

Speakers

Financing Long Term Resilience

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MODERATOR



Olaf Bruns is a Brussels-based journalist. A former Deputy Head of the Brussels office of the international TV news broadcaster Euronews, he now works as a freelancer. Amongst others, he writes for the European Green Journal and is the deputy editor-in-chief of the quarterly magazine Progressive Post. He provides Media Training via Crown Media and teaches journalism at the Brussels-based media school IHECS. He holds a master's degree in Social Anthropology from Paris XIII University with several years of social science research work in various African countries.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Nelson de Souza is the Minister for Planning of Portugal. He has vast experience in directing projects in industry, competitiveness, and innovation, and was previously Secretary of State for Small and Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Services, and head of the cabinet of the Minister of Economy. He was the General Director at the Portuguese Industry Association until the end of 2013, where he had already held positions on the Executive Committee between 2002 and 2005. He was Municipal Director for Finance at the Lisbon Municipality since February 2014, having also performed advisory functions to the Lisbon City Mayor. Recently, he was nominated Secretary of State for Development and Cohesion and, from February 2019, Minister of Planning. He has a degree in Finance from the Economics Superior Institute.

PANELISTS



Véronique Lehideux is a general engineer of bridges, waters and forests, and head of the natural and hydraulic risks department at the general directorate of risk forecasting within the Ministry of Ecological Transition. A graduate of ESSEC Business School and the National School of Geographic Sciences (ENSG), she held various positions at the French National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (IGN) from 1994, including director of communication and institutional relations. In her later career, she was Deputy Regional and Interdepartmental Director of Equipment and Planning of the Ile-de-France region at the Ministry of Ecological Transition. She was appointed deputy director of the Directorate of Legal and Administrative Information within the Prime Minister's Office from March 2016 to August 2021.



Dragoș Pișlaru is a Romanian economist and politician. He is member of the European Parliament since 2019 on behalf of USR PLUS, affiliated to the European political family Renew Europe. He is coordinator of the Renew Group of the Committee on Labor and Social Affairs, a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, and a Subcommittee member on Tax Matters. He was the co-rapporteur of the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility, the largest financial instrument created by the EU for the economic recovery after the pandemic. His academic achievements include a M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, a Diploma of Entrepreneurship from Harvard Business School, and a PhD in economic sciences from the Romanian Academy.



Alanna Simpson is a Lead Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Specialist and the DRM Regional Coordinator for the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia region. She works with governments to assess and communicate disaster and climate risks towards policy reform and investment in preparedness, risk reduction and broader resilience. Her past roles include leading a technical team responsible for supporting the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery Innovation Lab, and working in the Australian Government, leading efforts to improve capacity to assess and manage disaster risks in the Philippines, Indonesia, and the Pacific. She holds a PhD in Geoscience from the University of Queensland, a M.Sc. from the University of Otago and a B.Sc. from the University of Auckland.



Henk Ovink was appointed in 2015 by the Dutch Cabinet as the first Special Envoy for International Water Affairs. As the Ambassador for Water, he is responsible for advocating water awareness around the world, building institutional capacity and coalitions amongst governments, multilateral organizations, private sector and NGO's, and initiating innovative approaches to address the world's pressing needs on water. "Worldwide, water is the number one global risk, the connecting challenge across the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and our best opportunity for inclusive and comprehensive action!" He is also Sherpa to the UN / World Bank High Level Panel on Water.

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