

UNECE REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Acceleration and Transformation -

Re-writing the case for impact investing in nature-based solutions at scale:

Date, Time, Location and [Zoom link](#)

Thursday, 2nd April, 2025, from 8.30 am to 9.45 am, H Building, Room H.307-2

Introducing the team (overleaf)

Several of the co-organisers have been working collaboratively for several years. All are involved in conversations about the need to re-frame economics and re-think finance, focusing on the need for bridges between abstract or theoretical conversations and those regarding the real or perceived barriers to actualisation at scale. There is a depth of experience in multi-stakeholder, multi-sector and multi-disciplinary partnering and in relation to governance and management challenges in diverse contexts and a sophisticated understanding of the impacts (positive and negative) of accelerating digitalisation and what we call the "human factor".

Lead Organiser and Moderator

Ms Beris Gwynne, Co-Founder of the Geneva Rethinking Finance Collaborative

Co-Organisers and Discussants:

1. Dr Mariana Melnykovych, ETH-Zurich, also International Union of Forest Research (IUFRO) and Co-Director, CAS Rebuild Ukraine)
2. Wietse Hermanns - Climate Valley (Netherlands)
3. Dr Rafal Serafin - Isotech sp. Z.o.o. (Local Food, Water and Waste and Sustainable Energy Systems (Poland)
4. Dr Krzysztof Gorlich - CEO at a-Co. sp. z o.o.
5. Professor Svitlana Ovcharenko, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Geneva

Event description

The sequence of discussants reflects our purpose which is to recommend urgent attention to next generation and financially viable PPPs to prototype, in Ukraine, a systems approach to rehabilitation and reconstruction. With extensive experience in Europe and elsewhere, the discussants will share examples of integrative and harmonising (nature-based) solutions to restore landscapes as the necessary foundation for sustainable and more equitable economic growth and peace-building.

What are the related SDGs?

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

SDG 14: Life Below Water

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The related SDGs are 3, 8, 17. SDG5 is cross-cutting and SDG14 is an impact

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