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**Interinstitutional EMAS Days 2024  
Programme**



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**Tuesday 05/11 - Session 1, 2, 3, 4**

**09:30-11:00**

**Session 1: Environmental impact of the new ways of working - GREENER BUILDINGS & WORKSPACES.**

Explore how the new ways of working may contribute to using more efficient, sustainable, climate-resilient buildings and working spaces, by:

- acquiring more energy efficient and greener buildings
- shifting to dynamic collaborative workspaces and reducing the number of offices
- implementing new European Bauhaus values - sustainability, aesthetics and inclusion.

**Coordinator: EC/HR.D.7: EMAS corporate coordination team.**

**Contributors: EC/HR, EC/OIB, EC/JRC & EESC-CoR**

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**11:15-12:30**

**Session 2: SUSTAINABLE CONFERENCES AND EVENTS IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS.**

Presentation of the new Guidelines on Organising Sustainable Meetings and Events at the Commission. Case study of two particularly sustainable conferences: the European Sustainable Energy Week by the European Commission, winner of the Sustainable Events Awards 2024, and the European Youth Event by the European Parliament, having obtained the ISO certification 20121 for sustainable events in 2023.

**Coordinator: EC/DG SCIC: Conference Services unit.**

**Contributors: EC & EP**

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**14:00-15:30**

**Session 3: SUSTAINABLE FINANCE: tools for mitigating climate-related risks.** The European Supervisory Authorities implement the EU's approaches to mitigate climate-related risks and support green transition. The session will provide an overview of their recent work and introduce the Fit-for-55 climate scenario analysis, explain sustainability criteria for crypto-assets and put a spotlight on natural catastrophe awareness and prevention.

**Coordinators: European Banking Authority, European Securities and Markets Authority, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority**

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**15:30-16:30**

**Session 4: TRANSITIONING TRADITIONAL FOOD OFFERS IN CANTEEN TO PLANT-BASED, ORGANIC AND LOCAL OFFER.**

From procurement to staff experience. The session will highlight the role of the EMAS team in collaborating with the procurement unit to develop ambitious environmental criteria, the collaboration with the canteen staff to communicate about the new approach, and initiate monitoring of food waste.

This will also be an opportunity to share EEA knowledge on food prevention in the EU.

**Coordinator: European Environment Agency (EEA)**

**Contributors: EEA & EESC/COR**

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## Wednesday 06/11 - Session 5

10:00-11:30

### New strategies and supporting tools towards **SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY.**

Fostering sustainable commuting practices among staff is a major challenge among all EU institutions. This session will give an overview of three measures to promote sustainable commuting practices by EUIPO (CFE certification at the Gold level), EP (Walking and Cycling Challenge; Without my car Challenge; Mobility survey) and EC (new mobility survey & new commuting plan for Brussels: eco-hubs and charging stations for e-vehicles).

**Coordinator: EP**

**Contributors: EUIPO, EP & EC**

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## Thursday 07/11 - Session 6

10:00-11:30

### **ADAPTING FOR TOMORROW: EU STRATEGIES AND SOME TOOLS AND EXAMPLES IN CLIMATE ADAPTATION.**

The event will start by emphasizing the new requirement to incorporate climate events into environmental analyses and introducing the concept of climate adaptation. It will then delve into the EU's risk evaluation concerning climate change, followed by an overview of the EU's climate adaptation strategies and their outcomes to date. The session will wrap up with a presentation on tools for sharing projects and examples and featuring some technical guidance on adapting buildings to climate change.

**Coordinator: ECA**

**Contributors: ECA, EEA & EC/CLIMA**

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[Registration via EU Learn \(online\)](#)

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## Thursday 07/11 - Session 7

13:30-14:45

### **SPECIES CONSERVATION AND FOSTERING BIODIVERSITY IN AN URBAN SETTING.**

Overarching city-wide biodiversity plans, landscaping, and green care measures to contribute to the creation and preservation of habitats and fostering biodiversity as well as indicators to allow for monitoring and track progress.

**Coordinator: ECB**

**Contributors: ECB, ECA & EC/OIB**

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## Friday 08/11 - Session 8

9:30-11:00

### **LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE COVID AND THE ENERGY CRISES** on the internal environmental agenda in EU institutions and agencies.

By comparing environmental performance results over 2014-2023 of the participating organisations, the panellists will discuss the short- and long-term trends as well as the disruptions brought by COVID and the energy crisis over 2020-2022. They will illustrate the data with real life examples of projects and initiatives that were enabled or accelerated by these external events. While highlighting the impact on their environmental programmes (strategy, resources, social adoption) and performance, they will reflect on what aspects of their operations they keep focusing to be able to truly sustain and capture progress made.

**Coordinator: EIB Group**

**Contributors: EIB Group, ECA, EEA, CDJ**

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## What's it all about?

The EU institutions and agencies have always played a leading role in the fight against climate change, and acted together to increase environmental protection and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Europe and the world.

More specifically, through their **own commitment and registration in the Community eco-management and audit scheme EMAS**, the EMAS-registered EU institutions and agencies are already practising what they preach, and reducing the impact of their day-to-day activities in line with the policies they have developed for Europe.

As a contribution to the European Green Deal, EU institutions and agencies will once again lead by example and **commit themselves to helping the European Union reach its ambitious climate neutrality target by 2050**.

The EMAS-registered EU institutions and agencies will set their own **even more ambitious environmental targets and action plans** towards a carbon neutral society. These include commitments to continuously reduce their operations' greenhouse gas emissions with the objective of minimising carbon emissions or **even making the EU institutions and agencies climate neutral**.

Following on previous common EMAS events, the EMAS-registered EU institutions and agencies have joined forces to organising the **Interinstitutional EMAS Days 2024** dedicated to the environmental impact of new ways of working: greener buildings and workspaces, organisation of sustainable conferences, sustainable finance, a more sustainable food offer, sustainable mobility, climate adaptation, fostering biodiversity in an urban setting, as well as sharing lessons learnt from crises and dealing with the rebound effect.

This will be an opportunity to share environmental best practice and know-how acquired by the EMAS pioneers. The programme includes thematic panels, participatory workshops, and much more.

Staff from all participating EU Institutions are invited to join the debates, share ideas and inspiration and be part of the change!

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