



# TRANSCEND INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

*co-organized with Talanoa-Water*



**Tuesday, May 6 to Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

Optional dinner and check in on Monday, May 5

Check out on Wednesday, May 7 after lunch



**San Servolo Island, Venice, Italy**



## **Objective:**

This workshop will focus on “cross-fertilization,” bringing together all labs to collectively identify knowledge gaps, challenges, and adaptation policies with high-impact potential. The aim is to integrate complex scientific modelling into practical decision-making frameworks, enhancing transparency, fostering consensus, and building trust among diverse stakeholders.

## **Outcome**

The workshop is expected to yield insights into shared challenges and opportunities, which will inform the next steps in the co-creation of adaptation policies. The event will also serve as a platform for mutual learning and for aligning adaptation policies with regional policies, including conventional water policies, as well as broader international climate and water policy goals.

## **Output**

List of adaptation policies to be tested with our models and incorporated into Scenathons.

## **Key materials**

A dossier for each lab (1 page) is to be prepared by the lab's scientific leader and shared with the organizers one week ahead of the workshop. The dossier should include key features and barriers for adaptation policies, as well as a list of selected adaptation policies that can be modeled (to be determined by the modelers).

## **Participants**

The workshop will include members of the international network board and additional key stakeholders from each living lab, with representatives from Lebanon, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Spain and Perù. Stakeholders are from various sectors, including scientific, regulatory, and social organizations.



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## Moment 1: Introduction and motivation

In the first moment, we will present some examples of adaptation policies, and we will be playing a serious game in one living lab for the TRANSCEND project. The serious game will look at the existing context and innovative adaptation policies identified by the living lab. The performance of these policies will be simulated and compared with other policies to inform a discussion on how the lab might proceed.

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN CHARGE
8:45 am	Registration	
9:00 am	<b>Opening</b> Welcome and introductions Ground rules Workshop expectations and outcomes	Jaroslav Mysiak (CMCC)
9:15 am	<b>Plenary and Discussion</b> Common understanding of the concept of adaptation policies and why they are essential to transform the water scarcity situation in living labs	Dionisio Pérez-Blanco (IMDEA) and Jaroslav Mysiak (CMCC)
9:45 am	Break	
10:15 am	<b>Serious Game</b> Titicaca, Desaguadero, and Poopó living lab: a serious game to start the conversation on adaptation policies	Camilo Gonzalez (SEI)
12:30 pm	Lunch	



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### Moment 2: Towards co-creation of living lab adaptation policies

The second moment will be a World Café. The World Café methodology invites meaningful conversation among a group of people to discuss powerful questions and generate ideas and creative and innovative paths of action. Using this approach, we will discuss the policies that have been identified in the dossier in each living lab, focusing on the opportunities and challenges to make these a reality. Further instructions are available on page 5.

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN CHARGE
2:00 pm	<b>World Café Introduction</b> Recap of the morning Preparation for afternoon activities	Dionisio Pérez-Blanco (IMDEA) and Jaroslav Mysiak (CMCC)
2:15 pm	<b>World Café Round 1</b> Living lab rotations (25 minutes each) ➤ Nitra (host: Jaro, facilitator: Majid) ➤ TDP (host: Camilo, facilitator: Cinzia) ➤ Júcar (host: Adrià, facilitator: Marinos)	Melissa Herlitz (CMCC)
3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:45 pm	<b>World Café Round 2</b> Living lab rotations (25 minutes each) ➤ Tympaki (host: Marinos, facilitator: Jeremy) ➤ Reno (host: Cinzia, facilitator: Adria) ➤ Orontes (host: Dioni, facilitator: Camilo)	Melissa Herlitz (CMCC)
5:00 pm	<b>Reflection and Conclusion</b> Presentation from living labs about the adaptation policies identified during the World Café Wrap up and preview of tomorrow's activities	Dionisio Pérez-Blanco (IMDEA)
6:00 pm	<b>Break</b>	
7:00 pm	<b>Social dinner</b>	



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### Moment 3: Scenathon development by living lab

The third moment will be a dialogue between stakeholders and scientists to analyze and validate the adaptation policies to be included in their living lab for the next Scenathon, and identify what gaps should be covered by models and monitoring tools to simulate the possible impacts.

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN CHARGE
8:45 am	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Plenary</b> Implementation and financing of adaptation policies	Jaroslav Mysiak (CMCC)
9:20 am	<b>Living Lab Dialogues</b> Breaking into groups by living lab, each will hold a reflective discussion on policies for use in model simulations as preparation for the next Scenathon	Camilo Gonzalez (SEI)
10:20 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 am	<b>Living Lab Report-Out</b> Each living lab will be asked to share with the group their discussion takeaways (5 minutes per lab)	Melissa Herlitz (CMCC)
11:15 am	<b>Reflections</b> A group discussion and reflection on the dialogues, including critical reflections on adaptation policies identified across the living labs	Camilo Gonzalez (SEI)
12:00 pm	<b>Conclusion</b> Workshop evaluation Ideas for the next Scenathon	Dionisio Pérez-Blanco (IMDEA)
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30 pm	<b>Workshop concludes</b>	



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### World Café Instructions

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We will use the World Café methodology to discuss the Adaptation Policies that have been identified in the dossier in each living lab, the opportunities and challenges that each one has, and we will gather suggestions on how to make these Adaptation Policies a reality.

The World Café methodology is a process of human, warm, and meaningful conversation that allows a group of people to discuss powerful questions and generate ideas and creative and innovative paths of action in a welcoming and friendly environment, like that of a coffee shop.

#### The activity will be carried out following these steps:

- The group will be divided among the 3 participating living labs in each round.
- We will have two rounds. In each round, stakeholders from the selected three laboratories will host the discussion, while stakeholders from other three laboratories will be visitors. Every 25 minutes the visitors will change laboratories.
- **Intro – 5 minutes** | The dossier will be shared with visitors. Each host will give a short narrative overview of the current situation of their living lab. Then, the host will describe the adaptation policies selected to address and transform the current situation.
- **Discussion – 20 minutes** | The host opens the space for discussion, encouraging visitor participation through questions such as: A What other adaptation policies could be considered? B What could be the barriers to accepting the proposed adaptation policies? C Do you have suggestions for implementing the defined Adaptation Policies?
- The facilitator takes notes about the visitors' suggestions on a board or flip chart, trying to make a mind map or an infographic of the suggestions received.
- Visitors will change hosts after the end of the conversation, or every 25 minutes.
- There will be three rounds as hosts and three rounds as visitors.

**Reflection and conclusion – 60 minutes** | After the two World Café rounds conclude, each living lab will present a summary of its context, the adaptation policies suggested by visitors and suggestions for overcoming barriers to their adoption.



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### Living Lab Dialogues Instructions

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This activity aims to define indicators that allow comparison between the identified adaptation policies. In addition, this activity aims to critically analyze whether the identified adaptation policies can be simulated using the existing models. This prepares each lab for the Scenathon co-creation process.

**Dialogues – 60 minutes** | We will divide the group into 6 roundtables (one for each living lab), and each group will respond to the following prompts, selecting one participant to take notes on the board or flip chart.

- What are the challenges and barriers to operationalizing adaptation policies in the real world?
- Which indicators could be used to evaluate and compare adaptation policies defined in the dossier and complemented in the World Café?
- Could the models in place in your living lab simulate the adaptation policies identified?
- Do you have enough information to include the adaptation policies as scenarios in your models? If not, what information is required?

**Report-out – 30 minutes** | After the dialogues conclude, each living lab will present a summary of the discussion (5 minutes each).