



# Insurance Protection Gap Conference

## Climate Risk in Insurance: Addressing the Climate Insurance Gap and Using Climate Data

### Conference Programme

Date: 16 April 2026

Conference venue: Congress Hall, National Bank of Slovakia,  
Imricha Karvaša 1, 813 25 Bratislava

9.00 – 9.20	<b>Registration</b>
9.20	<b>Start of the Conference</b>
9.20 – 9.35	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>Vladimír DVOŘÁČEK</b> , Member of the NBS Bank Board and Executive Director, National Bank of Slovakia
9.35 – 9.50	<b>Keynote Speech on the Insurance Protection Gap</b>  <b>Petra HIELKEMA</b> , Chair, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
9.50 – 11.00	<b>International Perspectives on Climate Change and Insurance Protection Gap</b>  <b>Panel Overview:</b> The panel discussion will explore the climate insurance protection gap as a systemic and cross-border challenge that calls for coordinated responses at global, European and national levels. The debate will aim to identify practical approaches to strengthening climate resilience and improving supervision.  <u>Moderator:</u> <b>Pablo ANTOLÍN</b> , Head, Insurance and Pensions Unit, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  <u>Speakers:</u> <b>Leigh WOLFROM</b> , Policy Analyst, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development <b>Katja VAVPETIČ</b> , Member, Protection Gaps Task Force, International Association of Insurance Supervisors and Insurance Supervision Agency



	<p><b>Marie SCHOLER MÉNDEZ</b>, Senior Expert on Policy Sustainable Finance, European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority</p> <p><b>Michal OKÁL</b>, Head Facultative CEE, CIS, Nordics &amp; NL, Swiss Re, nominated by IAIS</p>
<b>11.00 – 11.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11.15 - 12.30</b>	<p><b>National and Regional Perspectives on Climate Change and Insurance Protection Gap</b></p> <p><b>Panel Overview:</b> The panel discussion will address the regional dimensions of climate-related risks and their implications for insurance markets. It will reflect on evolving market practices, regulatory expectations and institutional roles in responding to these challenges.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Júlia ČILLÍKOVÁ</b>, Executive Director, National Bank of Slovakia</p> <p><u>Thematic speech by Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute:</u> <b>Jaroslava SLAVKOVÁ</b>, Meteorologist and Climatologist Specialist, Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Miloš GRAJCAR</b>, Director General, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic <b>Martin KAŇA</b>, Executive Director, Slovak Association of Insurance Undertakings <b>Lívia LABUDOVÁ</b>, Climatologist, Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute <b>Karla VORÁČKOVÁ</b>, Director, Insurance and Pension Fund Supervision Department, Czech National Bank <b>Lenka SLABEJOVÁ</b>, Non-life Insurance Specialist, Czech Association of Insurance Undertakings</p>
<b>12.30 – 13.45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.45 - 14.05</b>	<p><b>Thematic speech on the Innovation in Measuring Climate Risk</b></p> <p><b>Juan Maria MARQUÉS DOMENECH</b>, Commercial Director, Iberia &amp; Central Europe, Descartes Underwriting</p>
<b>14.05 – 15.20</b>	<p><b>From Data to Resilience: Practical AI and Tech Solutions in Climate Risk</b></p> <p><b>Panel Overview:</b> This panel will go beyond theory to highlight how insurers, businesses and local authorities are leveraging high-resolution data to address the protection gap.</p>



	<p>Participants will explore practical applications of AI-powered satellite monitoring and parametric insurance models currently active in the CEE region.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Linda ZEILINA-CROSS</b>, Chief Operating Officer and Founder, International Sustainable Finance Centre</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Matúš BAKOŇ</b>, Founder, insar.sk / ITMS <b>Juan Maria MARQUÉS DOMENECH</b>, Commercial Director, Iberia &amp; Central Europe, Descartes Underwriting <b>Lukáš CSÓKA</b>, Head of Data Science, Swiss Re</p>
<b>15.20 - 15.40</b>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Júlia ČILLÍKOVÁ</b>, Executive Director, National Bank of Slovakia</p>
<b>15.40</b>	<p><b>End of the Conference</b></p>

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