



A graphic featuring the year '2025' in large, bold, blue numerals. Below the numbers is a stylized city skyline with various buildings, including a tall skyscraper, a factory with smokestacks, and a construction crane. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

ACTIVITY REPORT



In 2025 we brought **3** projects to an end: **NEEST**, **IKI JET**, **MIP4Adapt**.

We continued **7** projects from the previous year: **NetZeroCities**, **PLUS Change**, **PARATUS**, **C-MICRA**, **MultiFutures**, **MEFAdapt** and **IW:LEARN 5**.

We also kick-started **5** new projects: **FOODMISSION**, **GRACE**, **OCTOPUS**, **MaaS** and **COST**.

We created **2** new captivating social simulations: **Verdaterra** and **Zaanstreek Waterland** (within the PLUS Change project).

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We also extend our thanks to all the moderators and facilitators who use and promote our simulations, as well as all simulation users and participants of our workshops and webinars. Your continuous engagement, creativity, and curiosity help us to broaden our perspectives, improve the tools we offer, and make them more impactful.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who is part of our Social Simulations community. None of this would be possible without you.

Projects

Finalized in 2025

NEEST: Developing a stakeholder cooperation and capability-building model for the city climate transition within the NEEST project

Logo  Dates 2024–2025 Funding Municipality of Wrocław Website https://netzerocities.eu/polands-pilot-activity-neest-netzero-emission-and-environmentally-sustainable-territories	The pilot project NEEST – NetZero Emission and Environmentally Sustainable Territories is being implemented as part of the EU Mission The 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030 by the Polish cities: Kraków (the project leader), Łódź, Rzeszów, Warszawa, Wrocław and the Polish National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR). The project aims to develop practical and scalable solutions in the area of building energy efficiency. The task of the NEEST project is to create ready-to-replicate guidelines for the thermal modernization of various types of urban areas. The planned deep thermal modernization of residential, commercial, public, and single-family buildings aims to reduce emissions from these buildings to almost zero. The project's final outcome will be the development of universal operating models aimed at accelerating the energy transition and achieving climate neutrality in cities. Different types of models (e.g. technical, financing, social participation ones, etc.) will show how to carry out a complex modernization of buildings and urban districts acceptable to the local community. These models will also provide guidelines on how they can be used by other Polish and European cities. Centre for Systems Solutions, together with its consortium partner Think Tank Miasto, is carrying out a number of activities aimed at developing a stakeholder cooperation and capability-building model for the city climate transition. This task is being delivered as part of public procurement commissioned by the Municipality of Wrocław.
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y-sustainable-territories/ Contact person Weronika Majda weronika.majda@syste.mssolutions.org Partners Think Tank Miasto Country Poland Cities Wrocław, Warszawa, Kraków, Łódź, Rzeszów	The pilot project NEEST is funded through NetZeroCities by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme. Project's final result: Stowarzyszenie Centrum Rozwiązań Systemowych [Centre for Systems Solutions] & Fundacja Think Tank Miasto [Think Tank Miasto Foundation]. (2025). Stakeholder cooperation and capability-building model for the city climate transition. Study commissioned by the Municipality of Wrocław for the NEEST – NetZero Emission and Environmentally Sustainable Territories project. Wrocław
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IKI JET: Interregional Component Capacities, Policy Dialogue and Knowledge Hub on Just Energy Transition

Project Duration 2022–2026 Funding	This project is embedded in the joint IKI project "Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition" under the "Interregional Platform Component". The project aims to support countries in developing plans for a just transition from coal to renewable energy and other sustainable economic activities, with a focus on the regional level. In the target regions, social dialogue and innovation processes are central to triggering a regional dynamic towards sustainable development, encompassing energy, structural and labor policies. It works with
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Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Contact person Michalina Kułakowska michalina.kulakowska@systemssolutions.org Partners Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Climate Action Network International (CAN International) International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) International Labour Organisation (ILO) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – Just Transition	governments, industry, employers, trade unions, communities, civil society and academia to develop pathways to low-carbon, resilient energy systems, sustainable local economies and decent jobs at the local level, in line with the Paris Agreement and the International Labor Organization's Just Transition Guidelines. It also supports interregional peer-to-peer exchange, learning and policy dialog within an international network of coal regions in Latin America, Africa and Asia, facilitated by information sharing through a knowledge hub. Together with the Wuppertal Institute, CRS will support learning and dialog processes by tailoring knowledge to the needs of regional actors. It will develop and implement accessible and innovative learning formats, such as social simulation games that promote engagement and understanding. The project is co-financed by the International Climate Initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the European Union. All project results are available at the IKI JET Knowledge Hub.
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Centre Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy Countries Germany, Poland, Colombia, Vietnam, Thailand, Chile, Mongolia and South Africa	
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MIP4Adapt: The Mission Implementation Platform for Climate Adaptation

Dates 2023 – 2025 Funding Horizon Europe Website climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/mission/the-mission/about-mip4a	The Mission Implementation Platform (MIP4Adapt) supports European regional and local authorities in preparing for climate change and planning climate resilience through adaptation. For Charter Signatories, MIP4Adapt provided technical assistance and expert support in climate adaptation plans development, financing and information sharing within the community of practice. The technical assistance delivered by the experts of CRS acting as the Member States Facilitator enable regions and local authorities: • use their existing climate change vulnerability and risk assessments to develop or update climate change adaptation plans, • implement climate change adaptation solutions and monitor the progress of adaptation plans, • identify appropriate climate change adaptation demonstration projects and identify and access
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dapt Contact person Anna Dubel (anna.dubel@crs.org.pl) Partners Ricardo Fresh Thoughts Consulting I-Catalist European Federation of Agencies and regions for Energy and Environment (FEDARENE) JOANNEUM Research AC Teon Ambiente Italia Bee Partner Bita Green Climate Matters Denkstatt Draxis Elle Lasting Values	financial support for their implementation, stimulate the involvement and mobilization of citizens and stakeholders in participatory approaches to climate change adaptation, involving them in decision-making processes. Project's results: Dubel A., Królikowska K., 2026. Rekomendacje dla miast, regionów i aglomeracji do przygotowania OPZ/SIWZ dla opracowania planu adaptacji do zmiany klimatu oraz jego wdrażania i monitorowania. Deliverable w projekcie MIP4Adapt. Kraków-Wrocław. Download
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Countries

Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Finland, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, The United Kingdom

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NetZeroCities



NetZeroCities plays a key role in the [EU's Mission of "100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities by 2030"](#). It is a driving force behind cities' efforts to develop carbon-neutral strategies, improve their capacity for systemic change through innovation, provide a platform for key services and expertise, and accelerate the transition to carbon neutrality. In addition, NetZeroCities aims to support cities in overcoming structural, institutional and cultural barriers to the adoption of low-carbon lifestyles.

The Centre for Systems Solutions is one of 34 valued partners participating in the NetZeroCities initiative. CRS is committed to supporting cities on their transformation journey. We support municipal officials through interactive online learning and capacity-building tools that translate complex, systemic knowledge about urban

