

Equinox Workshop

10 Years after the Paris Agreement - Keeping 1.5 degrees Celsius in reach

Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 and 11 February 2026

Venue: WTC III, Simon Bolivarlaan 30, bte 7, Brussels (in-person)

Ten years after the adoption of the Paris Agreement, limiting global to warming to 1.5°C has become central to the articulation of for actions to address the drivers of climate change, as has been articulated in COP and CMA outcomes. The proximity of 1.5°C highlights the urgency to advance of actions to reduce GHG emissions and enhance removals so as to achieve to global balance specified in Paris Agreement. The CNF2026 aims to explore how 1.5°C can be kept in reach including consideration of a limited overshoot. To prepare for this JPI Climate & the Magica project are holding a workshop to consider the information from the latest science and **its implications for policies and actions.**

Workshop Outline (times are CET)

DAY One – 10 FEB 2026

10:00 **Registrations and coffee**

11:00 **Introduction**

Chair: **Petra Manderscheid** – JPI Climate Central Secretariat, Belgium

Speakers: **Frank McGovern** – Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland & JPI Climate

Anna Pirani - CMCC Foundation, Italy

- The state of play on 1.5° C following COP30
- Key outcomes and messages from the Overshoot conference

11:30 **SESSION 1: Pathways to limit warming to 1.5°C**

Chair: **Ole-Kristian Kvissel** - Norwegian Environment Agency, Norway & JPI Climate

Lead: **Volker Krey** - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria

Detlef van Vuuren - PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency

Chris Smith - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria

- Current IAM analysis: key GHGs and sectors (energy, food, land)
- Estimated scales of CDR required
- Policy intervention and options:
- Evidence of progress: local, regional, global
- Roles of finance and markets

➤ *Realism/feasibility of the scenarios [to be addressed as a crosscutting component]*

Lunch (13:00 – 14:00)

14:00 **SESSION 2: A balance of GHG emissions and removals**

Chair: **Frank McGovern** – Environmental Protection Agency, Ireland & JPI Climate

Lead: **Myles Allen** – University of Oxford, UK

Peter Landschützer - Flanders Marine Institute, Belgium

Pierre Friedlingstein - University of Exeter/Global Carbon Project

- Understanding the Paris agreement balance and temperature stabilisation
 - Including consideration of IPCC definitions
- Net Zero concepts
- Passive sinks
 - Ocean sinks
 - Terrestrial sinks

16:00 Discussion and Outcomes of day one

End of day one (17:00)

Day two - 11 FEB 2026

9:30 Welcome Coffee

10:00 Review of day 1

10:10 **SESSION 3: Removals**

Chair: **Zoltán Rakonczay** – DG RTD, European Commission;

Lead: **María José Sanz Sánchez** - Basque Centre for Climate Change, Spain

Sabine Fuss - Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, Germany

Giacomo Grassi - Joint Research Centre (European Commission), Italy

- Land based removals
 - Progress on reconciliation of various analysis of terrestrial sinks
 - Updates of analysis of scale and potential of land-based removal
 - Costs, governance and finance
 - European & Global Trends and projections
- Non-land-based removals:
 - CDR Technologies & storage options
 - Costs, governance and finance
 - European & Global Trends and projections

➤ *Realism/feasibility of the scenarios [to be addressed as a crosscutting component]*

Lunch (12:30 – 13:30)

13:30 **SESSION 4: Beyond the “balance”**

Chair: **Claudia Hitaj** – Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, Luxembourg

Lead: **Jan Sigurd Fuglestad** – CICERO, Norway

Oliver Geden - German institute for international security and affairs, Germany

Addressing the overshoot (exceedance and return to) of 1.5°C

15:30 **Outputs and messages for CNF 2026**

16:00 Closure of the Workshop