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WCERE 2026

The 7th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE 2026) will take place on **29 June – 3 July 2026** at the Nova School of Business and Economics (Carcavelos Campus), Portugal. The Congress brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in environmental and resource economics and will be held in person. While registration is not yet open, **[practical information on venue, travel, accommodations, and visa support \(including how to request an invitation letter once registered\)](#)** is available on the [WCERE 2026 website](#).

Call for Interest - Deadline 12 March 2026

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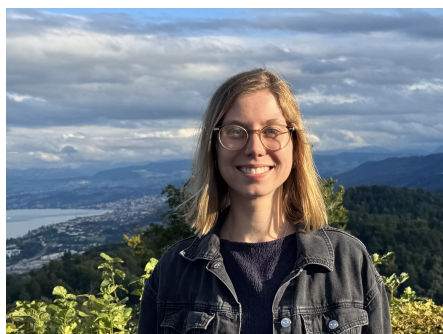
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EAERE News

Visiting Programme 2026: Winning Project at Columbia University by Sophie Behr



The project **“Building Decarbonization, Energy Crisis and Distributional Impacts”** by **Sophie M. Behr**, PhD candidate at the DIW Berlin and the Technical University Berlin, has been selected for the EAERE 2026 Visiting Programme at Columbia University. To reach climate goals as well as protect households from energy price shocks, retrofitting buildings with energy efficiency improvements, such as insulation and heating system upgrades, is crucial. However, despite large subsidies, progress remains slow. During her research stay, she plans to advance two research projects on residential energy use, building sector decarbonization, and its distributional implications. The first project studies households’ reaction to policy measures in the 2023 energy crisis. The second project assesses the effects of retrofit subsidies on retrofit propensity and costs, and their distributional impact.

2026 DEI Workshop: Traversing Interactions among Food Production, Bioenergy, and Social Equity

The Executive Committee of the **EAERE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative (DEI)** is glad to announce a workshop on the topic of “Traversing Interactions among Food Production, Bioenergy, and Social Equity” to be held at **University of Ferrara** (Italy) on **April 13, 2026**. Through interdisciplinary dialogue, the workshop aims to explore how environmental accounting frameworks can assess the environmental performance and resource efficiency of interconnected food and bioenergy systems, while integrating equity and inclusion. The goal is to stimulate policy-relevant insights that support sustainable and just transitions across these sectors. More details are available [here](#)



EAERE Interdisciplinary School Underway



The **EAERE Interdisciplinary School in Resource and Environmental Economics – Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services Valuation** is currently taking place, with EAERE’s support, in collaboration with the [IVM Institute for Environmental Studies and EnvEcon](#) | [University of Antwerp](#) .

This initiative reflects EAERE’s strong tradition of supporting researchers at all career stages through the [EAERE schools](#), providing valuable opportunities for learning, exchange, and networking, particularly for doctoral students and early-career researchers.

EAERE networks and members

EAERE Supported Event
XXVII Annual BIOECON Conference

The XXVII Annual BIOECON Conference on *Economics, Finance and Nature-Based Risks* will take place on 7–8 September 2026 at [St John's College, Cambridge \(United Kingdom\)](#). The conference is hosted by the [Department of Land Economy](#) and the [Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance \(CEENRG\)](#) at the [University of Cambridge](#), and co-hosted with the [German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research \(iDiv\) Halle-Jena-Leipzig](#), [The Land, Environment, Economics and Policy Institute \(LEEP\)](#), and the [Dragon Capital Chair in Biodiversity Economics](#) at the [Exeter Business School, University of Exeter](#), and will bring together researchers and practitioners working on biodiversity economics, sustainable finance, conservation policy, and nature-based risk management. Full papers must be submitted by 24 April 2026. More information and submission details are available on the conference [website](#).



New MOOC on Policymaking for Climate Action and the Circular Economy



[Thomas Sterner](#) has launched a new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on policymaking for climate action and the circular economy. The self-paced course introduces the economic foundations of environmental policy, climate and sustainability instruments, global cooperation, circular economy, and behavioral insights. The course is free of charge, delivered in English, and requires approximately 35–60 hours to complete. It is designed primarily for participants from natural sciences, education, policymaking, and business. For more information and registration, you can go at the [edX platform](#)

Call for Papers | Environmental and Resource Economics (ERE) Special Issue Anti-Environmentalism and the Future of Green Growth

The **Environmental and Resource Economics (ERE)**, published by **Springer Nature**, announces a Special Issue on Anti-Environmentalism and the Future of Green Growth. The issue will explore the economic, institutional, and behavioral dimensions of rising resistance to climate and environmental policy, and its implications for sustainable transitions. Submissions are open as of 1 June. Collection page and further details are available [online](#)



Call for Papers | 2nd Workshop on Transport Economics and the Environment



The **2nd Workshop on Transport Economics and the Environment** will take place on **25–26 May 2026** in **Uppsala, Sweden**. The workshop invites contributions at the intersection of transport economics and environmental policy. There is no participation fee. Submission deadline, **March 31, 2026**. Further information is available on the workshop [website](#).

Prof. Dr. Phoebe Koundouri at UN Expert Group Meeting on SDG 9

The On 23–24 February 2026, **Prof. Dr. Phoebe Koundouri**, in her capacity as Chief Scientist of the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Report 2026, participated in the **United Nations Expert Group Meeting** on SDG 9 ("Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure") at the headquarters of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Vienna. The meeting was co-organised with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in preparation for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2026. The discussions reviewed global progress on SDG 9 and addressed key challenges related to resilient infrastructure, sustainable industrialisation, innovation, digital transformation, science–policy integration, and sustainable finance.



New research from the ERC Spacetime Starting Grant of Mathias Reynaert



We present new research from the ERC *Spacetime* Starting Grant of [Mathias Reynaert](#), co-authored with Tristan Earle Grupp, Prakash Mishra, and Arthur van Benthem. Using high-resolution satellite data from 1985–2020 and the staggered rollout of more than 100,000 protected areas, the paper evaluates the impact of the EU’s Natura 2000 policy on vegetation cover and human activity. It finds no measurable ecological or economic effects of protection over four decades. The results are consistent with the political economy of EU land protection: while biodiversity targets are set centrally, siting and enforcement are delegated to local authorities. Area-based targets and stakeholder participation create incentives to protect low-pressure land or apply weak restrictions in high-pressure areas, limiting environmental impact.

Policy News

EAERE IPCC Nominee Soheil Shayegh Appointed Lead Author for 2027 IPCC Methodology Report

EAERE is pleased to announce that [Soheil Shayegh](#), Director of the [Integration of Industrial & Planetary Carbon Cycle Program](#) at the CMCC Foundation, has been appointed Lead Author for the *Additional Guidance* component of the 2027 [IPCC](#) Methodology Report on *Carbon Dioxide Removal Technologies, Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*.

Following EAERE’s IPCC nomination, his selection highlights the Association’s continued contribution to international science–policy processes and to the development of rigorous methodologies supporting climate mitigation and carbon accounting.



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REEP Instructions for authors

Environmental & Resource Economics (ERE) and Review of Environmental Economics and Policy (REEP) are the two official EAERE journals. EAERE members receive a free personal subscription for the electronic version of ERE and REEP.

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Updates

Upcoming Events



Check out the [agenda](#) on the EAERE website! All major events in EnvEcon signalled to EAERE are listed there and classified by type. Below is a snapshot of the agenda for the next month.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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SCHOOL EAERE Winter School in Resource and Environmental Economics – People's understanding of and support for environmental policies EAERE EVENT CONFERENCE envecon 2026 EAERE SUPPORTED EVENT						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



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