

EGU26: Bridging the science-policy divide

3–8 May 2026, Vienna and online

Each year, the EGU General Assembly welcomes over 19,000 scientific attendees to present cutting-edge research across [22 different scientific divisions](#). To promote knowledge exchange and a culture of evidence-informed policymaking, [EGU26](#) will offer [free registrations](#) to European policymakers and those working in government institutions.

This registration waiver will enable individuals within the policy community to attend scientific sessions that are relevant to their work (either in person or online) and talk with researchers who can answer scientific questions that support your decision-making.

Below is a small selection of [EGU26](#) sessions that might be relevant to those working on legislation related to **Climate Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction**. You can find more sessions by typing keywords into the [EGU26 programme's search function](#). You can [fill in this form](#) to get a **free waiver** to either watch these sessions virtually or join us in Vienna.



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EGU26 Sessions: Climate Hazards and Disaster Risk Reduction

[Glacial lake outburst floods: Processes, impacts, and projections](#)

Monday 4 May, 08:30–10:15

Presentations advance understanding of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood formation, triggers, and flood dynamics and how they can inform early warning systems and risk reduction strategies. They will also identify where uncertainty in hazard projections creates governance challenges and provide best-practice on monitoring and risk management approaches.

[Operational forecasting and warning systems for flood, water scarcity and multi-hazards: challenges and innovations](#)

Monday 4 May, 08:30–10:15

Combining expertise from different fields, this session will highlight examples of effective data monitoring and analysis, visual forecasts, and impact-based solutions that give warning signals and suggest early action and response measures. Presentations will be from a range of experts working on climate and water-related hazards and across governance levels (from local to international).

[Climate hazards and socioeconomic inequality across scales](#)

Monday 4 May, 14:00–15:45

Bringing together geoscientists, social scientists, economists, and policy experts, the focus will be on the complex and often compounding interactions between social inequalities and climate hazards. A wide range of climate hazards will be explored, including floods, heatwaves, droughts, storms, landslides, and wildfires.

[Climate risk storylines and scenarios: From physical modelling to co-production for decision-making](#)

Monday 4 May, 14:00–15:45

Scenarios and storylines provide complementary frameworks to explore, quantify, and communicate climate risks under deep uncertainty, and to support decision-making. Presentations will dive into the development and application of climate risk storylines, highlighting examples of co-production of narratives with stakeholders and the use of scenarios in real-world decision contexts.

[Geoethics: Linking geoscience knowledge, ethical responsibility, and action](#)

Monday 04 May, 14:00–18:00

This session will highlight how research priorities, collaborations and access to scientific infrastructures are influenced by political and geopolitical conditions. It aims to raise awareness about sensitive issues on the science–society interface and to show how just, inclusive behaviours and policies can be supported.

[Interdisciplinary approaches to addressing complex climate risks](#)

Tuesday 5 May, 08:30–10:15

Decision-makers are increasingly required to address climate hazards related to extreme weather events when considering, disclosing, and acting to mitigate complex risks. An interdisciplinary lens will be applied to address extreme weather events.

[Mainstreaming nature-based solutions for water resilience: turning the EU Strategy into action](#)

Tuesday 5 May, 10:45–12:30

Presentations will explore how nature-based solutions can close the implementation gap and advance integrated water management frameworks that align governance, financing, and innovation. Discussion will centre on how case studies, methodological approaches and tools for management and implementation can help the EU to achieve water resilience.

Climate, extremes, and health: Risks and impacts on population health

Tuesday 5 May, 14:00–18:00

This session provides a platform for presenting recent advances in understanding and quantifying environment- and climate-related health risks through the integration of diverse data sources, including remote sensing, environmental monitoring, climatological measurements, health records, and socio-demographic information.

Early Warning Systems (EWS): Science to action for effective Disaster Risk Reduction

Thursday 7 May, 08:30–10:15

This interdisciplinary session focuses on the development and implementation of early warning systems. Presentations will discuss frameworks for early warning and anticipatory action, technological innovations, risk communication and community engagement, and the integration of information from diverse data sources.

When Murphy's Law meets climate hazards: Cascading risks & unprepared futures

Thursday 7 May, 08:30–10:15

This session will focus on tools that can help policymakers to adopt preventive strategies and preparedness. An expert panel will address how scientific research can better inform policy, what tools are needed to anticipate complex hazard-ecosystem interactions, and how to foster resilience in the face of uncertainty.

Urban risk in a changing world: Dynamics, disruption & resilience in cities

Thursday 7 May, 14:00–18:00

Urban settlements are at the frontline of risk, shaped by rapid expansion, climate shocks, and socio-economic pressures. This session will focus on physical monitoring, modelling, vulnerability assessments, and governance frameworks for urban resilience, with a focus on the Global South.

Co-creating climate services: Linking essential variables with actionable decision support

Thursday 7 May, 16:15–18:00

Climate services are instrumental in translating local knowledge and scientific insights into practical applications that can effectively tackle climate change challenges. This session will explore all aspects of climate service development from the co-creation of inclusive and novel climate services and the integration of multiple knowledge systems to the development of usable, equitable and impactful solutions for multiple stakeholder groups.

Coupled human water systems: Advances in socio-hydrological and hydro-social research

Friday 8 May, 08:30–10:15

This session will focus on how the dynamic interactions and feedbacks within coupled human-water systems can improve assessment and management of water resources and their associated risks, from an interdisciplinary perspective across engagement the hydrological and social sciences.