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Workshop 2: Climate Data Services and Tools: Data for Climate Risk Reduction and Adaptation

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Samuel Almond

Sam works at the European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts, the entrusted entity implementing the Copernicus Climate Change Service. Sam primarily works on the C3S National Collaboration Programme, an initiative that promotes the uptake of C3S services at the Copernicus member state level through the co-creation of climate services. Sam previously led the development of Sectoral demonstrators, designed to provide tailored climate information for sectors such as biodiversity, insurance, forestry, fisheries, and coastal areas. With a background in Earth Observation, he has previously specialised in satellite remote sensing, focusing on vegetation condition, carbon cycles, and ecosystem health.

Alan Mandrillon

Alan is European Space Projects Manager at Aerospace Valley, the largest cluster focusing on the space industry in Europe which most committed mission is to foster innovation, competitiveness and dialogue between stakeholders, including for the downstream space industry. One way of doing so consists in democratising the uptake of space applications for the public sector, a mission at the heart of Alan's activities through VALORADA, regional and national initiatives and SPACE4Cities. He focuses in particular on the role of space for climate, local and EU policies.

Heli Ponto

Heli Ponto is a project manager at Forum Virium Helsinki. She holds a PhD in urban geography and currently manages the Region4Climate project, focusing on climate adaptation and social justice