

Overview of programme schedule

MONDAY 23 June – Charlemagne building - 16.00-18.30: opening of the exhibition and networking event (invitation-only)

TUESDAY 24 June - Charlemagne		
Time slot	Room de Gasperi (434 seats)	Room Mansholt (120 seats)
9:00 – 09:25	Welcome coffee	
9:30 – 09:45	Opening by Commissioner Zaharieva	Listening room
9:50 – 10:35	PLENARY SESSION "Building Alliances Through Science: Green and Blue Diplomacy for Global Challenges"	Listening room
COFFEE BREAK		
11:00-11:45	Policy Panel "Synergies for Sustainability: Strengthening Public-Private Collaboration in Green Innovation"	Going green, going local: R&I Solutions for Regions, Citizens and Community Engagement
11:55-12:40	PLENARY SESSION "Supporting the future: Promoting Green Startups and Scaleups"	Listening room
LUNCH BREAK		
13:55– 14:40	PLENARY SESSION on Green DISINFORMATION "Science in an era of disinformation"	Listening room

14:50 – 15:35	Policy panel: "The whole is more than the sum of its parts: Building systemic approaches for the green transition"	R&I Solutions Session: Environmental Observation, Data, and AI tools for implementing the European Green Deal
COFFEE BREAK		
16:00 – 16:45	Policy Panel: "Preparing together: Towards a Fair and Resilient green Transition"	R&I Solutions Session on Fresh water and clean oceans: success stories and lessons learned"
16:55 – 17:40	PLENARY SESSION: "Unlocking Green Capital: Exploring Private and Public Funding Opportunities"	Listening room
17:45 – 18:00	Closing remarks by Director-General Marc Lemaître	Listening room

Description of the sessions

Plenary sessions

"Building Alliances Through Science: Green and Blue Diplomacy for Global Challenges" - 09:50-10:35

A high-level discussion on the need for science diplomacy in the current geopolitical context.

Global challenges need global efforts to work in harmony with the natural environment which is under pressure. The power of diplomacy in science can be used for peace and for making the green and blue transition a reality at local level in cooperation with international partners. The EU benefits from a wider global outreach and invests strongly in specific networks such as the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance (AAORIA) spanning from the Arctic to Antarctica or in the Group on Earth Observations (GEO).

Confirmed speakers:

Adla Kahric (IPBES Fellow)

Angelo Riccaboni (Chair, PRIMA Partnership)

Pierre Bahurel (Director-General, Mercator Ocean International)

Marion Jansen (Director, OECD)

Laura McDonagh, EU project Manager, OKEANO project

"Supporting the future: Promoting Green Startups and Scaleups" - 11:55-12:40

A high-level discussion on how we can support green startups and scaleups. In many greentech sectors the EU has a good competitive position and scaling up potential (e.g. in energy storage, circular economy and agritech). But greentech companies face even more financing constraints than other innovative companies (capital intensive, higher technological and regulatory risks and longer time to market). Solidifying the EU's competitive advantage in this area means investing in R&I for greentech and increasing support for greentech through e.g. the Startup and Scaleup Strategy.

Confirmed speakers:

Kalle Fahlvik (Young Startup Policy Officer, Allied for Startups)

Kat Borlongan (Board Member, European Innovation Council)

Craig Johnston (co-founder, technology director Enough)

Gaëtane Suzenet (Managing Partner, European WaterTech accelerator)

Maija Itkonen (CEO and co-founder Onego Bio Ltd)

“Science in an era of disinformation” – 13:55-14:40

A high-level discussion on how to tackle disinformation in relation to science and the green transition. How to implement meaningful solutions when public trust in science and policy is continuously threatened by a flood of misinformation. How to combat climate mis- and disinformation. Speakers will include e.g. academia but also journalists and policy-makers, relevant initiatives.

Confirmed speakers:

Emilio Doménech (journalist)

Sandrine Dixson-Declève (Founder, System Transformation Hub)

Jan Dusík (Deputy Director-General, DG CLIMA)

Leena Ylä-Mononen (Executive Director, European Environment Agency)

Aleksandra Janowska (Chief Expert, Ministry of Climate and Environment Poland)

"Unlocking Green Capital: Exploring Private and Public Funding Opportunities" - 16:55-17:40

A high-level discussion on financing for the green transition and how we can amplify investments in (R&I for) the green transition. As noted in the MFF Communication, financing the green, digital and social transition will require maximising public investment and leveraging private capital. How can we more efficiently align public funds at EU level with Member State funding and private financing?

Confirmed speakers:

Clarissa Hediger (Consultant, Climate Focus)

Anita De Horde (Executive Director of Finance for Biodiversity Foundation),

Christel Dumas (Sustainable finance Professor and Associate Dean for Research, ICHEC Brussels Management School)

Teresa Cunha (EIT Scaling Club Coordinator)

Policy Panels

"Synergies for Sustainability: Strengthening Public-Private Collaboration in Green Innovation" - 11:00 – 11:45

Policy discussion focused on how we can use collaborations between public and private partners for R&I effectively and efficiently, to accelerate the green transition and foster green innovation. This may include established and new forms of public-private partnerships, with joint funding, aligned research and innovation agendas and other ways of collaborating. The discussion should focus on lessons learned of existing partnerships and other activities.

