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# As the year nears its end and COP28 is taking place, it's a moment to reflect on MAGICA's contributions to addressing climate change.

In 2023, MAGICA experienced breakthroughs. However, European citizens faced challenges with climate change induced extreme weather. The need persists to fine-tune policies to deal with climate change across the EU. MAGICA's core objective is to tackle this challenge by facilitating knowledge transfer from science and innovation to support policy implementation in Europe. In 2023, the MAGICA consortium organized ECCA 2023, a significant achievement that brought together 500+ experts in Dublin. The first Equinox Summit provided a crucial opportunity to unite science and policymaking on R&I investments, informing society for a climate-resilient future. MAGICA also made efforts to engage broader society, facilitating knowledge uptake by citizens and empowering students to address climate change.

Looking ahead to 2024, MAGICA remains committed to bridging science and policy. Initiatives include the second Equinox Summit, participation in EGU 2024, and collaboration with projects and partners to accelerate knowledge transfer for effective policy implementation, maximizing the synergy of European research in Governance and Innovation for Climate Action.

As the MAGICA Project Coordinator, I'm eager to meet you at upcoming initiatives and exchange insights on best practices for informing society and policymakers about climate change responses. I would also like to express sincere gratitude to all our partners for their dedicated efforts, without which our ambitious

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As the Winter break approaches, warm wishes to all for a joyful break. May the upcoming year, 2024, bring fresh opportunities and successes!

Best,

Giulia

## **Upcoming events**



# Side events at COP28

#### 11 December 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The JPI Climate side event, "Accelerating the Transfer of Climate Knowledge to Policy for Urgent Action," will take place on 11 December. The event will invite leading climate scientists to discuss with science policy advisers and national representatives of the intergovernmental collaboration scheme of JPI Climate, "Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe," on a new mechanism for the timely provision of authoritative climate knowledge. This mechanism aims to enable the transition to a climate-neutral and resilient Europe.

#### Read more here

<u>Future Earth Research School, High-Level Education for a Sustainable Future and Green Jobs</u> event will take place on **11 December** at 9:30 am Dubai time, Blue Zone, Italian Pavilion, Building OS07 and will count on the participation of representatives of the School's Scientific Committee, the Emilia Romagna Region, the School's management, and lectures and students from the different courses.

#### Read more here



# Save the date for the Equinox Summit II

#### 26 March 2024, Brussels, Belgium

The Equinox Process aims to accelerate the transfer of knowledge from science and innovation to support policy and implementation of actions in Europe. The second edition will follow the successful 1st Equinox Summit in Brussels, 21-22 March 2023.

MAGICA will organise the summit with JPI Climate. This significant event will unfold under the vibrant backdrop of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

#### Read more here



# **Call for Abstracts for EGU General Assembly 2024**

#### 14-19 April 2024, Vienna, Austria

The EGU General Assembly call for abstracts is open – closing at 13:00 CET on 10 January 2024, offering a great platform to showcase your MAGICA work. The list of sessions and tips for successful submission are available here: <u>Session programme (copernicus.org)</u> The sessions include: Climate: Past, Present & Future (CL) and Energy, Resources and the Environment (ERE).

If you submit a MAGICA-related abstract or are planning an activity related to the programme, please let us know so we can support on communications and engagement – email WP5 leader Ingrid Coninx, ingrid.coninx@wur.nl.

#### Read more https://www.egu24.eu/

### **Reports**

MAGICA Maximizing the synergy of European research Governance and Innovation for Climate Action MAGICA analysis: way forward to ease knowledge uptake by hard-to-reach and overlooked audiences

**Recommendations for climate scientists** 

### MAGICA Report to ease knowledge uptake

#### Deliverable D 5.1

MAGICA collaborates to ease access to climate science results. MAGICA has published the report that summarizes our exploration on how European Climate Scientists communicate and how citizens and community groups in risk areas access climate science results. Key recommendations for the science communities are:

- Go beyond papers and embrace innovative mediums such as social media, graphic novels and films to captivate specific audience segments.
- Collaborate with communication specialists and allocate budget for effective engagement.
- Take time to speak "their" language. Utilize visual storytelling.
- Respectful and inclusive communication. Foster engagement by adopting a tone that is respectful and inclusive prioritize trust-building interactions

#### Read the report here



# Report on ECCA 2023

**Deliverable D 4.1** 

Adaptation Conference (ECCA 2023). This includes both the scientific takeaways from each theme featured at the conference, and the organizational lessons learned that may benefit future editions. The former is based on the impressions formed by theme leads (see Themes and Submissions) during the conference, and the latter on feedback from surveys sent after the conference.

This report also serves as a deliverable under the MAGICA Coordination and Support Action.

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### Pathways2Resilience First Call for Regions and Communities 23 November 2023, Brussels, Belgium

Pathways2Resilience launch event "Resilient Europe: Empowering regions for climate adaptation" took place on 23 November in Brussels and online announcing that the first Call for Regions and Communities is open. You can find <u>the recordings on YouTube</u>.

