

**The Regional Research Network Futurs-ACT, Climate Change Center Austria and Ouranos
invite you to a webinar on April 26th, 2022 at 3pm (CET)**

In the mirror : Exchanges between regional networks for downscaled climate research and sustainable transition knowledge creation

The Regional Research Network Futurs-ACT (France), Climate Change Center Austria, and Ouranos (Canada) are networks dedicated to knowledge creation on climate change adaptation and anticipation at the scale of their respective regions. While their institutional history ranges from 2 to 20+ years, they share similar goals and organizational principles, notably regarding their emphasis on co-constructing knowledge for the fight against climate change at the science-policy-society interface.

This new webinar series, “In the mirror”, will take a critical look at climate change research and transition networks from an international perspective. Discovering how different countries and subnational regions deal with particular issues related to climate change adaptation and sustainable transitions, each webinar will allow different world partners to shed light on complementary situations, to share best practices, and provide valuable lessons to promote mutual learning.

This first webinar will allow the scientific coordinators to present this initiative to a broader community of stakeholders engaged in similar initiatives and to initiate the exercise in collective reflection. In what context did each of these organizations take shape? How do they downscale climate research—historically developed at the global scale—to contribute to actionable knowledge at a more local level? What level of support and coordination do they have with key stakeholders (policymakers, business leaders, civil society, etc.) ? And finally, where do each of these organizations see themselves in their respective journeys – what are their dreams or pet projects for the near and distant future? Exploring these questions collectively is intended to allow the participants in similar local initiatives at the science-policy-society interface to learn from one another, to recognize similarities or differences, points of inspiration, or possible weaknesses, to mutually contribute to one another’s success.

Representatives from the coordinating organizations will address these questions and subsequently open the discussion to participants to encourage mutual learning, networking, and a broader understanding of similar initiatives around the world. This webinar series is intended not as a service but as a bottom-up initiative, led by practitioners in scientific and multi-actor organizations, meant to promote informal networking between individuals in similar roles around the world.

Audience

Personnel of scientific or multi-actor (“boundary”) organizations working on climate change adaptation and anticipation at the science-policy-society interface

Online event

Connection information will be sent to all participants before the event.

→ **Register here** <https://forms.gle/2HEZgcf3PW29XXZn9>

Panel speakers and moderator

- ❖ **Joe Naimer-Stach**, Managing director under trade law of Climate-KIC Austria and strategic developer (keynote speaker)
- ❖ **Alain Bourque**, Director, Ouranos
- ❖ **Elisabeth Worliczek**, Climate Change Center Austria
- ❖ **Denis Salles**, Senior researcher, INRAE Nouvelle-Aquitaine-Bordeaux / coordinator of Futurs-ACT regional research network
- ❖ **Colin Brown**, Partnership manager, Futurs-ACT (Webinar moderator)

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Programme

- ❖ **3:00pm - Welcome words and introduction**
- ❖ **3:10pm - Panel discussion (Futurs-ACT, CCCA, Ouranos)**, moderated by Colin Brown
- ❖ **3:45pm - Plenary discussion**
- ❖ **4:00pm - Concluding remarks from panel speakers and announcement of future projects**