Project Duration 2021-2030 Funding Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme Website https://netzerocities.eu Contact person Sophia Ruiz Vasquez sophiaruizvasquez@sys-temssolutions.org Partners Climate Alliance The Democratic Society Dark Matter labs EIT Urban Mobility Energy Cities ERRIN – European Regions Research and Innovation Network Eurocities	climate transitions into clear, engaging visual media. CRS also delivers in-person policy simulations that immerse participants in urban decision-making contexts focused on specific topics. In these simulations, participants take on diverse roles and perspectives, collaborating and negotiating solutions to complex challenges. This approach helps them reflect on how cities can mitigate risk, strengthen resilience through stakeholder collaboration, and achieve the climate neutrality goals they aim to implement. This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101036519 and Horizon Europe grant agreement No 1011221530 The European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains. Events: NetZeroCities: Online Planning Lab • CRS contributed a series of graphics and two short presentations to a comprehensive (26 sessions in 6 thematic modules) climate action planning online course organised within the NetZeroCities project. 98% of the work went to the graphics. • 6 graphics collected and synthesised the content of the course and served first as presenters’ slides/ visual assets for slides and then as a base for interactive visual space to explore after class, with speech bubbles and links to useful resources added. • This was intense and demanding work in terms of the volume and complexity of knowledge analysis → selection → synthesis → visual structuring and visual metaphors → multiple iterations of details design. We needed to present both systemic relationships in the urban climate transition process and their theoretical framing by NZC partners + the thematic scope of the course was vast: the EU Cities Mission approach and NZC offer, building a transition team, engaging stakeholders and citizens, climate action planning and urban planning, policy, MEL, technical & data solutions, finance and funding, social innovation, just transition, multi-level governance. – Dates
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ICLEI Open & Agile Smart Cities REGEA Resilient Cities Network Union Internationale des Transports Publics Viable Cities Cartif Cerema Demos Research Institute Fraunhofer Institute Tecnalia TNO VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Austrian Institute of Technology Frankfurt School of Finance and Management Politecnico di Milano TalTech – Tallin University of Technology	- Sep-Dec 2025. - Especially Oct 28th & Dec 11th. - Place - Online. - Name of the event - Overall series: Design Your City's Net Zero Strategy: Online Planning Lab. - Session with Piotr's presentation: Levers of change: Technical solutions, social innovation and multi-actor collaborations. - Session with Justyna's presentation: Just transition. - NetZeroCities consortium partners: Polimi (Politecnico di Milano – lead), UPM (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid – co-lead), Dark Matter Labs, VTT (Technical Research Centre of Finland), EIT-Urban Mobility, Bankers without Boundaries, Climate-KIC, South Pole, Tecnalia, Cartif, DemSoc, ICLEI, EuroCities, TNO (Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research), Metabolic, Demos Helsinki. - Event Participants: number, participants' backgrounds (e.g., academia, business, NGOs, EC officials, etc.) - Municipal officials and maybe their contractors/advisors/consultants, mostly from Mission-minded cities but also some Mission Cities. Mission Cities are cities officially obligated by the European Commission to prepare, complete and report the results of their Climate City Contracts in 2030. Mission-minded cities are cities covered by selected services from NetZeroCities as part of a widening program – interested in achieving zero emissions by 2050 and learning from Mission Cities. - 180+ participants from 100+ municipalities. - Open to any city but in practice most popular with cities from Southern Europe: Portugal, Greece, Türkiye, Spain, and Italy. - TYPE: - Systemic visualisation of knowledge. - Workshop presentations.
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[Universidad Politécnica de Madrid](#)
[Institute for European Environmental Policy](#)
[Bankers Without Boundaries](#)
[LGI](#)
[Material Economics](#)
[Metabolic Institute](#)
[Rupprecht Consult](#)
[South Pole](#)

Countries

Austria, Belgium,
 Croatia, Estonia,
 Finland, France,
 Germany, Italy, Sweden,
 Spain, the Netherlands,
 United Kingdom

- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT:
 - A series of graphics turned into 1) slides for presenters; 2) interactive learning space for participants.
 - A visual presentation of emission domains & scopes and levers of change.
 - A visual presentation summarising the whole course in its last session.
 - Link to the [collection of CRS graphics in the NZC Portal](#).
 - Link to the [interactive space](#) (WiP).
 - Link to the [relevant folder in our internal drive](#).
- EVENT IS PART OF: SGA2 NZC T1.4 – Learning Offer for Mission-minded cities.
 - Link to the [NZC Portal page](#) presenting the course.
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: NetZeroCities [[website](#), [linkedin](#)].

NetZeroCities Summer School, Milan, Italy

- Dates: June, 2025
- Place (City, Country): Milan, Italy
- Title/Name of the event
 - Co-organized (DARK MATTER LABS) DML
 - Co-facilitated DMLEvent Participants: : city representatives from NZC and NZC consortium members, around 48
 - TYPE: Simulation session
 - CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation Solevento (streamlined version – original was done in Seasonal School Madrid 2024)
 - All info here: <https://solevento.socialsimulations.org/>
 - Pictures, Videos:  Photos Sophia
- EVENT IS PART OF: NZC seasonal schools

	- All info here: https://solevento.socialsimulations.org/ - IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: https://netzerocities.eu/ - OTHER RELEVANT INFO - News: https://netzerocities.eu/2025/06/17/6th-netzerocities-seasonal-school-speeding-up-the-energy-systems-transition-to-climate-neutrality/
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MEFadapt: Identifying, understanding and adapting to transboundary climate risks in the global minerals–energy–food complex

Dates 2022–2027 Funding FORMAS Contact person Piotr Magnuszewski piotr.magnuszewski@systemssolutions.org Partners Stockholm Environment	MEFadapt aims to improve our understanding of transboundary climate risks (TCRs) and of how best to reduce, manage and govern them in just, legitimate and effective ways. MEFadapt focuses on one type of TCR: the disruption of global supply chains of minerals, energy and food, the associated second-order climate risks, and the effect of these disruptions on climate adaptation policies. It builds on an unparalleled existing database on trade and global supply chains, including analyses of millions of per shipment declarations, billions of maritime transport records and global subnational agricultural and mineral production. The project takes an innovative data-driven and stakeholder-based mixed-method approach, including quantitative modeling, network and policy analyses, case studies and scenario frameworks. The Centre for Systems Solutions is responsible for designing and executing stakeholder workshops intending to develop multilevel policy and governance pathways for reducing risks and exposure. The activities will make use of the data processed by the project activities, and build on previously developed governance concepts and scenarios.
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Institute (SEI) Stockholms Universitet Countries Sweden, Poland	MEFadapt is funded from the “Climate adaptation across borders – cross-border challenges and measures” by FORMAS.
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PLUS Change: Planning Land Use Strategies: Meeting biodiversity, climate and social objectives in a changing world

 Dates 2023–2027 Funding Horizon Europe Website pluschange.eu	PLUS Change is an EU-funded Horizon project that aims to create strategies and decision-making processes for land use, addressing issues related climate change, biodiversity, and human well-being. By bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders and incorporating case studies from across Europe, the project focuses on understanding the relationships between urban, regional, and peri-urban areas. The overarching goal is to generate knowledge and drive transformative change towards a sustainable world. The Centre for Systems Solutions is one of 23 consortium partners, involving transdisciplinary expertise from the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and arts. Our 12 Practice Cases are real-world examples of land use decision making and action within a geographic area, and include Amsterdam, NL; Nitra City, SK; Flanders, BE; Kaigu Wetland, LV; Park Ela, CH; Province of Lucca, IT; Green Karst, SI; Three Countries Park, DE, BE, & NL; South Moravia, CZ; Surrey, UK; Ile de France, FR; Mazovian Region, PL. Throughout the project, we adopt a transdisciplinary perspective to understanding how values, knowledge, governance, powers, and roles of different actors interact to influence land use decisions. We strive to recognise the diverse needs and values associated with land use, considering the consequences of effective interventions and good governance. Our approach to land use planning takes a long-term, dynamic perspective, considering
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Contact person Paolo Campo paolo.campo@systemsolutions.org Partners Global Change Research Institute CAS (CzechGlobe) International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research (KLI) International Creative Projects B.V. (Biobased Creations) Stichting VU Plan4all Hub Peri-Urban Platform Europe (PURPLE) Baltic Studies Centre (BSC) University of Ljubljana	social and physical changes over time, trade-offs, synergies, and expected/desired climate and biodiversity trends. The transfer and exchange of experiences and knowledge between different practice cases and land use domains play a crucial role in achieving the goal of inducing positive change. By learning from different perspectives and experiences, the project strives to create a more sustainable and climate-friendly approach to land use, benefiting both the environment and the communities. Specifically, our organization will design and develop social simulations that support the co-construction of transformation pathways for sustainable land-use strategies under Work Package 4, which the Centre for Systems Solutions also leads. We invite you to follow the information (news) about the project! <i>Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA). Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.</i> <i>This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 101081464.</i> Results in 2025 Policy Simulation Tools  D4.2_Policy Simulation Tools.pdf The deliverable describes the Policy Simulation Tools as a set of web-based applications that were created to support stakeholder engagement activities of the project, the rationale behind their use and the development process of the tool. The tools described represent the base policy simulations that were
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[KnowlEdge Srl \(KE Srl\)](#)
[Stockholm University](#)
[Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra \(UKF\)](#)
[Leuphana University Lüneburg](#)
[Provincia di Lucca](#)
[RRA Zeleni kras](#)
[Euregio Maas-Rhein](#)
[Mazovia Region](#)
[Vlaamse Landmaatschappij \(VLM\)](#)
[South Moravian Agency for Public Innovation \(JINAG\)](#)
[Île-de-France Region](#)

Countries

Austria, Belgium,
 Czechia, France,
 Germany, Italy, Latvia,
 the Netherlands,
 Poland, Slovakia,
 Slovenia, Sweden

customised according to the local context and needs of the partners and local stakeholders for each practice case and which were used during their respective Pathways of Change workshops between September 2025 and February 2026.

