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JPI Climate Knowledge Usability WORK-Shop

This WORK-Shop is offered to you by JPI Climate.

JPI Climate (JPI Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe) is an intergovernmental initiative launched in 2011 by 14 European countries to coordinate their climate research activities by implementing a jointly developed Strategic Research Agenda. JPI Climate contributes to the overall EU objective of developing and strengthening the European Research Area. It supports excellent science and multilateral research cooperation focusing on questions related to climate change, its societal implications and response options climate change conditioned societal circumstances and changes. Connecting natural and social scientific disciplines is central to the JPI Climate working concept which aims at fostering cross-border and cross-disciplinary research and science-practice interaction.

WORK shop

Are you curious to learn more about strategies to end up with usable knowledge?

At the core of the WORK-Shop is the usability gap of climate knowledge: addressing the barriers that hamper climate knowledge to be usable by stakeholders. Both researchers as well as beneficiaries have to be active in developing and implementing strategies to end up with climate knowledge that is actually used to support decision-making. Early engagement of intended beneficiaries in research projects, through co-creation and other approaches can facilitate the search for usable knowledge.

In the WORK-Shop, European climate change researchers, boundary workers and policymakers bring together experiences and lessons learned. They will critically discuss strategies, tools and practices to bridge the usability gap of climate change research projects. The most appropriate approaches will be explored, taking into account the different context of science-determined, science-driven and user-informed on the one hand, or user-driven and science-informed processes on the other.

Beside reflective sessions on on-going practices, tricks and practical guidelines will be shared, which will be summarized in a Climate Knowledge Usability Booklet, that will be developed on the basis of the WORK-Shop proceedings and made available for all WORK-Shop participants and current and future JPI Climate research teams.

Are you interested to gain new insights into barriers and opportunities to enhance the societal impact of research?

The WORK-Shop will address knowledge from both natural and social science, using the topics of the 1st set of JPI Climate joint calls as practice cases: societal transformation and climate adaptation; societal transformation and climate mitigation; and arctic GHG emissions.

Curious to learn more about strategies to enhance the usability of climate knowledge? Apply [here](#) as soon as possible.

The participants will be a balanced mixed group of researchers, boundary workers, policy makers and science communication experts to guarantee the quality of the WORK-Shop.

Location: Brussels – you will receive further information in your confirmation email

Programme

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| 9:00 | Welcome: Rob Swart, Alterra JPI Climate |
| 9:15 | A story from practice
<i>Leo Meyer, Technical Support Unit IPCC AR5 Synthesis Report</i>
Inspiring talk about experiences on good and bad practices to bridge the usability gaps in climate research projects. |
| 9:45 | Be a chameleon
<i>Adam Corner, Climate Outreach & Information Network</i>
Challenges and lessons learned will be shared about translating climate science in an easy-to-understand message towards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local policy makers• National policy makers• Politicians• General public Practical guidelines will be explored on how researchers can be chameleons by tailoring their messages to the different types of knowledge users. |
| 11:15 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 | The Package
<i>Bernd Hezel, Climate Media Factory</i>
Visualizations, maps, art, pitches, memo's, infographics, blogs, long reads, interviews, movies, games, presentations there are many media to get climate science understood by stakeholders/users. Experiences and lessons learned will be shared and practical guidelines will be developed to connect appropriate media with specific user settings. |
| 12:30 | Lunch and Exposition of various tools to make knowledge usable |
| 13:30 | Interacting with users
<i>Femke Merks, Kenniscocreatie (Knowledge Cocreation)</i>
Co-creation, communication, transdisciplinary approaches... science and policy can collaborate and/or co-create usable knowledge in many ways. These approaches and processes have strength and weaknesses. Some are costly, others are easily accessible by a wide variety of stakeholders... What works in what setting? How aligning timing of research and decision-making processes? How managing expectations of users and providers of knowledge? Experiences and lessons learned will be shared. |
| 15:00 | Coffee Break |
| 15:15 | Towards practical guidance for JPI Climate Research Projects
<i>Roger Street, Environmental Change Institute Oxford University/JPI Climate</i>
<i>Rob Swart, Alterra/JPI Climate</i>
Based on the shared experiences and lessons learned during the workshop, a set of practical guidelines and good practices will be developed that can be used by participants and in other future Climate Research Projects |
| 16:00 | Closing |

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TOOLBOX

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