

Session title: Actionize scientific knowledge (science policy interface)

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Session description: The session aims to reflect on the institutional science-policy interface landscape, on the role of a European science-policy-society interface in the face of global changes and in transformative change, on both concepts and implementation examples of science-policy-society interactions. The session also aims at discussing challenges and opportunities and consequently to build the awareness among participants and invite them to play an active role in science-policy interfaces. The session will be facilitated by Eklipse, an innovative, ethical and self-sustaining mechanism that supports evidence-informed decision-making in Europe on biodiversity and ecosystem services related issues.

The session will be 3 hours and feature a mix of presentations, a panel discussion lasting 40 minutes and a wrap-up of 15 minutes. The panel will be responsible for distilling the main recommendations from the speakers on how to improve science-policy-society interfaces in the future, including the identification of gaps in knowledge, capacity needs and suggestions for individuals and institutions on how to implement these recommendations.