Gallery / Movie

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z-VZGs7dnyJmS-awy3YxBRFlv6IHABFs?usp=drive_link

Events:

PLUS Change: 2nd General Assembly

- Co-organized with [Baltic Studies Centre](#), [CzechGlobe](#), and the rest of the consortium.
- Co-facilitated with [KnowEdge Srl](#)
- 13-15/05/2025
- Riga, Latvia
- Event Participants: 40, researchers, land use planners
- TYPE: General assembly of the project which included a policy simulation session and a Pathways method session.
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [Verdaterra, [LINK](#)], Presentation [Verdaterra policy simulation and pathways of change]
 - We ran a policy simulation and a Pathways method session for the project consortium. The simulation had three thematic groups based on landscape types: urban, rural, and nature&water.
 - Pictures, Videos [[link to folder](#)]
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (The project's yearly General assembly meeting)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change: CRS Workshop 4 series

In the PLUS Change project, we co-designed a series of simulations with 8 partners. Additionally, 13 partners have deployed our Pathways method at their workshops. Collectively, the workshop series where our simulations and the Pathways method were used is called Workshop 4 in the PLUS Change project. Below can be found the list of events which took place in this series of workshops:

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Zaanstreek Waterland

- Co-organized with [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#)

- 09/2025
- Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Event Participants: 10, municipality, farmers, landscape managers
- TYPE: Workshop with a simulation session and Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [Zaanstreek Waterland, [LINK](#)] / Pathways method
 - We co-designed the simulation with partners and provided them training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Kaigu Peatland

- Co-organized with [Baltic Studies Centre](#)
- 15/10/2025
- Riga, Latvia
- Event Participants: 8, NGO, peat extraction and substrate manufacturing company, national authorities
- TYPE: Workshop with Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Pathways method
 - We provided the partner with training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Mazovia Region

- Co-organized with [Mazovian Office of Regional Planning](#)
- 30/10/2025

- Warsaw, Poland
- Event Participants: 21, ministry officials, local government authorities, environmental protection and forestry agencies, NGOs, scientists
- TYPE: Workshop with a simulation session and Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [Mazovia, [LINK](#)] / Pathways method
 - We co-designed the simulation with partners and provided them training on how to use the Pathways method. Our workshop designer moderated the workshop in person.
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Flanders

- Co-organized with [Vlaamse Landmaatschappij \(VLM\)](#)
- 12/11/2025
- Bruges, Belgium
- Event Participants: 10, public officials from the region and provinces
- TYPE: Workshop with Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Pathways method
 - We provided the partner with training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Nitra city

- Co-organized with [Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra](#)

- 27/11/2025
- Nitra, Slovakia
- Event Participants: 13, municipality, district representative, State administration, tourism agency, Nature protection agency, Citizens, Researchers
- TYPE: Workshop with a simulation session and Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [Nitra, [LINK](#)] / Pathways method
 - We co-designed the simulation with partners and provided them training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in South Moravia

- Co-organized with [JINAG](#)
- 28/11/2025
- Brno, Czech Republic
- Event Participants: 25, regional officials and politicians, researchers, state land office, landscape managers, municipalities
- TYPE: Workshop with a simulation session and Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [South Moravia, [LINK](#)] / Pathways method
 - We co-designed the simulation with partners and provided them training on how to use the Pathways method. Our workshop designer supported the workshop facilitation in person.
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Parc Ela

- Co-organized with [Verein Parc Ela](#)
- 03/12/2025
- Bergün, Switzerland
- Event Participants: 9, farmers, nature park, tourism, public governance
- TYPE: Workshop with Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Pathways method
 - We provided the partner with training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Île-de-France

- Co-organized with [Région Île-de-France](#)
- 04/12/2025
- Paris, France
- Event Participants: 25, municipality, development experts, environmental associations
- TYPE: Workshop with a simulation session and Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [Île-de-France, [LINK](#)] / Pathways method
 - We co-designed the simulation with partners and provided them training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change Workshop 4 in Lucca

- Co-organized with [Provincia di Lucca](#)
- 04/12/2025
- Lucca, Italy
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- Event Participants: 15, municipalities, farmers, parks, food networks
- TYPE: Workshop with a simulation session and Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Simulation [Lucca, [LINK](#)] / Pathways method
 - We co-designed the simulation with partners and provided them training on how to use the Pathways method
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of PLUS Change workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [PLUS Change Project](#)

PARATUS: Promoting disaster preparedness and resilience by co-developing stakeholder support tools for managing the systemic risk of compounding disasters

LOGO



Dates:

Project Overview

The Centre for Systems Solutions is among 19 partners included in the project granted a total budget of 5 Million Euro. The project, coordinated by University of Twente, won the call HORIZON "CL3-2021-DRS-01-03: Enhanced assessment of disaster risks, adaptive capabilities and scenario building based on available historical data and projections".

2022–2026 Funding Horizon Europe Website paratus-project.eu Contact person Michalina Kułakowska michalina.kulakowska@systemssolutions.org Partners University of Twente (UT) University of Vienna (UNIVIE) DeepBlue (DBL) German Aerospace Centre (DLR) Technical University of Catalunya (UPC)	The PARATUS project aims to develop an open-source platform for dynamic risk assessment that allows the analysis and evaluation of multi-hazard impact chains, risk reduction measures, and disaster response scenarios in the light of systemic vulnerabilities and uncertainties. PARATUS will first conduct forensic analysis on historical disaster events, augment historical disaster databases with hazard interactions and sectoral impacts, and exploit remote sensing data with artificial intelligence methods. Building on these insights, PARATUS will then develop new exposure and vulnerability analysis methods that enable systemic risk assessment across sectors (e.g. humanitarian, transportation, communication) and geographic settings (e.g. islands, mountains, megacities). These methods will be used to analyse risk changes across space and time and to develop new scenarios and risk mitigation options together with stakeholders, using innovative serious games and social simulations. The results will provide stakeholders with a range of tools for risk reduction planning in dynamic multi-hazard environments. CRS has been chosen for the design and development of social simulations within the project. We invite you to follow the information about the project! <i>This project has received funding from European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme under Grant Agreement N° 101073954.</i> PARATUS at the Security Research Event 2025 in Warsaw – advancing security through innovation Organized by European Commission 24–25/06/2025 Warsaw, Poland Event Participants: 200 +
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EURAC Research Centre (EURAC) The Netherlands Red Cross (NRC) International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) FI Group (FI) Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI) Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre (RCCC) Istanbul Technical University (ITU) University of Bucharest (UB) ASFiNAG Alpenstraßen GmbH (ASFiNAG) Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (IMM)	TYPE: Forum CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Presentation of the CRS-developed simulations PANTANO High Water Simulation, BUCUR Simulation, Saltum Montem Simulation. On 24–25 June 2025, representatives of the PARATUS project attended the major European forum Security Research Event (SRE 2025), held at EXPO XXI in Warsaw. Organised by the European Commission’s DG HOME, SRE is the largest annual gathering of policymakers, researchers, industry experts, civil society, and security practitioners in the European Union. The central theme of the 2025 edition was “Boosting security through EU-based innovation” – exploring how EU-funded research and technological solutions can enhance Europe’s resilience, preparedness, and strategic autonomy in the face of emerging threats, ranging from cybercrime to climate-related disasters and hybrid attacks. The two-day programme featured five thematic panels, an implementation dialogue led by Commissioner for Home Affairs Magnus Brunner, and the Security Innovation Award ceremony recognising the most promising EU-supported innovations. A key part of the conference was the exhibition, which showcased over 50 ongoing security research projects. Among them was our PARATUS project, funded under Horizon Europe, which is developing an open online platform to support dynamic, multi-sectoral risk assessment. The platform integrates forensic analyses of past disasters, satellite data and AI-driven modelling tools. Together with partners from 11 countries, PARATUS is addressing four case study areas (the Alps, Romania, Istanbul and the Caribbean), co-designing future hazard scenarios with local stakeholders and applying serious games and social simulations to support preparedness planning.
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[Ministry of Internal Affairs \(DSU\)](#)
[The Resilience Advisors Network \(RAN\)](#)

