

Ambition for a Better Future

Trends in Impact Assessment Research and Implications for Planning Practice



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Virtual Event

25th of May 2023

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Start: 09:00 a.m.

End: 05:00 p.m.

(Central European Time)

8:30	Registration Welcome at the Online Meeting Room
9:00	Welcome
9:10	Greetings by the German Environment Agency (UBA) By Alice Schröder
9:20	Introduction to the Project „Trends in EIA and SEA Research and Practice 2.0“ By Gesa Geißler (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)
9:30	Keynote “Impact Assessment – Fit for the future!” By Lone Kørnøv (Aalborg University, Denmark)
10:15	Break
Session 1: Project results in the context of current international and national research and practice: Environmental assessment in the context of climate change and societal transformation	
Moderation: Gesa Geißler	
10:30	Trends of Environmental Assessment in Times of Transformation By Alexandra Jiricka-Pürerer (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)
10:45	Accelerating energy transition – SEA gaining importance By Katharina Egger (Austrian Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria)
11:00	Streamlining of EA – A never ending story By Charlotta Faith-Ell (Midsweden University, Sweden)
11:15	EU Taxonomy and their relevance to EIA - Focus on climate risks By Markus Leitner (Environment Agency Austria)

11:30 Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 Break

**Session 2: Project results in the context of current international and national research and practice:
Digital Transformation – Challenges and opportunities for impact assessment**

Moderation: Alexandra Jiricka-Pürner

13:00 **State of the Literature on Digital Impact Assessment**
By Birthe Uhlhorn (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)

13:20 **Dreams Project - Data Access and Usage of historical IA for knowledge mining and management**
By Ivar Lyhne (Aalborg University, Denmark)

13:40 **Developing digital tools for the administrative control of compensation measures from space**
By Christian Schulz (TU Berlin, Germany)

14:00 **From research to real world application. Bridging the gap between classical biodiversity monitoring and the emerging use of AI**
By Robin Sandfort (capreolus e.U. and micromacro GmbH, Austria)

14:15 Discussion

14:45 – 15:15 Break

Session 3: Open Discussion with Panel

Moderation: Gesa Geißler

15:15 How can IA contribute to coping with global changes and develop its full strength?
What do we need in terms of future research, practice, networking, training, narratives, legal framing conditions etc. to achieve IA's full potential?

Discussion with the audience and the panel

Thomas Fischer (University of Liverpool, United Kingdom),

Marie Hanusch (German EIA Association & Bosch und Partner, Germany)

Johann Köppel (TU Berlin, Germany)

Gernot Stöglehner (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)

Lone Kørnø (Aalborg University, Denmark)

16:35 Closing

16:45 End of the event

The programme might be subject to last-minute changes.