Break*



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**16:20-17:20 Panel Discussion - on the role of climate services in supporting financial decision makers**

Mitigating and adapting to climate change requires the mobilization of substantial financial resources. The awareness about this urgent and momentous change in the financial world is rapidly rising both within the policy and business communities and the financial community worldwide, and relevant steps are already being taken in these communities and the climate service community. A key factor for this emerging role for climate services is the requirement for robust, relevant and credible knowledge and evidence that can be used to support financial decisions and investments in the context of climate change. Thus, a major window of opportunity is currently opening for climate services tailored for the specific needs of the financial and investment sector.

The panel discussion will touch upon policy- and business-relevant questions and requirements that can inform and foster a fruitful exchange between the scientific community and financial and investment institutions. The intention is that this panel discussion would provide insights and views into: current needs and offerings in terms of climate products and services; the extent to which currently available products and services are meeting these users' needs (i.e. relevance, usability, legitimacy and credibility); projected changes in those needs (foresight); and the extent to which JPI Climate could be a partner in supporting these users and the broader climate service community.

**Panelists:** Moderation by **Sally Stevens (Institute for Environmental Analytics)**

- Aldo Ravazzi Douvan (Italian Ministry of the Environment)
- Paolo Proli (AMUNDI SGR)
- Sarah Duff (EBRD)
- Elina Melngailė (European Commission, Member of Cabinet Commissioner Dombrovskis) (invited)
- Franz Immler (European Commission - EASME) (invited)
- Kirsten Dunlop (CEO Climate KIC) (invited)
- Roger Street (UKCIP)
- Sophie Dejonckheere (ClimINVEST)
- Copernicus C3S (tbc)

**17:35 -17:45 Wrap-up and concluding remarks by Frank McGovern (Chair of JPI Climate GB)**