Countries

Netherlands, Austria,
Italy, Germany, Spain,
Turkey, Romania,
France, Poland,
Thailand, United
Kingdom

The PARATUS booth attracted considerable interest from visitors across the civil security community. Attendees explored the project's systemic risk assessment approach, work on cascading hazards, and participatory co-creation methods. In addition, our team's representative, Michalina Kułakowska introduced the guest to new simulations, being developed as part of the project: Highwater Pantano, Bucur Simulation and Saltum Montem. Our participation in SRE offered an excellent opportunity to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and build connections with other EU security research projects and initiatives. It also marked an important step towards future collaboration and the transfer of project results into the broader European research and innovation ecosystem.

C-MICRA: Integrated Approaches to Human Migration/Mobility in an Era of Rapid Global Change Collaborative Research Action

Dates: 2024-2026 Funding National Science Foundation via Future Earth Contact person Piotr Magnuszewski piotr.magnuszewski@systemssolutions.org Partners Belmont Forum Future Earth (FE) Global Development Network (GDN) Countries USA, South Africa, CRA-participating countries.	C-MICRA is a set of partner collaborations within the Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action (CRA) on Integrated Approaches to Human Migration/Mobility in an Era of Rapid Global Change, supporting diverse research projects that explore human migration and mobility in the context of rapid global change, spanning local to global perspectives across both the Global South and North. The call was launched in 2022 and the selected projects are ongoing. Within project coordination efforts, Centre for Systems Solutions develops social simulations and participatory methods that help research teams communicate findings, engage stakeholders, and foster dialogue, contributing to a shared understanding of the drivers, barriers, and future pathways of migration. Alongside acting as a unifying agent, CRS also works directly with individual projects to meet science-communication needs and strengthen connections with policy-makers, communities, and other actors.
C-MICRA: ITHACA Project Video @COP30	

- Date(s): November 2025

Our video titled [Why People Stay When the Climate Changes](#), developed within the ITHACA Project under the Belmont Forum Migration 2022 CRA, was featured during the [COP30 side event Rootedness Despite Uncertainty: Immobility in a Changing Climate](#) (13 November, Belém, Brazil). The video draws on insights from the paper [“Immobility in the Context of Climate Change” \(Annual Review of Environment and Resources, 2025\)](#) and presents key research findings on climate immobility, highlighting the experiences of populations who remain in place and their relevance for adaptation policy, climate justice, and inclusive governance. The video was produced as part of the project’s research dissemination activities led by [LUCSUS](#) and local partners from several countries under the Belmont Forum CRA framework.

C-MICRA: SRI Chicago 2025

Piotr Maguszewski participated in the Sustainability [Research & Innovation Congress 2025 \(SRI2025\)](#), held in Chicago, United States, from June 15 to 20, 2025. The participation supported key activities under the Belmont Forum Migration Collaborative Research Action, and combined project coordination, scientific dissemination, and stakeholder engagement.

During the event, Piotr Maguszewski contributed as a speaker in two thematic sessions – *Social innovations to address complex sustainability challenges: Is justice at scale possible?* on June 16 and *Forthcoming Collaborative Research Actions of the Belmont Forum* on June 18. These addressed topics related to scaling social innovations for sustainability and future Belmont Forum CRAs. He also took part in the Migration CRA Mid-Term Meeting (June 18), a high-level hybrid session involving principal investigators, funders, and coordination teams, focused on assessing project progress, strengthening cross-project synergies, and enhancing integration across research efforts. In addition, he participated in a post-congress project coordination workshop (June 20), which focused on synthesis activities, open science strategy development, and collaborative planning for stakeholder engagement.

Overall, participation in SRI2025 enabled active contribution to project objectives, strengthened collaboration within and across CRA projects, and supported knowledge exchange with the wider international research and policy community, thereby enhancing the visibility and impact of the initiative.

MIP4Adapt: The Mission Implementation Platform for Climate Adaptation

Project Duration 2022–2026 Funding Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Contact person Michalina Kułakowska michalina.kulakowska@systemssolutions.org Partners Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale	This project is embedded in the joint <u>IKI project “Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition”</u> under the “Interregional Platform Component”. The project aims to support countries in developing plans for a just transition from coal to renewable energy and other sustainable economic activities, with a focus on the regional level. In the target regions, social dialogue and innovation processes are central to triggering a regional dynamic towards sustainable development, encompassing energy, structural and labor policies. It works with governments, industry, employers, trade unions, communities, civil society and academia to develop pathways to low-carbon, resilient energy systems, sustainable local economies and decent jobs at the local level, in line with the Paris Agreement and the International Labor Organization's Just Transition Guidelines. It also supports interregional peer-to-peer exchange, learning and policy dialog within an international network of coal regions in Latin America, Africa and Asia, facilitated by information sharing through a knowledge hub. Together with the Wuppertal Institute, CRS will support learning and dialog processes by tailoring knowledge to the needs of regional actors. It will develop and implement accessible and innovative learning formats, such as social simulation games that promote engagement and understanding. The project is co-financed by the International Climate Initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the European Union. All project results are available at the IKI JET Knowledge Hub.
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Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Climate Action Network International (CAN International) International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) International Labour Organisation (ILO) International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – Just Transition Centre Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy Countries Germany, Poland, Colombia, Vietnam, Thailand, Chile, Mongolia and South Africa	
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MultiFutures: Multidimensional Transition Pathway Analysis for Sustainable Futures: Exploring Alternative Paradigms and Broadening Policy Options through Innovative Scenario Development

Logo  Dates 2024-2027 Funding HORIZON-RIA – HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions Contact person Paolo Campo paolo.campo@systemsolutions.org Partners Energy Institute at the Johannes Kepler University Linz (EI-JKU)	Centre for Systems Solutions is among 11 partners engaged in the MultiFutures Project that lasts for the next 3,5 years and with a total budget of 5 Million Euros. The Project, coordinated by the Energy Institute at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, is under the call “HORIZON-CL5-2023-D1-01-06: Broadening the range of policy options in transition pathway analysis”. MultiFutures explores and assesses the viability for Europe of various economic paradigms beyond growth, such as Degrowth, Doughnut Economics, and Sufficiency Economics. By analyzing these paradigms' assumptions about human behaviour, it seeks to identify new policy goals and mechanisms to achieve a beyond-growth future. This requires innovative measures to bridge theory and practice, evaluating their impact on different dimensions such as social, economic, environmental, and political aspects. Ultimately, it aims to understand the feasibility and acceptance of transitioning to alternative futures for building a climate-neutral, just, and resilient society. In this project, CRS designed, developed and applied an Anticipatory Systems Mapping method. CRS will also develop a social simulation, to engage a broad range of stakeholders – from EU decision-makers to ordinary citizens on the ground – in co-development and co-learning processes. The CRS team is looking forward to facing the challenges and opportunities this initiative brings! EVENTS: CRS ASM Workshop Series In the MultiFutures project, we co-designed a series of ASM workshops with 5 partners, one of which we are the main organizers. Our 4 country-partners from the Netherlands, Austria, Finland and the United Kingdom, used
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[International Institute for Applied System Analysis \(IIASA\)](#)
[Izmir University of Economics \(IUE\)](#)
[Globaz, S.A. \(LOBA\)](#)
[Norwegian University of Science and Technology \(NTNU\)](#)
[Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research \(TNO\)](#)
[University of Oxford \(UOXF\)](#)
[VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd. \(VTT\)](#)