This call aims to provide 40 regions/communities with financial support through subgrant agreements, up to a maximum amount of 210,000€, along with supporting services and capacity building activities for subgrants lasting up to 18 months. The selection process will prioritise regions/communities with heightened vulnerability and low adaptive capacity to climate change impacts.

#### More information on the open call can be found here



### Think 2030 Spain Dialogue successful outcome 16 November 2023, Madrid, Spain

The event organised under the EU Spanish Presidency by the <u>European Environmental Policy</u> (IEEP), the <u>Basque Centre for Climate Change</u> (BC3), and the <u>Elcano Institute</u>. highlighted the Science4Policy concept in three sessions under the EU Spanish Presidency. Key notes, including Teresa Ribera and Eero Yrjö-Koskinen, addressed topics such as the Net-Zero transition geopolitics and the Just Transition's impact on employment. The event emphasized constant science-policy engagement, paving the way for the Equinox Summit II in March 2024. Speakers stressed the importance of creating compelling, accessible narratives to involve EU policymakers and citizens better into the science results and help them to address climate change.

#### Read more about the event here



# Second Open Science Conference of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)

23-27 October 2023, Kigali, Rwanda

The 2nd Open Science Conference of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) took place in Kigali, Rwanda from 23 to 27 October 2023.

Inès Alterio, European Project Manager at ANR-French National Research Agency, one of the partners in the MAGICA project, presented remotely during the Session S33 on "Linking policy and climate information". She has presented the mechanisms that are put in place within MAGICA for the development of a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) to fill research gaps. that would

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#### Read more about summaries of the conference here



### Webinars in the scope of the African Union – European Union Partnership on Climate change & Sustainable Energy Online

Patrick Monfray Research Director CNRS-French National Center for Scientific Research, together with Inès Inès Alterio, European Project Manager at ANR-French National Research Agency, introduced the upcoming webinars during the Second Open Science Conference of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) in Kigali, Rwanda.

These webinars are taking place in the scope of the recently established African Union – European Union Partnership on Climate Change & Sustainable Energy initiative on resilience CS4RRA, which has been one of the results of the EU-funded project SINCERE amongst other partners. Upcoming webinars are climate-smart agriculture and sustainable landscapes and Climate impacts and resilience under present and future scenarios.

#### Stay tuned and register here



### The European Climate Stocktake - EU and global progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement 27 October 2023, Brussels, Belgium

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Paris Agreement goals, contributing to discussions leading up to the UNFCCC's Global Stocktake at COP28 in November 2023. Members of the JPI Climate and MAGICA community engaged in open discussions with high-level policymakers worldwide, alongside representatives from various stakeholders such as international organizations, businesses, NGOs, academia, and youth. The event aimed to provide insights into achievements and challenges in implementing climate goals

#### Read more here



# **Adaptation Futures Conference 2023**

2-6 October 2023, Montréal, Québec, Canada

Adaptation Futures 2023, hosted by OURANOS in Montreal, Canada, attracted over 1650 in-person and 460 virtual participants from 127 countries. Featuring 180 scientific sessions and 15 parallel events, the conference served as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange and networking, fostering connections and alliances among attendees.

MAGICA team member Roger Street, University of Oxford, was steering committee member of the conference and is looking back at a success. Read more about his reflection on the meaning of this global conference for our work in Europe <u>here</u>



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### Meeting

27-29 September 2023, Lecce, Italy

Combined with the 27th Governing Board Meeting of the JPI Climate, MAGICA's 3rd General Assembly took place in Lecce (and online).

Around 30 participants gathered at the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change (CMCC) premises in Lecce, where they could report on the status of their tasks and celebrate the achievements reached so far. Among the latter, ECCA 2023 and the first Equinox Summit were reportedly the most visible achievements, together with MAGICA's Summer Schools and the online Workshop on Science Communication.

During the JPI Climate Governing Board Meeting was announced that Prof. Antonio Navarra, the President of the CMCC has been appointed as the new chair of JPI Climate. He will take over this role from Frank McGovern, who chaired JPI Climate from 2017 to 2023.

#### Read more here



### **International SHiFT Conference**

#### 18-19 September 2023, Graz, Austria

The SHiFT Conference "Reflections on Transformation: Shaping the future, transcending disciplinary silos and exploring lived knowledge systems", held in Graz, Austria on 18-19 September 2023, aimed at exploring different facets and versions of transformation such as change, reformation, revolution and transition in both history and theory. One also seeks to transcend disciplinary silos by engaging with a plurality of knowledge systems and approaches to transformation.

#### Read more about conclusions here



# Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to transform society towards climate resilience: what policymakers can do. Policy brief in preparation

MAGICA is preparing a policy brief on how policymakers can benefit from Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to transform society for climate resilience. This exploration started at the 6th European Climate Change Adaptation Conference ECCA2023 and was continued with a face-to-face workshop in Graz on September 20th and an online workshop on October 30th. The policy brief is currently under review and will be published early next year.

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