Confirmed speakers:

Nicolo Giacomuzzi-Moore (Executive Director Circular Biobased Europe JU)

Rafael Castillo (EU Project Manager, CTA Technological Corporation of Andalusia)

Fabienne Gautier (Head of Unit, DG RTD)

"The whole is more than the sum of its parts: Building systemic approaches for the green transition" –14:50 –15:35

Policy discussion focused on systemic visions for a competitive green transition. Such an approach not only recognises that surpassing planetary boundaries is a threat to wellbeing, but also that resource scarcity and supply disruptions will increasingly affect the economy. A systemic R&I policy starts from those areas where the EU has a comparative advantage and that align with well-being and sustainability goals. Examples of such systemic approaches include the circular economy, bioeconomy, nature-positive economy and food systems. The discussion should focus on lessons learned and how to amplify impact going forward.

Confirmed speakers:

Nanna Koefoed (Bioeconomy Youth Ambassador)

Francis X. Johnson (Senior Research Fellow at Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI))

Marco Lambertini (Convener, Nature Positive Initiative)

Jessica Duncan (Associate Professor, Wageningen University)

Nevena Alexandrova-Stefanova (Innovation Officer, Policy and Capacity for Innovation Team Lead - FAO Office of Innovation)

"Preparing together: Towards a Fair and Resilient green Transition" - 16:00 –16:45

Policy discussion focused on how R&I can help us to achieve climate resilience, developing pathways for preparation while also addressing the social dimensions of the green transition. R&I has an important role to make sure that the green transition is a just and fair transition, making our societies resilient. It is important that policies to achieve sustainability do not create new inequalities or exacerbate existing ones. The impact of the green transition also tends to be unevenly distributed across territories, giving rise to "pockets of discontent".

Confirmed speakers:

Marije Klever (Chair of the Executive Board of BoerenNatuur Nederland)

Paola Lepori (Senior Expert, ICLEI European Secretariat)

Prof. Sebastian Villasante (Director, EqualSea Lab/CRETUS/Earth Commission)

Prof. Haris Doukas (Mayor of Athens)

Philippe Lamberts (IDEA, European Commission)

R&I solutions sessions

"Going green, going local: R&I Solutions for Regions, Citizens and Community Engagement" – 11:00–11:45

A show-and-tell moment and discussion about lessons learnt and recommendations going forward. R&I solutions demonstrating the added value of the R&I Framework Programme for the green transition. In this session, the focus is on localised approaches and how to involve citizens and communities

Confirmed speakers

Prof. dr. Jacqueline Broerse, Full Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, project FoodCLIC

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Prof. dr. Ulrich Schurr, Head of the Institute of Plant Sciences at Forschungszentrum Jülich, project [BIO2REG](#)

Dr. Paola Mercogliano, senior climate scientist and Head of the REMHI Division at CMCC Foundation, project [Adaptation AGORA](#)

Dr. Emmanuel Olatunbosun Benjamin, Research Fellow at University of the Bundeswehr Munich, project [INCiTIS FOOD](#)

Mathilde Dam (EU adviser at Central Denmark EU office (CDEU))

“Environmental Observation, Data, and AI tools for implementing the European Green Deal” - 14:50-15:35

A show-and-tell moment and discussion about lessons learnt and recommendations going forward. R&I solutions demonstrating the added value of the R&I Framework Programme for the green transition. In this session, the focus is on the cross-roads between digital and green: how AI, data, digital technologies can help us accelerate the green transition.

Confirmed speakers

Christodoulos Keratidis, Senior Research & Innovation Proposals Manager, Draxis Environmental S.A., project [GUARDEN](#)

Sam Grainger, Technical project manager, Barcelona Supercomputing Centre, project [Climateurope2](#)

Nicolas Caradot, Group Leader Smart City & Infrastructure, KWB-Kompetenzzentrum Wasser Berlin, project [AD4GD](#)

Charalampos (Babis) Ipektsidis, Senior Delivery Manager, Research & Innovation Development, Netcompany-Intrasoft, project [ILIAD](#)

Dr. Ichsani Wheeler, Founding Board Member of OpenGeoHub Foundation, project [OEMC](#)

“Fresh water and clean oceans: success stories and lessons learned” – 16:00 -16:45

A show-and-tell moment and discussion about lessons learnt and recommendations going forward. R&I solutions demonstrating the added value of the R&I Framework Programme for the green transition. In this session, the focus is on the successes and solutions in the "blue" areas of the green transition (water, oceans, blue economy etc).

Confirmed speakers

Francesco Dondero, project [SCENARIOS](#)

Taher Kahil, International Institute für angewandte Systemanalyseproject, project [SOS-WATER](#)

Froukje Maria Platjouw, Norsk Institutt for vannforskning, project [CROSSGOV](#)

Baris Salihoglu, Middle East Technical University, project [BRIDGE BS](#)

Tom Buijse, Deltares, project [MERLIN](#)