Countries

Austria, Belgium, Poland, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Norway, The

the ASM approach, which included the Pathways method, at their workshops. Below can be found the list of events which took place in this series of workshops:

EU-Level

- Co-organised by CRS and the [Centre for European Policy Studies \(CEPS\)](#)
- Co-facilitated with CEPS, [Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research](#), and [University of Oxford](#)
- 13/06/2025
- CEPS hosted the workshop at their headquarters in Brussels, Belgium
- Event Participants: 17, think tanks, consultancies, research and academic institutions, non-government organisations, civil servants
- TYPE: ASM Workshop
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: CRS is the main organiser of the workshop
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of ASM workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [MultiFutures Project](#)

The Netherlands

- Co-organised with the [Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research \(TNO\)](#)
- 15/09/2025
- The Hague, Netherlands
- Event participants: 10, ministries, municipalities, advisory councils for the Dutch government, a university and a research institute
- TYPE: ASM Workshop, including Pathways method application

Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Finland	- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: ASM approach, training on ASM, co-designed workshop, workshop supplementary materials - EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of ASM workshop series) - IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: MultiFutures Project Austria - Co-organised with the Energy Institute at the Johannes Kepler University Linz (EI-JKU) and the International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA) - 30/09/2025 - Laxenberg, Austria - Event participants: 10, research institutes, universities, a consultancy and an enterprise working on sustainability, climate and health - TYPE: ASM Workshop, including Pathways method application - CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: ASM approach, training on ASM, co-designed workshop, workshop supplementary materials - EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of ASM workshop series) - IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: MultiFutures Project Finland - Co-organised with the VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd. (VTT) - 23/10/2025 - Helsinki, Finland - Event participants: 8, ministries, a national public funding organisation, a Finnish confederation of professionals, expert panel on sustainable development, researchers from MultuFuture's sister project, ToBe
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- TYPE: ASM Workshop, including Pathways method application
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: ASM approach, training on ASM, co-designed workshop, workshop supplementary materials
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of ASM workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [MultiFutures Project](#)

The United Kingdom

- Co-organised with the [University of Oxford \(UOXF\)](#)
- 03/11/2025
- Oxford, UK
- Event participants: 20, academic institutions, think tanks, consultancies, non-governmental organisations, wider civil society groups
- TYPE: ASM Workshop
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: ASM approach, training on ASM, a member of CRS co-facilitating the workshop
- EVENT IS PART OF: Standalone (part of ASM workshop series)
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: [MultiFutures Project](#)

IW:LEARN 5

Logo



Project Duration

2024–2026

Funding

Global Environment
Facility (GEF)

Website

<https://iwlearn.net/iw-projects/10374>

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GEF IW:LEARN Phase 5: Supporting Portfolio Coordination Within and Beyond the International Waters Focal Area, particularly in Small Island Developing States, Through Knowledge Sharing, Information Management, Partnership Building and Programmatic Guidance Services (2022–2026)

Over the last twenty years, IW:LEARN has grown from an informal network of a few projects and agency staff focused on IW projects to a community of individuals from a few hundred public and private sector organizations, including local, national, and international government and non-government organizations. The new IW:LEARN phase will focus on proven approaches but also on a suite of new and innovative activities to facilitate the GEF IW Focal Area to implement the GEF7 and GEF8 International Waters Strategy (and prepare for the 9th GEF Replenishment). It will be additionally extended to cater for the needs of SIDS, in particular, the priorities adopted by GEF: The Blue Economy, Integrated Resource Management from Ridge-to-Reef, Protected Areas, and Climate Resilience. The new IW:LEARN project will continue supporting the core mandate of the GEF International Waters Focal Area to support transboundary cooperation in shared marine and freshwater ecosystems and assist the project portfolio in achieving long-term benefits. The project's proposed activities will help the portfolio to implement regionally endorsed SAP priorities, mainstream gender considerations, and stimulate private sector investment.

Geographic focus and thematic areas: Transboundary Water Management

CRS Role and Contribution

- Development and deployment of the Nexus simulation game/ Collaborative Systems Mapping of Sustainable Pathways (CoSMoS) tool in the context of 2 round-table discussions
- Deployment of the ocean governance simulation game/CoSMoS tool in the context of the GEF IW:LEARN regional ocean governance dialogue

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Countries

Argentina, Brazil,

Paraguay, and Uruguay

Started in 2025

FOODMISSION: Citizens Leading the Change for Sustainable Food Systems

Logo



Dates

2025 – 2029

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Funded by Horizon Europe, the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, the FOODMISSION project focuses on transforming food systems into more sustainable, inclusive, and healthy frameworks. The initiative takes a novel citizen science approach by directly involving citizens in the research process through participation in data collection and other activities. By engaging individuals and households, the project aims to better understand how citizens perceive sustainable food and what drives their food-related behavior. The collected citizen data will be used for informing effective policymaking and driving meaningful change.

To secure continuous citizen engagement, FOODMISSION uses gamification, which represents one of its key innovations. The project will develop a gamified educational virtual platform that combines educational content with interactive activities designed to maintain user interest, incentivize specific actions, and disseminate valuable information. The platform will also support the collection and sharing of data contributed by citizens, in full compliance with privacy regulations and ethical principles. Through data visualization and feedback mechanisms, individuals and communities will receive evidence of the impact of their decisions, which will promote social learning, collective responsibility, and system-level change.

To incorporate multiple perspectives, the FOODMISSION project will in addition involve various stakeholders through seven 'Transformation Labs' across Europe. These labs will serve as hubs where stakeholders, such as universities, SMEs, consumer associations, and NGOs, will collaborate to co-create the platform and other key project outputs. This approach ensures that the project adheres to Responsible Research and Innovation

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Countries

Norway, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia.

principles, involving stakeholders at every stage of project development.

Coordinated by the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, the project involves four universities, two SMEs, a national consumer association, a representative from the retail sector, a social learning and policy implementation NGO, and an interest group of agricultural and food companies. The partners cover 8 European countries and a whole range of expertise: sustainability transition, digital innovation, consumer behaviour, food systems, nutrition, gamification, citizen science, citizen engagement and motivation, policy advocacy, digital education and training. FOODMISSION was launched on the 1st of January 2025 and will run for 3 years and 6 months.

In the project, the Centre for Systems Solutions plays a leadership role in driving engagement, educational frameworks, and the co-creation of interactive content through T-Labs. Our role is to bridge theoretical findings and practical implementation, ensuring inclusive and participatory approaches are integrated into the food system transformation platform and activities.

For more information about the project, please contact FOODMISSION's coordinator, Natalia Mæhle, at foodmission@hvl.no.

We invite you to follow the information (news) about the project.

Events

T-labs Meetings Take Off in Poland

Organised by: CRS

Date: Early April 2026

Location: Online (Wrocław, Poland)

Event Participants: School and preschool canteen managers, municipal coordinators, university staff, NGO representatives, and engaged citizens

TYPE: T-Labs Workshop (Inaugural Sessions)

CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: T-Lab, session design, and digital facilitation

EVENT IS PART OF: T-Labs workshop series

IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: FOODMISSION Project

The FOODMISSION journey officially launched in Poland this April with the first round of T-Labs workshops, designed to reimagine local food systems through a collaborative lens. This inaugural series brought together a diverse stakeholder group—ranging from school canteen managers to municipal coordinators—to explore the practical meaning of sustainability and the influence individuals can exert on the food chain. The sessions focused on aligning expectations, with participants prioritizing the establishment of a local food council and increasing citizen involvement in Wrocław’s food initiatives to ensure a more integrated, cross-sectoral approach.

