







## ANNOUNCEMENT: VIRTUAL EXCHANGE WEEK (VE Week) FOR STUDENTS

# **CLUVEX VIRTUAL EXCHANGE (1 ECTS)**

23—27 February 2026

Climate University for Virtual Exchanges (CLUVEX; ) is an international multidisciplinary online course. CLUVEX introduces and discusses the latest scientific knowledge on climate change from multidisciplinary perspectives: natural sciences, social sciences and the arts.



The virtual exchange (VE) is a great opportunity to experiment interacting in an international environment - especially if you have considered applying for a traditional student exchange. Participating in the VE Week does not require an advanced knowledge base in natural sciences. More important is to be interested in climate change-related issues and workshopping in an international team. The VE Week is open to students of all fields coming from Europe and Neighbourhood East countries.

During the virtual exchange, you will work in small international groups of like-minded students (up to 10 students + 1 moderator). A central part of the virtual exchange is a *Climate Horizon* exercise, framed by interdisciplinary and intercultural discussions on climate change. You will work online on the exercise individually and in your groups. CLUVEX welcomes students from learning institutions in the **Europe and Neighbourhood East countries**.

WHEN: 23—27 February 2026,

from 14:00 to 17:00 (EET, Helsinki time)

PLACE: Online in Zoom

**COMPLETION METHOD:** online participation on

each day (3h per day) and a final report.

**AWARD**: 1 ECTS credit issued by the University of Helsinki & Climate Messenger Certificate issued by

the CLUVEX project.

#### Register here:

https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/137343/lomake.html

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 15 February 2026 **VE WEEK:** course code ATM398 at the University

of Helsinki

WHO CAN APPLY: BSc, MSc, PhD, PostDoc

students

MAX CAPACITY: up to 500 students

**LANGUAGE:** English **COST:** no fee

**MORE INFORMATION:** 

https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/cluvex



#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

University of Helsinki (UH), Finland:

<u>alexander.mahura(at)helsinki.fi</u> julia.karhumaa(at)helsinki.fi

University of Copenhagen (UCPH), Denmark:

maher.sahyoun(at)nbi.ku.dk

Odessa National University (ONU), Ukraine:

valeriya.ovcharuk(at)gmail.com

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (TSNUK), Ukraine:

olga s matag(at)gm

olga.s.meteo(at)gmail.com

Yerevan State University (YSU), Armenia:























a.aproyan(at)ysu.am

# **Programme of the Virtual Exchange Week**

All times are given in EET (i.e., in Finnish time)

# ♦ 1<sup>st</sup> Day: 23 February 2026 (14:00 – 17:00, 3h online)

14:00 – Welcoming words from the Hosts

Introduction into CLUVEX project & Virtual Exchange (Hanna K. Lappalainen, UH)

L8: Towards Sustainable Future Utopia (Antti Rajala, UH)

L5: Impacts of Climate Change and Future Outlook (Hasmik Movsesyan, YSU)

L2: Climate Change, Disasters, Carbon Neutrality and UN SDGs (Alexander Baklanov, UCPH)

L7: Artistic Res. & Critical Thinking at Intersection of Art, Science & Society (Yvonne Billimore, BioArt) Introduction into Climate Horizon exercise (Julia Karhumaa, Laura Riuttanen, UH)

15:45 – Breaking students into groups & Introduction round in groups & pre-task sharing (1+ hour)

**17:00** – End of the day

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day: 24 February 2026 (14:00 – 17:00, 3h online)

14:00 – L1: Navigating Planetary Boundaries: Blueprint for Sustainable Future (Inna Khomenko, ONU)

L3: Climate Change Impact on Water Resources (Sergiy Snizhko & Olga Shevchenko, TSNUK)

L4: Nature Hazards – Floods (Valeriya Ovcharuk, ONU)

Tool for Environment and Data Visualization | Past & Present | (Alexander Mahura, UH)

Detailed Introduction into Climate Horizon exercise (Julia Karhumaa, Laura Riuttanen, UH)

15:30 – Breaking into same groups & working with tool and individual Climate Horizon (1.5 hour)

**17:00** – End of the day

#### ♦ 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: 25 February 2026 (14:00 – 17:00, 3h online)

**14:00** – L6: Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies (*Hasmik Movsesyan, YSU*) Tool for Socio-Economic Drivers of Climate Change | Past & Future | (*Stefan Fronzek, SYKE*) Detailed Introduction into Climate Horizon exercise (*Julia Karhumaa, Laura Riuttanen, UH*)

14:30 – Breaking into same small groups & working with tool and individual Climate Horizon (2.5 hour)

**17:00** – End of the day

# 4<sup>th</sup> Day: 26 February 2026 (14:00 – 17:00, 3h online)

14:00 – Tool for Climate Scenarios | Future | (Risto Makkonen, FMI/UH)

Detailed Introduction into Climate Horizon exercise (Julia Karhumaa, Laura Riuttanen, UH)

**14:30** – Breaking into same groups & working with tool and individual Climate Horizon & discussing and drafting collaborative Climate Horizon (**2.5 hour**)

17:00 - End of the day

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Day: 27 February 2026 (14:00 – 17:00, 3h online)

14:00 – Breaking into same small groups & working/finalizing collaborative Climate Horizon (2 hour)

**16:00** – Summary by Hosts, demonstration for all groups the collaborative Climate Horizon exercises Questionnaire with feedback about VE Week

Reminders about Climate University online courses & reports in DigiCampus & ECTS credits























Wrap up & closing the VE Week

17:00 – End of the day | End of the Virtual Exchange Week for students













