

# THE FRANCE-LATVIA DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## France-Latvia Dialogue on sustainability and climate change

April 15 2024 15h15-17h45

University of Latvia, House of Science, auditorium Alfa, Jelgavas street 3, Riga

- 15.15 Registration
- 15.30 Official Opening (15 min)
- **Prof. Gundars Bērziņš**, Rector of University of Latvia
  - **H.E. Ms. Aurélie Royet-Gounin**, Ambassador of France to Latvia
  - **Mr. Dagnis Dubrovskis**, Deputy of State Secretary of Climate policy of Ministry for Climate and Energy of Latvia
  - **Ms. Zane Petre**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Latvia
  - **Mr. Renārs Kairis**, Chairman of the Eco Council of University of Latvia
- 15.45 Keynote speech by **Sophie Szopa**, IPCC, Laboratoire des sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement: "Climate Change: science-based state of the art and challenges"
- 16.15 Remarks by **Robert Vautard**, IPCC and senior climate scientist at the National Centre for Scientific Research at Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace in Paris: "IPCC role and ongoing activities"
- 16.30 Panel discussion (75 min): Solutions and best practices for climate change mitigation and adaptation – Moderator: **Xavier Landes** (SSE Riga)
- **Sophie Szopa**, Laboratoire des sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement, France
  - **Yann Françoise**, Deputy head of Climate and Ecological Transition Directorate, Head of the climate department at City of Paris, France
  - **Jānis Brizga**, Researcher at the University of Latvia, department of geography and earth sciences, Latvia
  - **Vineta Kleinberga**, Researcher at the Rīga Stradiņš University, Faculty of Social Science, Latvia
  - **Laura Treimane**, Sustainability Project Manager at the Bank of Latvia
  - **Larisa Maskova**, General Manager at CMA CGM Latvia
- 17.45 Networking session

# SPEAKERS

## SOPHIE SZOPA

Sophie Szopa is an atmospheric chemist at the "Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement". She uses numerical models to study how chemistry intervenes in the modification of the atmospheric composition and how this affects climate and air quality. For the IPCC report assessing the physical basis of climate change (AR6-WGI, published in 2021), she coordinated a chapter on short-lived chemical compounds acting on the climate. She participated in the drafting of the Summary for decision-makers of this report and its approval by governments as well as the synthesis report of the 6th IPCC assessment published in March 2023.



## YANN FRANÇOISE



27 years serving to cities for tackling climate change. Yann FRANÇOISE is Deputy head of Climate and Ecological Transition Directorate, Head of the climate department at City of Paris. Since 2004, he has been led Paris Climate Action strategies gathering commitments and actions of all Paris' community, from citizens to companies. This department has developed different tools and plans for reducing Paris' carbon footprint and adapting Paris face to climate change issues. UNFCCC awarded in 2021 the Paris Climate Action. In 2021, he published "Paris face to climate change" a survey on Paris climate change vulnerability. In 2022, with IOM, he coordinated a survey about "climate migrations and Paris, risk and opportunities".

He represents the city of Paris at technical level at Global Covenant, C40, and other international organizations. He is member of national steering committee for French GHG inventory audit, member of the board of National Carbon database, or member of IG3IS steering committee. He is co-author of Summary for Urban Policymakers of IPCC reports (SR1.5 & AR6).





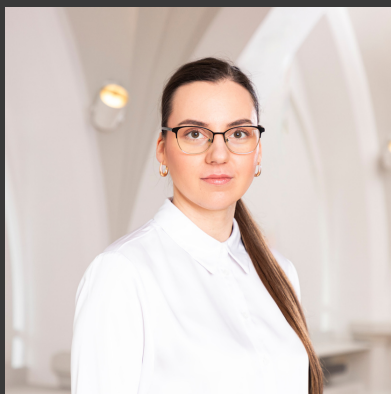
# ROBERT VAUTARD

Robert Vautard is a senior climate scientist at the National Centre for Scientific Research at Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace in Paris. He leads the IPSL institute which coordinates all climate research teams in the Paris region. He was the coordinating lead author of the AR6 WGI Chapter 12 on "Climate change information for regional impact and for risk assessment" delivered in August 2021. He has published over 230 peer-reviewed research articles with a range of results on extreme events and their attribution to climate change, on regional climate modelling, and impacts on climate change in a few economic sectors. He is also developing climate services within IPSL with the goal of transferring knowledge and data to decision-makers. He is currently leading a H2020 European project designed to benefit from the new developments in artificial intelligence for attribution and projections of climate and weather extremes. He is also leading several projects linking climate change and the energy sector. (source : [ipcc.ch](https://ipcc.ch) )



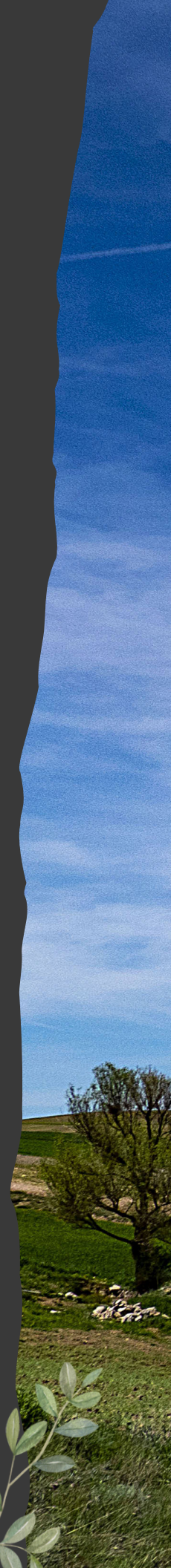
# LAURA TREIMANE

Laura Treimane is the Sustainable Projects Manager at the Bank of Latvia and a member of the association "Zero Waste Latvia". Laura Treimane is an environmental expert focusing on systematic solutions for mitigating climate, environmental, and nature-related crises. Additionally, Laura is a European Climate Pact ambassador.



# LARISA MASKOVA

Degree in transport and logistics fm RTU, Latvia. Over 20 years experience in container shipping.General Manager at CMA CGM Latvia since 2012





## JĀNIS BRIZGA

Jānis Brizga is a leading researcher and lecturer at the Faculty of Geography and Earth Sciences at the University of Latvia and the chairman of the board of the association "Green Freedom". He works on issues related to sustainable development, sustainable consumption management, and environmentally friendly lifestyles. He is a member of the SCORAI-Europe (Sustainable Consumption Research Network) board and the Bankwatch Network executive committee.

## VINETA KLEINBERGA

Vineta Kleinberga is a doctoral student, researcher, and lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Rīga Stradiņš University. Vineta Kleinberga's research interests are related to the process of European Union integration, as well as the interaction between policy-making, strategic communication, and public perception.



## MODERATOR XAVIER LANDES

Xavier Landes is associate professor at [the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga](#). His current research focuses on climate engineering and the challenges it presents. His book *Engineering and Governing the Climate* will be released on April 16, followed by another book in French in 2024.







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