To foster a sense of community despite the digital format, the workshops utilized interactive tools and gamification elements to encourage honest exchange and mutual learning. By connecting food-conscious citizens with institutional leaders, the event established the necessary momentum to co-create a smarter, healthier, and more sustainable food future for the region.

Second T-Lab workshop

Organised by: CRS

Date: 06/05/2025

Location: Online / Digital Workshop

Event Participants: Food system actors (producers, public institutions, NGOs, consumers, and researchers)

TYPE: Interactive Stakeholder Workshop

CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Lead organiser and facilitator of systemic mapping and data ethics modules

EVENT IS PART OF: FOODMISSION Workshop Series

IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: FOODMISSION Project

The second FOODMISSION workshop focused on a deep-dive structural analysis of the food system, specifically mapping the power dynamics and engagement levels of various actors. Using an influence-interest matrix, participants identified that while commercial entities and public institutions hold the most significant systemic sway, grassroots initiatives and individual citizens remain notably underrepresented. This highlighted a critical need for better integration of bottom-up perspectives and strategic, value-driven messaging to engage influential but currently disengaged stakeholders, such as major retail chains and media outlets.

The session also explored the transformative potential of citizen science in democratizing knowledge and turning consumers into active contributors. Discussions centered on the technical and ethical foundations of data sharing, emphasizing FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) and strict GDPR compliance. Participants concluded that trust and transparency are the primary drivers of participation; therefore, creating open, accessible data sources with clear communication about their purpose is essential for empowering citizens to lead the transition toward a more sustainable food future.

Third T-Lab workshop

Organised by: Center for Systems Solutions CRS

Co-facilitated with: Foodmission international consortium partners

Date: 16–17/06/2025

Location: Online

Event Participants: Food bank representatives, educators, social organizations, catering professionals, and mindful consumers

TYPE: T-Lab Workshop

CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Lead organiser, session design, and facilitation of backcasting and persona-mapping methodologies

EVENT IS PART OF: T-Lab workshop series

IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: Foodmission Project

The first day of the workshop utilized the backcasting method, challenging participants to define a vision for a sustainable food system in 2030 and then "plan backward" to identify the necessary milestones. The sessions resulted in a strategic roadmap focused on four pillars: social education, legislative reform, increased support for local food initiatives, and strengthened cross-sector cooperation. By aligning these goals with the EU's Farm to Fork Strategy, the group established that achieving a fair and healthy food system requires immediate, collective action from both institutional and grassroots actors.

The second day shifted toward the technical and user-experience design of the Foodmission digital platform through the creation of detailed character personas. Participants analyzed the needs and potential friction points for diverse users—such as parents seeking easy nutrition solutions or sustainability-minded shoppers—to determine essential platform features and communication styles. These practical insights will directly guide the development of the platform, ensuring it serves as an intuitive, citizen-science-driven tool that empowers Europeans to reduce food waste and make informed, data-backed food choices.

Fourth T-Lab workshop

Organised by: Center for Systems Solutions (CRS)

Co-facilitated with: Foodmission project partners

Date: 13/12/2025

Location: CRS Office, Wrocław, Poland

Event Participants: NGO and public administration representatives, parents, students, consumers, designers, and health/fitness enthusiasts

TYPE: T-Labs Workshop (In-person)

CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Main organiser, host, and lead for UX/concept testing sessions

EVENT IS PART OF: T-Lab workshop series

IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: Foodmission Project

The "Food Swap + Design" workshop in Wrocław focused on bridging the gap between nutrition technology and user experience. Participants conducted a comparative analysis of current nutrition and health apps before testing and reviewing the "Nutri" concept, a core component of the upcoming Foodmission platform. This session was critical for identifying the strengths and potential risks of gamified, data-driven food solutions, ensuring that the platform's development remains rooted in the practical needs of a diverse user base, including designers, parents, and public health advocates.

Beyond the technical reviews, the event utilized a food swap and a shared meal of local, seasonal products to foster community and open dialogue. This informal setting allowed for deeper reflection on how digital tools can better integrate into the "everyday realities" of consumers. The resulting insights emphasized that for a food platform to be successful, it must be inclusive and balanced; these findings are now being incorporated into the next iteration of the Foodmission platform to ensure it effectively promotes responsible and sustainable consumption.

GRACE: Growing Climate Resilience in Remote Rural Areas through Community Empowerment

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Europe is warming faster than any other continent, increasing the frequency of floods, wildfires and droughts that threaten people, ecosystems and local economies. Rural areas, particularly Remote Rural Areas (RRAs), are among the most vulnerable due to their reliance on natural resources, limited investment and depopulation.

The GRACE project supports rural and small-to-medium communities in EU RRAs to adapt to climate change and build long-term resilience. Through nature-based solutions, circular economy principles and community empowerment, GRACE strengthens local capacities and enables communities to become agents of



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transformative change.

A consortium of 27 organisations from 15 countries implements the project through five Demonstrator Regions in Austria, Denmark, Italy, Portugal and Sweden, where innovative, place-based solutions are co-developed and tested. In parallel, five Replicator Regions in Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Slovakia and Ukraine work alongside the Demonstrators to prepare for the uptake, adaptation and scaling of these solutions in diverse rural contexts.

By combining nature-based solutions, digital tools and inclusive community participation, GRACE accelerates climate adaptation across Europe's rural territories, fostering resilient, sustainable and vibrant communities.

CRS, together with the regional partners, will adapt and deploy the [Collaborative Systems Mapping of Sustainable Pathways \(CoSMoS\)](#) method to provide the space for stakeholders to collectively build a shared understanding of their respective regions (T1.2), as well as co-create visions and pathways for transformative climate-change adaptation aimed at systemic change in their respective regions (T1.3). CRS is also co-leading WP5 – Closing skills gaps through community capacitation and interregional peer-to-peer exchanges. Particularly in T5.2, CRS will mobilise wider communities in RRAs to increase citizens' awareness of climate adaptation, fostering grassroots resilience to climate change. This will be done through targeted "learning-by-doing" actions, such as workshops, exhibitions, learning tours, handicraft exercises, craft and art-based activities, competitions, games, and [simulations](#), among others.

EVENTS:

WP5 Interactive Session

- Co-organized with [European Association for Innovation in Local Development \(AEIDL\)](#)
- 27, 29/10/2025
- Venice, Italy

[Montpellier of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies \(CIHEAM-IAMM\)](#)
[VU Foundation](#)
[European Public Law Organization \(EPLO\)](#)
[European Association for Innovation in Local Development \(AEIDL\)](#)
[European Science Communication Institute \(ESCI\)](#)
[Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research \(BAB\)](#)
[BAB Project Einrichtung mit eigener Rechtspersönlichkeit an der Bundesanstalt für Agrarwirtschaft und Bergbauernfragen \(BAB Project\)](#)
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- Event participants: 43, academics, research institutions, NGOs, regional planners, city and municipal councils
- TYPE: Kick-off meeting (KoM) of the project
- CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT:
 - We organised a simple team-building/ice-breaking session on the 1st day of the meeting.
 - As co-leaders of WP5, we organised an interactive session on the 3rd day of the KoM to do an integrated stocktaking, as well as defining ambitions and visions, with the consortium for WP5.
 - To support the interactive session, we created a network graph showing the interdependencies of WP5 with the other tasks in the project.
- EVENT IS PART OF: Project's Kick-off meeting
- IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: GRACE Project

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 The Netherlands,
 Greece, Belgium,
 Poland, Germany,
 Austria, Latvia, Sweden,
 Denmark, Slovakia,
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OCTOPUS is a 2.5-year project co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme. It aims to modernize secondary education by offering an accessible yet comprehensive framework to prepare students (ages 14–19) for their final school-leaving exams. The project takes a holistic approach, guiding students on an engaging “time travel” through the major eras of European civilisation. By highlighting key concepts, visual aids, and connections between discoveries, trends, and historical events, OCTOPUS helps learners see the bigger picture of European history while building both academic and social competencies.

The project serves teachers preparing students for exams, as well as learners who may face challenges such as academic failure, low motivation, lack of self-confidence, or learning difficulties (e.g., dyslexia, dysgraphia, or slow processing speed). It also supports students from diverse cultural or disadvantaged backgrounds, including those following online or individual study pathways. OCTOPUS will deliver several key results to foster more inclusive and engaging secondary education. The e-book will provide the pedagogical framework, structured methodology, and practical guidance for teachers, educators, and youth workers. In parallel, a gamified digital learning platform will offer students interactive modules, challenges, and tools to explore historical eras and concepts while fostering systems thinking and holistic learning. Additionally, pilot trainings in Turkey, Poland, and Hungary will equip teachers with practical skills to apply the OCTOPUS methodology in their classrooms. The initiative is run by a highly skilled, female-led consortium of partners, each contributing unique expertise. The Rogers Foundation oversees project management, evaluation, and e-book development. Üsdükar delivers teacher training, international workshops, and classroom support. The Centre for System Solutions designs the gamification framework in collaboration with Narratologies, which develops the interactive platform and intuitive student and teacher interfaces. We invite you to follow the information (news) about the project.

Milli Egitim Mudurlugu Countries Hungary, Greece, Turkey	
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IMUMCN: Improving Urban Mobility Towards Climate Neutrality Through New Work Practices and Modes of Transport

Dates 2025-2026 Funding Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań (AMU) Website https://imumcn.com/ Contact Person Piotr Magnuszewski piotr.magnuszewski@systemssolutions.org	As part of the project “Improved urban mobility toward climate neutrality under new working habits and transport modes (IMUMCN)”, the Centre for Systems Solutions (CRS) has entered into cooperation with Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. The task of the CRS was to develop a social simulation for the project partner titled “Mobility as a Service for Poznań” (the “MaaS Poznań” simulation). Its objective is to explore the opportunities and challenges related to the development of the mobility-as-a-service (MaaS) model in Poznań, as well as its integration with existing individual and public transport systems. The “MaaS Poznań” simulation places the future of the city’s transport systems within a broader context of contemporary challenges, including transport data management, accessibility of urban space, the functioning of supply chains, as well as energy, environmental, and economic objectives. The first run of the simulation engages decision-makers, practitioners, entrepreneurs, researchers, and activists involved in transport in Poznań. Bringing together diverse perspectives creates space for discussion on the
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Partners Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań (AMU) Countries Poland	future directions of urban mobility and enables a better understanding of the needs of key stakeholders within the transport system. As part of the project, the CRS team will also deliver training for facilitators from Adam Mickiewicz University. The “MaaS Poznań” simulation has been designed to allow for further development and use in educational and research activities.
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COST Action CROSS-CASCADE: Modelling cross-sectoral cascading climate impacts on Europe to design coherent policy responses

 CROSS-CASCADE MODELLING CROSS-SECTORAL CASCADING IMPACTS Duration 2025-2029 Organisation COST - European	As part of the COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology the Action CA24163- Modelling cross-sectoral cascading climate impacts on Europe to design coherent policy responses (CROSS-CASCADE) coordinated by Christopher Reyer (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research) aims to develop common protocols, harmonised datasets, and a joint understanding of how to conduct cross-sectoral, multi-model climate impact studies at regional and global scales to foster projections of cascading climate impacts affecting Europe and to develop coherent policies for adapting to them. Piotr Magnuszewski is a member of the CROSS-CASCADE Action’s Management Committee and the co-leader of the Working Group 4 (WG4) <i>Storylines and Policy Simulations for understanding cascading climate impacts</i>.
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The WG4 brings together scientists from WG1-3 and beyond that have expertise in engaging stakeholders as part of co-production of knowledge processes in relation to climate impacts and climate policy support but also wider topics such as systemic risks and resilience. The focus of WG4 is on discussing efficient communication and dissemination of cross-sectoral cascading impact studies and on getting an overview of innovative, in-depth stakeholder engagement methods such as Policy Simulations or storyline development. The COST networking tools in WG4 will foster further exchange between CROSS-CASCADE and wider stakeholder groups ensuring that their needs and views are represented in the generation of information about cross-sectoral, cascading climate impacts.

Social Simulations

PLUS Change: Verdaterra simulation

- Context
 - The simulation was created in the PLUS Change project to serve as a base which will be modifiable by partners for their specific needs. The base simulation, Verdaterra, is a synthesis of all 12 case study partners within the project and their landscapes and land use challenges. The simulation includes a visual synthesis of the three landscapes which are relevant for the case studies: urban, rural, and natural with the role of water. The key idea of the simulation is to simulate the challenges of planning a land-use change.
- Objective / Goal / Purpose / Expected Learning or Impact
 - The objective of the base simulation was to synthesize the relevant topics and land use challenges of all 12 case study partners and represent them in a simulation format. After the simulation was created and deployed at the PLUS Change general assembly in Riga in May 2025, the 12 case studies started to customize the simulation to fit their exact needs. In this process a number of customised simulations were created and later deployed in the respective case study areas by the partner organisations.
- Target Group
 - researchers, land use planners, land use practitioners
- Format:
 - Role-play simulation, in-person format with the use of digital tools (videos and simulation website)
 - Up to 40 participants

- Description
 - The simulation immersed participants in a fictional region “Verdaterra”. Depending on the thematic groups participants chose, they were divided to either urban, rural, or natural landscape. Participants in each thematic group received different propositions of solutions for the land-use challenges which were presented as an introductory video to the simulation. Upon entering the simulation, participants also assumed premade roles with pre-defined interests and values. While being engaged in roleplay the participants entered into negotiations about the possible solutions. The negotiations process was intentionally disrupted at one point by uncovering predefined fictional social media posts critical of the negotiated solutions. Participants acknowledged that the social media reflections made them reconsider the details of the proposed solutions and continue the process with the public scrutiny in mind.
 - The benefit most often mentioned by participants was the opportunity to step out of one’s real-life role and assume the position of someone else. It is an engaging way of learning the points of view of others and understanding the complexity of navigating land-use change negotiations.
- Partners: Biobased Creations, Peri-urban regions platform Europe (PURPLE), KnowlEdge Srl
- Project [PLUS Change Project](#)

PLUS Change: Zaanstreek Waterland simulation

- Context
 - The Zaanstreek Waterland simulation is a customized and modified version of the Verdaterra base simulation. The modified simulation was deployed at the Zaanstreek Waterland (case study) workshop 4 in September 2025. While we co-designed the simulation with the case study partners, we did not partake in running the simulation or the workshop.
- Objective / Goal / Purpose / Expected Learning or Impact

- The simulation filled half of the workshop. The other half was dedicated to the Pathways method application to the challenges of land salinization and meadow bird protection in the region. Therefore, the simulation acted as an ice-breaker and a conversation starter for the participants.
- Target Group
 - municipality officials, farmers, landscape managers
- Format:
 - In-person role-playing simulation
 - 10 participants
- Description
 - The simulations divided the participants into two thematic groups based on two selected topics for the workshop. These topics represented the pressing land-use challenges the case study partners and the participants experience in the region: Land salinization and the protection of meadow birds.
 - Upon entering the simulations, the participants assumed predetermined roles fit for the local context. The emails and social media posts with propositions and criticisms of solutions to the topical challenges were prepared by the case study partners to be a faithful simulation of the real situation in the region. The only part of the simulation which was not available for customization was the introductory video. The partners have therefore selected specific scenes from the urban, rural and natural landscape videos created for the Verdaterra base simulation and we edited the selection into a new video which fits the needs of the partners more accurately.
 - The participants did not use the voting function of our simulation website because they preferred to discuss the proposals in person, rather than digitally.
- Partners [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#) (VU)
- Project [PLUS Change Project](#)

Planned Relocation Simulation

Logo



Project Duration

2024–2026.

Funding

Robert Bosch Stiftung

Munich Re Foundation

Website

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The Planned Relocation Simulation is a multi-year initiative running through 2026, designed to tackle one of the most sensitive challenges of the climate crisis: the collective movement of entire communities away from uninhabitable areas. Funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Munich Re Foundation, the project moves beyond technical engineering to focus on the human, ethical, and political dimensions of climate adaptation.

At its core, the project addresses the "how" and "who" of relocation. While many climate strategies focus on building sea walls or infrastructure, this simulation forces participants to confront the difficult reality that relocation is about more than houses—it is about jobs, cultural identity, and social justice. By focusing on these thematic areas, the project aims to build long-term capacity for empathetic and coordinated climate mobility planning.

We played a foundational role in bringing this vision to life. The CRS core design team spearheaded the creation of the Planned Relocation Simulation, developing the fictional but reality-grounded world of Mantoa and Ombona. Beyond the game design, we participate in the research component, implementing pre- and post-simulation surveys to capture data on how participants' perceptions of risk and empathy change through role-play.

The project directly impacts a wide range of stakeholders, from national government ministries and regional zoning authorities to community-led coalitions and local unions. By stepping into these roles, participants—including policymakers, humanitarian practitioners, and youth leaders—gain a firsthand understanding of the friction between national policy and local needs.

The results of CRS's work are evident in the global rollout of the tool. The simulation has already been successfully deployed at the University of British Columbia, the Mobility and Resilience Conference 2025 in New York, and with GCCM Climate Mobility Fellows in Berlin. While formal research publications are currently in

@systemssolutions.org). Partners United Nations University EHS Countries Poland, Germany	development, the immediate impact is seen in the creation of a "safe space" for dialogue. The project has proven that immersive simulation can bridge the gap between abstract policy and the human side of decision-making, providing a critical tool for any community facing the uncertain future of a changing climate.
Planned Relocation Workshop for GCCM Climate Mobility Fellows Organised by: Centre for Systems Solutions (CRS) Co-facilitated with: UNU-EHS & Global Centre for Climate Mobility (GCCM) Date: 26/06/2025 Location: Berlin, Germany Event Participants: GCCM Climate Mobility Fellows (international policy practitioners, researchers, and climate advocates) TYPE: Policy Simulation and Capacity Building Workshop CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Design and facilitation of the planned relocation simulation and systemic debriefing EVENT IS PART OF: GCCM Fellows Training Program IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: Planned Relocation Simulation project This specialized workshop was designed for the GCCM Climate Mobility Fellows to explore the profound social, economic, and ethical challenges associated with planned relocation as a climate adaptation strategy. Using a Planned Relocation simulation, the session placed fellows in the high-stakes position of coordinating the movement of vulnerable communities, forcing them to balance logistical requirements with the preservation of cultural heritage and social cohesion. By simulating the complexities of land rights, funding gaps,	

and community consent, the workshop provided a practical laboratory for the fellows to test policy frameworks against the messy realities of climate-induced displacement.

Introduction to the Planned Relocation Simulation (PRS)

Organised by: United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and Center for Systems Solutions (CRS)

Co-facilitated with: David Durand-Delacre (UNU-EHS) and Michalina Kułakowska (CRS)

Date: 23.10.2025 & 24.10.2025

Location: Online (Webinar/Introductory Session)

Event Participants: Researchers, policy makers, practitioners, and educators interested in climate adaptation and serious games

TYPE: Introductory Webinar and Project Presentation

CRS-SPECIFIC INPUT: Co-design of the simulation, game mechanics development, and lead facilitation of the workshop methodology

EVENT IS PART OF: Planned Relocation Simulation Project Outreach

IS ORGANIZED WITHIN: Planned Relocation Simulation project

This session provided a comprehensive introduction to the Planned Relocation Simulation (PRS), a "serious game" co-designed by UNU-EHS and CRS to navigate the intricate social and political dimensions of climate-induced displacement. Speakers David Durand-Delacre and Michalina Kułakowska detailed the necessity of social simulations in climate policy, explaining how the PRS medium allows participants to experience the friction of co-design, stakeholder responsibility, and systemic risk in a controlled environment. The session broke down the technical aspects of the simulation, from player roles and immersive mechanics to the four-step iterative round structure that defines the gameplay experience.

Other

Publication:

Auer, C. et al. (2025) Critical intervention points for European adaptation to cascading climate change impacts. *Nature Climate Change*, 15, 1226–1233. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-025-02455-2>

Centre for Systems Solutions 20th Anniversary

In April 2025, Centre for Systems Solutions celebrated the 20th anniversary of the association during a special event in Wrocław. The meeting brought together members of the CRS association, founding members, collaborators, and supporters of the organization, including Jan Sendzimir and Alma Potter.

The anniversary gathering created space to reflect on the history of CRS, revisit its key achievements, and acknowledge the people and partnerships that contributed to its development over the past two decades. Jan Sendzimir, CRS's founder and long-term supporter, played a key role in the creation of the original group promoting systems thinking twenty years ago, making his presence at the event especially meaningful.

The celebration concluded with refreshments and informal conversations, creating an opportunity to strengthen relationships within the CRS community and reflect on the organization's continuous growth and learning over the years.

Games4Sustainability

[The Games4Sustainability \(G4S\)](#) recognizes the power of games and simulations as a tool for learning and engagement, and it leverages this power to promote awareness, learning, and action towards achieving sustainable development goals.

The Games for Sustainability platform is a guide to games and social simulations that can be used in sustainability education and transition planning contexts.

The G4S blog collects a variety of success stories on how sustainability professionals, academics, and organizations make use of social simulations and games in their areas of activity.

[The Gamepedia](#), a subsection/subpage of G4S, meanwhile, enables users to find a perfect match for their needs from among 100+ games and simulations, which are categorized by The Sustainable Development Goals they address.

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<https://www.instagram.com/games4sustainability/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF2ozszThjur7AY_8IGbn8Q

Development of the Centre for Systems Solutions in Poland

The project, implemented thanks to financial support from the [Sendzimir Foundation](#), includes the following activities: development of social and policy simulations and other systems thinking tools to improve sustainable development education, workshops to facilitate

dialogue on the management of adaptive social and ecological systems, data collection and analysis, financial and administrative management, and IT services.

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The project offers basic funding to ensure the functioning of CRS office and administration infrastructure. Among others it enables the organization of CRS retreats as well as internal courses.

January – December

After Action Reviews – what we gained from them

In 2025 many members of our team were working remotely; therefore, the After Action Reviews remain an important part of our organization culture. The process helps us review and evaluate all the projects, events and simulations produced and implemented by the participating members and project partners throughout the year. To guarantee that the review is as effective as possible, the coordinators and/or organizers of the activities under review are tasked with gathering feedback on all their aspects, including their preparation, development and implementation.

Sharing competencies with others

In 2025 we organized a lot of internal online workshops and webinars. Our team members facilitated occasional “Share your competencies” workshops on using WordPress, Miro and Zoom or facilitating one of our simulations. Occasionally we also met during internal webinars about different methodologies used for our projects, for example [Policy Simulations](#) or Discourse Narratives.

CRS team meetings

To keep the whole team updated on the projects’ progress, and communicate our needs, and announce upcoming events, we hold Monday online meetings. It usually starts at 10.30 am on the Zoom platform. Every week a different member of the team runs the meeting and introduces any changes on a virtual projects’ board. We also update the Google calendar and set up new goals for the upcoming

days.

CRS Annual Retreats

We keep two team retreats a year. One is usually organized in the summer, and the other in the winter, near the year's end. Each time we select a new venue and enrich working sessions with hiking or sight-seeing tours.

On both retreats, we spent at least 8 hours on brainstorming discussions and socializing. We touched on the development of our new social simulations (planning how to make them more immersive and engaging) as well as the progress of our organization and plans for the future.